

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, November 9, 2004. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak and Sevenker present. Ash and Sintek were absent, excused by Sevenker. Minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved as printed in the Quiz on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek. Melia moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek. There was no public comment.

Road Supt., Leth gave his approval of both requested easements, Don Petska 04-218 and Citizens Communications 04-219. Following short discussion, Easements 04-218 and 04-219 were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Leth reported highway striping cost about \$478.11 per mile. Cost of the paint is up, but overall striping costs have not gone up much for the last few years. He also reported: working on cleaning up the bull pen; cost to replace nose piece on snow plow is \$480 and will take 6 weeks to get it; continuing to maintain roads; about 1/3 of bridges have been inspected; cost of replacing motorgrader tires is \$826 each, but they are worth it as the tread lasts longer and they get fewer flats.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski and County Attorney, Randy Cullers reported on the status of the weed inspection reports as requested by the Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture. In their opinion, the property owners have been cooperative and are in compliance for the 2004 season. The warm, wet fall has caused more growth, but this will be part of the 2005 cycle. Attorney Cullers will send a summary letter of action taken on each parcel to the Dept..

Supervisor Melia needed to leave early, so agenda items requiring a vote were heard first.

The need for a safety switch for the boiler was discussed and it was decided that for \$200 plus labor it was a good idea to have one. Collins moved, Cetak seconded, to approve the purchase and installation of a safety switch on the Courthouse boiler. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Discussion was held regarding landscaping on the east side of the ramp. It was decided to contact the Fire Marshall to see if it meets the necessary requirements before landscaping is completed. The Clerk is to contact him. Sevenker reported that the city already has approved handicap parking space near the ramp, they just haven't painted them yet.

Collins reported that Custodian Cronk indicated the snow blower needs repair. Collins will get an estimate on the cost.

A timer for the outside lights on the west Courthouse entrance was discussed and approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Attorney Cullers presented a memorandum regarding adjustments to the farm rent due to Valley County for the Mortensen land following the development of the Mortensen Family Industrial Tract. According to the memorandum, 10.8 acres were developed, for which the tenant was to be paid \$428.00 per acre for 2003. For 2004, the rent was to be reduced by \$150.00 per acre for the 10.8 acres and an additional 3.5 acres referred to as the "at risk" acres that could also be developed. The final calculations show the remaining rent due for 2004 is \$4907.60. Cullers also indicated that for the remainder of the term of this lease, the County has agreed to pay the water assessment on the developed acres which amounts to \$414.70 for 2004. Future lease agreements will call for the tenant to pay the entire water assessment. Melia moved to approve the rental figures as presented in the memorandum and Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski was unable to attend the meeting. Her October Fund Report and certification of the delivery of 40 Distress Warrants to the Sheriff were reviewed. Also available for review was the miscellaneous receipts folder.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey presented her fee report for October. When asked if there were any glitches in the General Election held on November 2, she replied that she had made an error in the ESU #10 Valley County Representative race and ballots were not given to those voters in the class 1 school districts. The ESU #10 office is aware of the error and she is in the process of contacting the candidates to let them know. There are 120 votes separating the two candidates and 351 voters registered within the class 1 school districts. At this time, she is awaiting a call from the Secretary of State's Office for advice on how to proceed.

Assessor, Deb Waits was also unable to attend this meeting. Since there were no action items to come before the Board of Equalization and the Assessor was not present, the Board remained in regular session to review the informational items presented: a copy of the notice sent to taxpayers regarding the appraisal project set to begin this month, Property Tax Directive 04-5 from the Nebr. Dept. of Property Assessment & Taxation to be added to the manual, and notice from the Nebr. Auditor of Public Accounts that the 2004-2005 budgets for Arcadia Township and North Loup Fire District 3 were received after the deadline

Attorney Cullers reported that statutory procedure will need to be followed in cleaning out the evidence room. He has met with Sheriff Ronzzo and they are considering a room on the third floor. Ronzzo would like to have shelves and baskets for organization and locks for security. Some items will need to be returned to the owners, some will need to be destroyed others can be sold. Proceeds from sold items must go to the general school fund.

The letter from NACO regarding their endorsement of First Concord Benefits Group as the new Section 125 Administrator was reviewed as well as the notice that November 15 was the cut-off date for cancellation of reservations for the NACO Conference in December. The Board indicated that reservations for the nights of December 7 and 8 should be sufficient. Also noted was the receipt of the 2004 Boiler Inspection Certificates and the letter from Nebr. DEQ regarding the Revised Application for Construction for Peterson Farms. The Clerk reported that Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke, has received a copy of this notice and indicated there is no change in the location.

Committee reports were inadvertently left off the agenda, however, Sevenker reported that Supervisor Ash had indicated that it may cost the county as much as \$30,000 for street mapping through Region 26 for the enhanced 911 service. Cetak reported some difficulties with the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Director and Melia reported that Region III may be receiving additional funds from tobacco money.

The following items were available for review in the mail folder: Ord Chamber Newsletter, Rural News Bits, MAXIMUS letter, The Nebr. Professional, American Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 9 meeting and an agenda for the November 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk