

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 8, 2005 in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with Sintek, Sevenker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak, Baker, and Ash present. Notice of meeting was verified and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Collins moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. No public comment was offered.

Road Supt. Leth presented information regarding the cost of guardrails and lights at the Y intersection on the Sargent road in response to a request received from Roland Shafer of 2nd Wind Events. Following discussion, the Board asked that Leth and County Attorney Cullers seek advice on this issue and report back to the Board. Leth also noted a letter from the Nebr. Dept. of Roads regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan and the opportunity to review the plan and comment on it. The Road report included the following: purchased 4 Michelin Tires from Garrett Tires in Kearney for \$3400; ordered miscellaneous culverts; price of steel continues to go up; discussed overwidth permits, County does not issue them and Board advised to continue that policy; started project C88-232B north and west of Arcadia; fuel budget is under \$10,000; no local tire repair available, Board advised use whoever is most reasonable.

The Public Hearing for the Home Buyer Grant program was opened at 9:30 a.m. as advertised. Trine McBride of CNCS was present to explain the program. No one appeared in opposition to the program. Following the explanation and discussion, Collins moved to approve Exhibit B, Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the forms required to effect acceptance of the grant application, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. McBride presented 3 additional documents for Board approval: Exhibit C Applicant's Statement of Assurances and Certifications; Exhibit D Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; and Exhibit E Citizen Participation Plan. Cetak moved to approve Exhibits C, D and E, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Notice was published requesting bids to assist the County with general grant administration, housing specialist services and lead based paint specialist services for the proposed affordable housing program. A request for proposal was also mailed to 3 specific entities or individuals. The only bid received was from Trine McBride, Community Economic Development Director for CNCS. The bid was opened and discussed. Ash moved to accept the CNCS bid, Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk was present, the Assessor was absent. Appraiser Chad Martinsen reported that he was almost finished updating Ord Township and asked what area the Board wanted him to update next. The Board advised that he work from north to south to complete the County-wide update. Deputy Assessor, Pam Arnold, was asked to appear for discussion of the Notice of Taxable Status of County owned property. Arnold explained that the only changes were due to the use of a portion of the County Farm for Agland Electric and Cornerstone. Nebr. Dept. of PAT Directive 05-3 regarding the Abstract Extension Procedure was reviewed. She also indicated that Larry Rexroth was coming in to help them prepare the abstract in time to meet the state deadline. The Board moved back into regular session at 10:25 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker agreed to hear item 11B at this time to avoid a lengthy wait for Bethanne Kunz, Valley County Economic Development Director, who was present for the Public Hearing on the Affordable Housing Grant. Kunz presented, for Board approval, a Proclamation supporting community development and declaring March 28-April 3, 2005 Community Development Week in Valley County. She said a similar one would be presented to the City of Ord. The proclamation was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Farm fencing issue was moved up on the agenda as James Knapp was present. Baker and Cullers had viewed the fence. Baker said he figured the cost of fencing on the property owned entirely by the

County was \$1246 and that the fence should last 50 years for a cost of \$25 per year. He said by using 3 inch posts and 1 less wire the savings would only be \$259. The cost of the fence on property owned by the County and Knapp was \$1178. Cullers noted that proper procedure was not followed so that the County had no opportunity for input as to the type and cost of the fence and she questioned the precedent set by paying for it under these circumstances. Baker felt the County should pay the \$1246 for the fence sitting on property owned entirely by the County. Cetak moved to leave it as previously decided by the Board, paying 1/2 the cost of the fence adjoining the Wagner property. Collins seconded the motion. Not Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Sintek. No: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Sevenker. Absent: none. Ash moved to pay the \$1245.94 cost of materials for the fence that is entirely on County property, seconded by Baker. Not Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker. No: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. Absent: none. Cullers moved to reimburse \$700 for the cost of materials for the fence that is entirely on County property, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: Baker. Absent: none.

Receipt of the farm rent less \$414, the County share of the water charges, was noted and approved.

County Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented reports of February fees for District Court and Clerk's Office.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported the February Fund Balances, noting \$205,987.54 in the General Fund, \$52,036.02 in the Road Fund and \$919,463.47 in the Inheritance Tax Fund. It is likely that a transfer will be necessary from General Fund to the Road Fund next month. She also noted that the Airport checking account is at \$1575 and the bond payment is due March 15, 2005. Suminski asked for Board approval for closing some County Offices from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11 for an employee training session. She apologized for not providing more notice. The training would be provided by Janet Hanna through the Garfield County Extension Office and is concerning public and co-worker relations. Each participant receives a booklet and the cost is \$5.00 per person to be paid out of each office budget. She would like to schedule some type of training at least annually. Following discussion, Ash moved to approve closing the offices participating in the training from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on March 11, 2005, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Karr Tuckpointing response to the County's request for commitment deadlines and references from work done 5 to 10 years ago, which was postponed from the last meeting, was discussed. The Clerk was directed to write letters to three of the references from Nebraska seeking their opinion of the company's work. Baker said he knew the Clarkson Public School Supt. who was among the listed references and suggested a letter be sent to them. The commitment deadlines provided by Karr are July 1, 2005 for completion this fall and January 1, 2006 for completion next spring.

The handicapped accessible restroom plans, drawn up and submitted to the Fire Marshall by Jim Cannon, were discussed. The Board will await further word from Cannon.

Supervisor Cullers reported that in following up on information regarding benefits provided by membership in the national county organization, NACo, she was not convinced that the discount prescription card would be of much benefit locally. Following discussion, it was decided that no action would be taken with regard to membership this year.

The Board reviewed the letter from the Dept. of Revenue noting that the County has complied with all of the requirements for establishing the additional 2% lodging tax for improvements and that the tax will be implemented on July 1, 2005.

The Adoption Agreement with First Concord Benefits Group for the County's Cafeteria Plan was discussed. The Board authorized the Clerk to sign the agreement.

Notice of Counties' Legislative Day on Thursday, April 7, 2005 was discussed. The Clerk was directed to place this on the next agenda.

County Attorney Cullers provided an updated agreement between the County and the Chamber for the Chamber's services on behalf of Tourism in the County to include those items agreed upon at the February 22, 2005. He noted an effective date of February 22, 2005 was added and the compensation to be paid to the Chamber was shown as \$6000 or 30% of the lodging tax collected for the year, whichever is less. There was discussion on whether the compensation was listed correctly with regard to the percentage being less than \$6000 or if the Chamber was meant to receive more than the \$6000 if the 30% figure was larger. Cullers is to meet

with the Chamber and the Tourism Advisory Committee to clarify this issue. Cullers also presented a petition form he had developed for use by a person requesting the closing of a County road. Making this form available to the requester, either through the Road Office or the Clerk's Office, should help facilitate the somewhat lengthy procedure required by statute.

There were no committee reports, however, Ash reported that Sintek had attended his first Region 26 meeting and Sintek indicated it was very informative.

Mail folder items were available for review.

Chairman Sevenker indicated that agenda item 11F, Personnel Issues, should be discussed in executive session. At 11:45 a.m., Cetak made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. At 11:50 a.m. Sintek moved to return to regular session, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. No action was taken by the Board as a result of the executive session.

Each Board member filled out the required Financial Interest Statement and returned it to the Clerk to be mailed to the Accountability and Disclosure Commission by April 1, 2005. Their past filings were available for review to determine if deletions or additions were necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 8 meeting and an agenda for the March 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