

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 14, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, and Beran present. Melia (excused) and Ash were absent. Clerk verified the notice of meeting. Minutes of the August 31, 2004 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia, Ash. The Chairman asked for Public Comment.

Gene McCoy, President of KNLV Radio station, addressed the Board regarding his concerns over the lack of information they are able to get from Region 26 and the County Sheriff when there is an emergency such as a fire or an accident. McCoy felt that getting information to the public can be helpful in those situations. Lynn Jeffries of Burwell had called to thank McCoy for getting the word out about yesterday's fire which resulted in 100 people coming out to help. Following discussion, the Clerk was directed to invite the Region 26 Director to the next County Board meeting for a response and McCoy was thanked for bringing the issue to the Board's attention.

Road Supt., Max Leth, gave his okay for approval of the easement application of Rollie Staab as well as Staab's refund for an easement granted last year. Following discussion, the application for Easement #04-217 was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia, Ash.

Supervisor Ash arrived at 9:10 a.m.. Since he is the County's Region 26 representative, McCoy was asked to repeat his concerns. Ash pointed out the number of calls that are handled each month by the Region 26 dispatcher and mentioned a hearing process that is in place to address complaints. He said he would talk to the director regarding McCoy's concerns.

Easement refund 03-202, also for Rollie Staab, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Leth's general report began with a discussion of the proposed Interlocal Agreement for his part time services to Garfield County. Garfield County Commissioner, Jerry Mead was present. Mead felt \$45.00 per hour would be fair; suggested that mileage be paid to drive to and from Burwell, a Garfield County vehicle could be used within the County; thought hours should remain flexible; Garfield County only has 3 bridges and they are on computer, so inspections should not be a problem. The two County Attorney's will get together and draw up a new draft.

Leth's report included: ordering GPS receiver through the State for \$200, Board approved; Surface Transportation Program meeting for District 4 on Oct. 28 at St. Paul library; armour coating yesterday and today; Loup City road will be completed this year; entire Springdale road is completed; unaware of 3 to 7 per cent increase in cost of oil and grease, so budget did not reflect this; Ulrichs add surcharge for hauling gravel after a certain point, have been hauling with our trucks.

Commissioner Mead indicated there are no time constraints on the Interlocal Agreement as their current Road Supt. has agreed to stay until no longer needed.

At 9:30 a.m. the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Application for Holding Ponds for a Class II Intensive Cattle Feeding Lot filed by Peterson Farms was held as advertised. The proposed holding ponds would be located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 17, Range 14 of Valley County, Nebraska. Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke and Dale Peterson, owner, were present. Glaubke presented the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval, including the factual findings on which the recommendation was based and said the Bureau of Reclamation is okay with the plans. Peterson indicated this was being done to meet DEQ and County Zoning requirements. No one else appeared to testify. Sintek moved to approve the application for holding ponds filed by Peterson Farms based on the factual findings listed on the written recommendation of the Planning Commission, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia.

The request of Dale Melia for Subdivision of 3.55 acres located in Lot 3 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Valley County, Nebraska was discussed.

Glaubke presented the Planning Commissions written recommendation of approval along with survey and plat maps showing the area. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant Melia's subdivision request, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Glaubke reported that Elyria and North Loup have signed Interlocal Agreements with the County but Arcadia has some budget concerns and is still considering it. She will present them for Board signatures as soon as Arcadia has made their decision.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported on receipts for the month, indicating that General Fund and Road Fund are okay for now and that \$10,263.48 was collected this month in Inheritance Tax. She also reported an increase in pledged security from First Nebraska Bank in Arcadia as funds had been moved from Norfolk to First Nebraska Bank to take advantage of 3.35% interest. The Treasurer's Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented the monthly fee report for her office listing amounts collected for office functions such as motor vehicles, recordings, and marriage licenses as well as the portion of those fees paid to the state and county.

Motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Ash to move into Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m.. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Also present was Appraiser Chad Martensen. Assessor Waits presented the 2004 Update Plan of Assessment and explained that a 5 year plan for assessing the county was required in 2001 and every 5 years thereafter and a supplement is required every year. Discussion was held regarding the budgeting of \$15,000 to hire Martensen to update the rural properties, Appraiser Larry Rexroth to do the depreciation tables and dividing the county into tiers and updating a tier each year. Sintek suggested beginning with area closest to Ord as most growth has occurred there. Martensen would measure each house and inspect interior where allowed, measure newly constructed outbuildings, eliminate old buildings that are of no use, set value for those buildings that changed usage, take pictures of homes and new improvements for \$50 per parcel. He would provide his own vehicle and gas, the Assessor's digital camera would be used for the pictures. Martensen indicated the parcel count would be higher in the Ord area than in the northern tier they had planned to start with which may make it hard to meet the March deadline required to use the reappraised values for the 2005 tax year. Sintek felt the Ord area was the place to start even if they had to leave out some parcels to meet the deadline. Martensen presented letters of recommendation from Cherry County Assessor and Boone County Assessor.

At 10:30 a.m., Sintek moved to return to regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported: jury room toilets repaired in time for 3 day trial; faucet in lower level ladies room replaced; third floor urinals recaulked; Blaha reviewed jail plumbing, awaiting his conclusions; old coal room cleaned out; all air conditioners cleaned and filters installed; request approval of \$150 for 2 flag stands for lower lobby display, Board advised use Building and Grounds funds; plans to display pictures of first two Courthouses; ladies auxiliary contributed toward flags, using U.S. flag from School Supt. Office; friendship quilt from elementary school on display in lower lobby; discuss handicap accessible restrooms, Rolland to check requirements and report. Sevenker said marble slabs, presumably from the Courthouse, had been used to line a flower bed. He felt flower bed should be removed and marble salvaged. Cronk will check with Tom Gidley if there is someone assigned to community service that could help with the project. Cronk also reported: no women's restroom on third floor, possibility of converting men's to both; tried to start boiler, would not run, meet with building and grounds committee to discuss daily checking of boiler; Wadas investigating new technology for heating and cooling system in Courthouse; flying POW flag for National POW recognition week; furniture stored in lobby to be sold on Wolf auction Sept. 22; 15 surplus boxes of tractor feed green bar paper, Suminski will check with area schools; \$696.57 from equipment auction should go into building and grounds, but is not possible to do that.

Chairman Sevenker reported the Lodging Tax Committee's meeting scheduled for last night was postponed, so will postpone discussion until a later date.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented the figures for the County's budget for fiscal year 2004-2005. Valuation has increased from \$285,406,087 to \$311,898,685. The levied amount for this fiscal year is \$1,266,283.00, the rate is .405992. The hospital bond will be paid off this year, the budget for hospital operating and maintenance remains at \$25,000 as usual. Abel reviewed the budget form: fund summaries, including cash reserves; restricted funds and exceptions; lid limit, budgeted disbursements; and levy limit. At 11:00 a.m. the Budget Hearing was held, no one appeared to testify. Resolution 04-23, allowing a 1% increase in the budget, was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia. Resolution 04-24, adopting the 2004-2005 budget, was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: Melia. The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 11:15 a.m., no one appeared to testify. Resolution 04-25, allowing the property tax request for this year to be different than last year, was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Yes: Ash, Collins, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Ash moved to approve the Girl Scouts' request to use the Courthouse steps on Oct. 17 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia.

The October 20 meeting on the Downtown Master Plan was noted and Attorney Cullers discussed the letter regarding the Juvenile Services Grant Team meeting. The meeting is to discuss how this years grant funds should be spent. The goal is to help keep kids out of trouble, last year funds were spent on area school assemblies. They would like to hire a youth coordinator who could apply for grants for things like a diversion program. Board members are invited to attend the meeting.

Attorney Cullers was in District Court for the early portion of the Board meeting, so discussion of the Garfield/Valley County Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. Cullers will meet with Garfield County Attorney, Dale Crandall, and draw up a new draft agreement. He is to contact Collins or Sevenker with any questions. Cullers met with James Knapp regarding adjusting the rent for the County Farm since a portion is now the Mortensen Industrial Site. Measurements are now available and show 81.1 acres planted, 10.8 acres development site and 3.5 acres can be planted at the renters risk, as they can be used for development without compensation to the renter. Knapp has been paying an estimated amount and adjustments need to be made now that measurements are available. The 2003 year was to be reduced by \$428 per acre removed from the farm site and the 2004 year by \$150 per acre removed. Water rights were also discussed, Cullers is to check with the irrigation district to see what's been used. The contract will be renegotiated in 2005.

Discussion was held regarding a County policy for water drainage, cleaning road ditches and trimming trees. Cullers felt that after he had drafted a policy, a copy should be sent to each Board member to be discussed with their constituents and that a public hearing should be held to receive comments prior to adopting any policy.

Cullers reported that on Sept. 28, the next Board meeting day, he is scheduled to be in Garfield County Court in the morning and Loup County Court in the afternoon. He will try to schedule his Garfield County Court appointment for late morning so he can make his report to the Board before going to court. If that is not possible, he may miss the meeting.

Ash reported that he met with Custer and Greeley Counties regarding the road numbering system for Region 26. He said there may be a problem with Valley County's numbering as it appears it does not match up with the other two counties. Region 26 is checking into it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 14 meeting and an agenda for the September 28 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