

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 in their courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak present, Ash was absent. Chairman reported that the absence was excused. Meeting notice was verified and the minutes of the July 27th meeting were approved as published. Collins moved to adopt the agenda, Sintek seconded. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash. No one had signed up for Public Comment.

Road Supt. Leth showed pictures of a trench, reportedly dug by Greeley County, across the access drive to the historical bridge east of North Loup. There were no warning signs to mark the trench. County Attorney Cullers will look into it. Starting project C8821A on Loup City road; delaying project C88205B, Bernard Anderson bridge replacement, due to cost of culverts; project C8822A on Ashton road is completed, will seed shoulders; Springdale road to be spot patched and armour coated; traffic count for Godstock from Thursday to Monday was 5842 cars, the other festival counts are in the 20 thousands; Garfield County still interested in sharing Leth's services, awaiting interlocal agreement from Garfield County Attorney; state approved the 1 & 6 Year Plan.

At 9:25 a.m., bids for paving the access road into the Mortensen Family Industrial Site were opened. The only bidder was Beaumont-Ries Construction, Inc.. Their bid was read by the Clerk, the total cost being \$29,016.00. Collins moved to accept the bid of Beaumont-Ries Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$29,016.00 for presentation to the City of Ord to approve for payment from City Sales Tax, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash. Leth said there will be some additional cost for engineering fees to have Gilmore & Assoc. do the stakings and grades for the project and the Clerk was directed to include this information in a cover letter to the City of Ord when the bid is sent to them for payment approval.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported he has been working from 7:00 a.m. to noon each day and has given a good general cleaning to the restrooms, District Court, law library, jury room and judges chambers and plans to maintain them on a regular schedule. Due to fire hazard concerns, six boxes of old paint, oil, grease, 3 cans of old duplicating fluid from the School Supt. office, lawn equipment and an old engine are being moved to the County Shop for storage. Board agreed that he could use persons required to perform public service through the Probation Office to help with tasks such as weeding or hauling old records upstairs for storage. Cronk suggested that, rather than drilling into the plaster to display the U.S. and Nebraska flags in the alcoves on either side of the east Courthouse entrance, pole stands and a rope barrier be used. He asked about lawn care and noted that it appeared there was a spot that was missed by the underground sprinklers. Board said lawn care was contracted out and one sprinkler head was left out pending construction of the entrance ramp. Cronk expressed concern regarding the courthouse boiler and said he had contacted Wadas for operating and maintenance instructions. He is starting a maintenance record for the window air conditioners, 4 have been cleaned and inspected, would like to do the rest next year. Third floor concerns include: jury room has no water in shower, stool not flushing correctly, peeling ceiling paint; judge's chamber has broken toilet seat, needs paint, tub drain does not seal, tub unsightly; attorney's room toilet base is broken, will try to tighten pipe to stop leak; restroom stool is working but is broken around bottom, will try to recaulk and clean up urinals but need to replace. Other concerns are: steps on west side of courthouse have cracks in side wall foundation; County jail plumbing crawl space, has 25 gallon bucket to catch leaks, needs to be fixed. Chairmen Sevenker mentioned new outdoor faucet installed on west side needs to be drained and shut off for winter. The Board asked Cronk to establish a priority list and call a plumber for the leak in the crawl space. Further discussion included snow removal equipment, use of road employees to help haul things out of the basement on a rainy day, door leading to shaft padlocked for safety, record storage room padlocked with key left in Clerk's office, contact Building Committee regarding throwing things away and Don Severance regarding location of water shut off valves, pick up sticks and trash from lawn each Friday.

Chairman Sevenker recognized Dean Bresley, who was not on the agenda. Bresley presented a check for \$500 to the County from Clean Country in appreciation of the County's past financial support. The Board thanked Bresley for his recognition of the County's support.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report, noting that General is low but collections in August should pick up and that \$38,345.29 was received in the Inheritance Tax Fund. The Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report was presented showing \$7,084.86 collected and 11 remaining unsatisfied. Both the Board and the Treasurer complimented the Sheriff's collection effort. Suminski reported there were none to strike at this time. She also noted that Bill Clamp advised a drop box could be put in the new east entrance door which will be installed as part of the entrance ramp construction project and she will get cost figures.

Monthly fee reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Budget discussion included the possibility of contracting asphalt or bidding a route. The Assessor's request for a person to help with appraisal work and a vehicle for use in doing pick up work was discussed. The Board agreed to \$10,000 budgeted as contract for reappraisal in the Misc. General budget and suggested that her office share the old Sheriff's car that Ryan Simpson uses for Civil Defense. Each budget request was looked at and the following action was taken: County Board meeting expense from \$3000 to \$2000, Election Commissioner printing & publishing from \$10,000 to \$5000, Sheriff cut \$12,725 from capital outlay/auto and increase car repair/parts by \$2500, Ambulance workers comp from \$25,000 to \$5000, ambulance costs from \$40,000 to \$35,000, Surveyor cut contracted services from \$5000 to \$3000, Misc. General insurance deductible reimbursement from \$15,000 to \$10,000, contractual services from \$5000 to \$2500, District Court costs from \$15,000 to \$13,000, contract for reappraisal from \$26,000 to \$10,000, unemployment payments from \$10,000 to \$7000, Road cap outlay/pickup from 19,600 to \$12,600, cap outlay/trucks from \$35,000 to \$25,000, County Relief emergency assistance cut \$1000, client services/rent-fuel from \$2000 to \$1000, client services/health-med from \$2500 to \$2000, Weed control cut \$3000. The new Grant Fund was set at \$500,000. No tax dollars are collected for this fund, it is only used to receipt and disburse any grants awarded to the County.

Following discussion, it was determined that the budget hearing date and the subdivision levy requests will be considered at the next meeting. The Board acknowledged the letter from Connie Fread in which she informed them that a van for the hospital will not be purchased at this time, but she will contact the County again in the fall.

A free building inspection offer from Karr Tuckpointing was discussed and the Clerk was directed to schedule an inspection. Cronk is to direct them to any problem areas.

A letter from the Ord Chamber noting their application for Lodging Tax funds was reviewed.

Clerk's request that the Board set a policy for County Inventories regarding the type and dollar amount of items required to be listed was discussed. Attorney Cullers is to draft a policy for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Attorney Cullers presented a draft document for the Board's consideration regarding handling privacy complaints and inquiries according to HIPPA regulations. Along with the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between the Clerk of District Court and HHS/Child Support Enforcement Service, HHS is requiring information regarding the County's policy for handling complaints.

In discussing pivot complaints, Cullers noted that most people respond well to notification that their pivot is spraying a road.

Cullers will discuss access to the historical bridge with Greeley County Attorney.

Mail folder items, CNCS Newsletter and CIS Risk Group letter, were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday August 31, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 10 meeting and an agenda for the August 31 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material

discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk