

## 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, January 11, 2005 in their Courthouse meeting room. Sevenker, 2004 Board Chairman, conducted the meeting until the 2005 Chairperson could be elected. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was properly published and posted. The minutes of the December 28 meeting were questioned with regard to the fencing of the County Farm; however, upon review of said minutes, they were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Nominations were opened for Chairman. Ash nominated Sevenker, Collins seconded the nomination. After three unanswered requests for for nominations, Collins moved that nominations cease and Sevenker be elected by unanimous ballot, Ash seconded. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman. Sintek nominated Collins, seconded by Cetak. No further nominations were offered. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. Abstain: Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Following discussion, Resolution 05-01 authorizing an additional \$50 per month for the Chairman was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Public Comment was given by Larry Koelling regarding a rumor that the hospital was considering a bond issue. He asked if the Board had been contacted regarding this and if they would approve a bond without a vote of the people. He did not think the hospital should be asking for additional tax dollars. The Board responded that they had not been contacted about this and that they felt a bond should be voted on by the people.

Road Supt., Leth reported that a complaint regarding trees on the Lyle Hansen property had been resolved. He also reported: load of salt received another on order, crew is salting today; hauled millings yesterday in Arcadia area; working on 1 & 6 year plan, will present figures at next meeting. Leth confirmed that JEO's bill of \$1853.38 for surveying the Hulinsky property appeared to be justified as some corners could not be found. One of the County's two sanders is having mechanical problems. Radio reception has been bad lately, most of the road crew use their own cell phones. Leth tries to update one radio each year.

Darrell Kaminski, Weed Supt., was present to discuss the Weed Control Plan for 2005. Kaminski will draft a plan to present to the Board at their next meeting. The Board asked that the proposed plan be delivered to the Clerk in time to be included in their packets.

Bethanne Kunz had not arrived for the E.D. Quarterly Report, so the Treasurer's report was given. Treasurer Suminski presented the monthly fund report, one copy with extra detail and the usual condensed report. The General Fund balance is \$251,269.44, Inheritance Tax is \$916,658.15. A Pledged Security was released and replaced by North Loup Valley Bank. Following discussion, Ash moved and Cullers seconded approval of Resolution 05-02 designating County depositories with the Treasurers recommended change in the required market value of pledged securities from 125% to 120% of the amount of the investments over and above the amount insured under the FDIA. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board of Equalization convened at 10:05 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Treasurer and Deputy Assessor were present. Treasurer Janet Suminski presented Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications for the following entities, recommending approval for each: Heartland Assembly of God Church, St Johns Lutheran Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mid Nebraska Individual Services. Following discussion, all applications were approved as presented on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion, Sintek moved to approve removing from the tax roles buildings assessed at \$100 or less as the appraisal progresses, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek,

Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. A letter from Sonny Dimmitt regarding a Real Property Delinquent Notice was presented by Deputy Assessor Arnold. She reported that the property has been removed from the 2005 tax rolls. Following discussion, Collins moved to strike the 2003 and 2004 taxes as requested by Dimmitt in the amount of \$29.40, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sintek suggested that someone be invited to a Board meeting to explain how the Greenbelt area designation process works. Chairman Sevenker will visit with Assessor Waits regarding this issue. Sintek moved to return to regular session at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director of the Valley County Economic Development Board, presented a handout detailing the activities of the E.D. Board. She also handed out a sheet listing their functions and programs as well as those of the Chamber. Discussion included: contributions to the funding of the E.D. Board by the County, Ord City and Chamber have proved worthwhile with the addition of Timberline, Agland Electric and Cornerstone Manufacturing; repayment of the re-use loan funds has been good; the County Board will be informed of the location of any potential ethanol sites; Leadership Quest tour of the Courthouse was postponed until Thursday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m..

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented the monthly fee report of the Clerk's fees, the quarterly fee report for District Court and the annual report of Ambulance Accts. Receivable prior to 1999. The Ambulance fees that remain to be collected total \$1633.50.

The Lodging Tax letter and printout were inadvertently left out of the Board's packets for the last meeting so it was included on today's agenda. The amount received for October was \$5427.74. Larry Koelling, a member of the Lodging Tax Committee, was present and noted that they are working on establishing requirements that must be met by those requesting funds. He said the Committee meets the first Monday of each month at the Fairgrounds.

Rolland Cronk appeared with information regarding adding an additional 2% Lodging Tax to the original 2% currently collected. The additional 2% could be used for buildings while the original 2% cannot. He stressed that this tax is paid by visitors to the area, not local residents and that many other counties collect it. Cronk advised that a public hearing must be held after which, if the Board elects to institute the tax, they must pass a resolution. The County could not begin collecting the tax until the first day of a calendar quarter and 60 days after the state receives the resolution. Ord Mayor Winterfeld, RC&D representatives, Larry Koelling and Elinor Koelling, and Dan Spilinek, a member of the County Fairboard, spoke in favor of the additional tax. Vicki Bauer, also with RC&D, presented information regarding the Junk Jaunt to illustrate the benefits brought to the area by this successful promotion. Several handouts were presented that described the Junk Jaunt and its impact and information on how Lodging Tax funds can be used. KNLV manager, Gene McCoy and Bethanne Kunz also spoke in favor of the tax. Following more discussion, it was decided that this topic should be placed on the February 8 meeting agenda and a knowledgeable person invited to answer any questions the Board or the public might have.

Discussion was held on billings from Protex Central Inc. and Central Fire & Safety, Inc., the County's current fire alarm and extinguisher inspection companies. Protex Central has made 3 additional service calls this year due to problems with the alarm system and this extra cost was not budgeted. The Board felt that this expense should be budgeted in Building and Grounds but, for now, payment is authorized from the Safety Equipment line item in the Misc. General budget.

Committees were appointed and County Representatives to the various agencies were chosen. County Physicians will be the same as appointed last year with the addition of Dr. Studley, provided they are agreeable. A list of the appointments is on file in the Clerk's Office. Baker wants to get more information on what is required of the County's Rep on the Loup Basin RC&D Council before deciding if he can serve.

Pursuant to the request of the Nebr. Dept. of Roads, it was moved by Collins, seconded by Ash to designate the Ord Quiz as the County's official newspaper.

Each Board member signed the Annual Report of County Officers' Signatures and Seals.

Due to his District Court commitment, County Attorney Cullers missed the early portion of the meeting. He was informed that Supt. Leth had taken care of the tree complaint. Cullers said that his general report items had been covered earlier in the meeting.

There were no Committee Reports.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: VCH Benefit Invitation, DEQ Grant Info, BCBS Newsletter, Nebr. Engineer Newsletter, EMC Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 11 meeting and an agenda for the January 25 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