

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2005 by Chairman Sevenker in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers and Sevenker present; Sintek absent, excused by Chairman. The minutes of the January 11 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek. There was no public comment.

Bill Clark of Karr Tuckpointing presented a proposal for repair and maintenance work needed on the Courthouse. The proposal included such things as power washing, tuckpointing, caulking windows and repair of terra cotta trim at a cost of \$55,795.00. An estimate received from Karr Tuckpointing in 2001 was \$133,646.00. Clark was unable to explain the difference in estimates, but felt that better equipment and a more stable work force would be part of it. Clark agreed to provide an adjusted quote without the window caulking as the existing windows need to be replaced and caulking would be wasted if they are replaced within a few years. This will be on the February 8 agenda for further discussion.

Road Dept. Secretary, Sandy Simpson, presented the financial report for January, listing all claims. Payroll and accounts payable totaled \$47,151.91. Only \$17,638 remains in the fuel budget.

Road Supt. Leth, presented a map showing that population is growing along the interstate and shrinking elsewhere in the state and said that this may affect future highway allocation funds. Leth noted a music festival is to be held in Sherman County in July. His report included: need new radial tires on motor grader, may need to replace with bias ply until radials become available; maintaining again; inventories half of county road signs each year, ordered 757 signs this year at \$23.66 each, signs last purchased 1965; out of grader blades, purchased 28 additional blades at bid price. Presented One & Six Year Plan and reviewed it with the Board. Ash moved to accept the plan as presented subject to change at the public hearing, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The public hearing for the One & Six Year Plan was set for February 22, at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Since Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, was unable to attend this meeting, his written report was delayed until later in the meeting schedule so that Hospital Admn. Neelam Bhardwaj and Hospital Board Chrm. Kara Fischer could present the Hospital Report. Fischer noted a cash increase of \$278,000 due to Medicaid settlement at the end of December, accounts receivable are up, clinic and hospital volume has increased and home health continues to increase. The name of the hospital and clinics has been changed to Valley County Health Systems. The Hospital Foundation is providing new computer system to bring the hospital into compliance with HIPPA regulations. Fischer also reported that satellite clinics are to be staffed with teams of doctors and physician assistants, the hospital is participating in OHS school-to-work program, no smoking policy passed by hospital board, smoking cessation classes to begin in February, and auxiliary thrift shop to open in February.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admn., reported that the DEQ notice regarding Peterson Farms construction approval was not new construction but part of the process of their original request for a holding pond. The process for subdividing less than 10 acres was discussed. Glaubke noted that the Planning Commission reviews each request very carefully before making a recommendation to the County Board.

The 2005 Weed Control Plan prepared by Weed Supt. Kaminski was included in the packets mailed to each Board member prior to the meeting so they would have opportunity to make additions, corrections or changes. Collins moved to approve the 2005 Weed Control Plan as completed by Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo's written fee and activity report for December was reviewed. Notice was given of jail inspection by State Standards Board scheduled for February 4.

The printed Treasurer's report of collections, disbursements and balances for the first half of the fiscal year was reviewed.

Clerk Jenette Lindsey reported IV-D reimbursement from the state of \$149.43 for County Attorney and \$1264.45 for District Court. She also noted receipt of Property Tax Directives 04-6, 05-1 and 05-2 for addition to the Board's copy of the Assessor Manual.

Old business included appointment of a County Board representative to the RC&D Council. Supervisor Baker, who was tentatively appointed at the last meeting, indicated he had not yet checked into the position. Chairman Sevenker indicated he would be willing to serve if Baker had no objections and Baker said he did not object. Also under old business was a finalized agenda, provided to each Board member, for the County Board Workshop on Feb. 9 - 11 at the Kearney Holiday Inn and a letter from State Fire Marshall, Don Fast, approving the recently constructed ADA ramp at the east Courthouse entrance.

Informational items under new business were reviewed, including: notice from NCII of a .88 workers compensation experience rating for the County, a replacement Surety Bond for Citizens Communications for County Easement purposes, State Probation District 17 notice of Valley County's share of their \$27,135.00 budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$2170.80 to be included in the County's 2005-2006 budget.

A proposed resolution from Region 26, by which the County would give their approval for Region 26 to apply for Homeland Security Grants on behalf of the County's first responders, was discussed. Region 26 Emergency Manager, Alma Beland is asking for the resolution to facilitate the timing of the grant application on behalf of all the counties represented by Region 26. The resolution presented by Region 26 was numbered 05-03 and passed on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The request of KNLV Station Manager, Gene McCoy, to have KNLV appointed the County's official radio station was granted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

January claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek

Following discussion, the deadline for accepting applications for Wozab Grant Funds was set as March 18, 2005 on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The Clerk was directed to publish the notice regarding applications twice in February.

Plans from Jim Cannon for remodeling the existing first floor restrooms to make them ADA compliant were discussed. Attorney Cullers will contact Cannon and ask that the plans be submitted to the Fire Marshall for approval and that he look at including a laundry room for the Sheriff.

A copy of a letter drafted by the County Clerk and approved by the Chairman expressing the County's opposition to proposed legislation, LB399 eliminating the Inheritance Tax, was reviewed by the Board. The hearing on LB399 was to be held today, so the letter had to be sent prior to the meeting. County Attorney Cullers explained that after deductions and allowances the remaining estate is taxed 1% for Inheritance Tax.

The County Attorney had no report.

Some of those present and participating in the discussion of the Lodging Tax issue were: Laura Young, Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau; Kent Helm, Ord Area Chamber; Larry Koelling, Valley County Visitors Committee; and Rolland Cronk. Helm stressed that the Ord Area Chamber represents the area, not just the city. He presented handouts illustrating the work already done by the Chamber on behalf of tourism and a proposal that the County contract with the Chamber to assist the Board and the Committee in administering the Lodging Tax Funds by providing a contact point for people with questions regarding the County's tourist attractions, events, or lodging and to coordinate efforts to promote the area. Helm supported the additional 2% lodging tax for Valley County and said that 11 counties already have it. Koelling said he felt the Committee has done a good job but that they had failed to promote what they have done so people are not aware of it. Young said she spent a lot of time educating herself when she first started and stressed that the purpose of the lodging tax is to bring people into your area. In order to do this, you must advertise outside a 100 mile radius of the area and information regarding your area must be accessible to the public. Following further discussion, it was decided that the Visitors Committee, the Chamber and several Supervisors would meet to discuss the issue and report to

the Board at the next meeting, at which time a public hearing date could be set. Jane Zadina will coordinate the meeting.

Under committee reports a short discussion was held regarding MNIS and Mid-Plains.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 25 meeting and an agenda for the February 8 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