

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Beran, Melia, Ash, Collins, Sintek, and Cetak present and meeting notice was verified. The Clerk noted that an error was made in publishing the Sept. claims and that they will be published correctly in the Quiz this week. Following discussion, Ash moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2004 meeting as published last week and the claims as they appear in this week's Quiz. The motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Road Supt., Leth informed the Board that Easement 04-217, granted to Rollie Staab in Sept., was found to be unnecessary since he was able to use existing pipe and no trenching was needed. On motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek a refund of Easement 04-217 was granted. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No; none. Absent: none.

Leth reported on a meeting he attended regarding Ag Emergency Preparedness and presented an informational book for the Board's review. It was suggested that Planning & Zoning should be the first step in implementing a program and Leth will discuss the issue with Planning & Zoning Admin. Glaubke.

The Road Dept. continues to haul gravel and maintain roads. Highway striping is to begin today and will take about three days. The industrial site entrance is open, however, the delineator posts have already been hit and will need to be replaced. Leth felt there was sufficient turning radius for trucks to avoid the posts. The County's billable time for work on the entrance has been turned in to Bethanne Kunz. The County and Ord City worked together to remove a large tree on the northeast Courthouse lawn. The sidewalk was broken in 3 places during the process, but the Road Dept. can replace the broken parts next spring if the Board directs. The tree was found to be hollow 5 to 6 feet up so was in danger of falling. The branches were chipped and sent to the school for use on the play ground. The tree on the north west side of the Courthouse was removed by Sam Pishna. Discussion was held regarding some mix up in communications concerning the tree removal. Leth invited Board members to inspect the new paint and carpet in his office. A draft copy of a letter prepared by Attorney Cullers to send to landowners regarding tree trimming on road right of way was discussed as well as the spraying of intersections. The Board felt that a reference to the County loading trees or limbs into the landowner's truck should be removed. They felt that trees or limbs could be left on the roadside for the landowner to remove for a short period, maybe 10 days, after which the County would have to clear the roadside and move them onto the landowner's property. The intersection by the Ord Animal Clinic was discussed and Leth is to talk to the City and State regarding trees blocking the view at this intersection.

Bethanne Kunz, Economic Development Director, reported that a new income survey is to be conducted. It will be a postcard so should be simple to fill out. It is hoped that by getting information out to the public regarding the need for this survey, the response will be good. This survey is necessary because percentage of income levels are part of the requirements to apply for various grants. For example, the County was unable to apply for CDBG funds to help put an elevator in the Courthouse because the low to moderate income percentage did not meet the requirements. Kunz also reported that Chairman Sevenker spoke to the Leadership Quest participants again this year regarding County Supervisor duties, the election process, and some of the problems facing an aging Courthouse. Discussion was held regarding the need to involve the public in Courthouse building issues and possible solutions. Many of the participants indicated that they were not aware of what the County Board did.

Custodian Rolland Cronk, reporting on handicap accessible restrooms on the first floor, indicated that the best solution may be to make the evidence room into an accessible unisex restroom. This would likely be less expensive than meeting the standards in both the mens and ladies current restrooms. Supervisor Beran is to contact Jim Cannon regarding the cost of drawing up plans. Cronk said a new transformer was put in and the boiler was working. He asked about getting a timer for the weekends, but the Board did not feel it was needed. An electrician is needed for an outlet on the west steps. The Board advised that Augustyn is familiar with the Courthouse wiring. Cronk is looking for a community group interested in decorating the Courthouse lobby for Christmas. The Board suggested checking with Kunz, as the Chamber usually uses this area for their Christmas promotions.

Supervisor Cetak left the meeting.

Following discussion of the landscaping around the ramp area, it was moved by Melia, seconded by Beran to authorize Collins to have Colliers purchase sod and install it this fall. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Abstain: Collins. Absent: Cetak.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 10:20 a.m. on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the Tax List Correction for Keown as mandated by the State, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Resolution 04-26, setting the levies, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The contract presented by Chad Martinsen for his appraisal work was discussed. Attorney Cullers suggested adding to paragraph 1, part 1, that the work will be done in accordance with state laws and requirements and in paragraph 5, part 1, that an effort will be made to return to those residences where no one is home before existing information is used. Waits questioned whether she should be named the interpreter of the contract as listed in paragraph 7, part 1, but the Board felt this was okay. She also felt that Martinsen should be present for the informal interviews mentioned in paragraph 15, part 2. At the Board's request, Cullers will include in his comments to Martinsen the need for progress reports as the work proceeds. Waits asked Board direction on taxing new construction found in the appraisal, if it should be taxed retroactive to date of construction or begin on discovery. The Board advised begin taxing when discovered. Sintek felt Martinsen should present a plan before he begins then update the Board at the halfway point and again toward the end of the project. The contract was approved, with the suggested changes, on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins. Supervisor Collins left the meeting during the above discussion.

The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

Chairman Sevenker recognized Connie Fread, who requested Board approval of Resolution 04-28. By this resolution, the Board indicates that the Hospital is capable of providing public transportation for persons in Valley County, which is a requirement to apply for Nebraska Public Transportation Act funds. These funds are then used to help purchase the vans used by the Hospital. Resolution 04-28 was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

The September fee reports for County Clerk, District Court and the quarterly report of outstanding ambulance fees were reviewed.

The Summary Report of September Expenditures and receipts for the surplus property sold were noted.

Treasurer Suminski reported on collections for September, noting that the General Fund balance is okay for now. The final payment on the Hospital Bond will be made this month. The Airport Bond will be paid off in 2006. An additional \$50,000 of pledged security from First Nebraska Bank in Arcadia was presented.

Some of the landscaping issues were discussed earlier. The Girl Scouts were unable to attend the meeting, but Custodian Rolland Cronk will provide a hose for their use in watering the flower bed. The ramp is basically completed except for painting the railing. A bill may be submitted this month. The wrong size door was sent so installation will have to await the arrival of the correct sized door. Following short discussion, Melia moved, Ash seconded the motion that Beran contact Pishna to remove the tree stump on the north east side of the Courthouse.

The Countywide Cost Allocation Plan developed by Maximus, for determining reimbursement to the County for child support enforcement services provided by the County Attorney and District Court, was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

Resolution 04-27, whereby the Clerk sought Board approval to reimburse the District Court employee acting as bailiff when circumstances warranted it, was approved on motion of Melia, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

The following informational items were reviewed: the Certificate of Liability Insurance for Wadas Inc., the Clerk will keep on file; the "HD410 Home Ownership Finance" training on Nov. 15-18, the Clerk will check with Bethanne; the annual NACO Conference registration forms need to be turned in to the Clerk by October 19 as the check is due by November 5; County Government day is scheduled for November 30, 2004.

Attorney Cullers had no report. The Board informed him of their requested changes in the letter regarding trees on the road right of way and he was asked to research the possibility of the Chairman voting.

There were no committee reports. The mail folder items available for review were: Wozab Fund thank you from Arcadia United Methodist Church, Article on intern Brian Zimmer, CNEDD Annual Meeting, Rural News Bits, Tyler Technologies, Inc., Nebr. Workforce Development, 2004 Governor's Summit on Workforce Development.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on October 6, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:30 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 12 meeting and an agenda for the October 26 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.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk