

VALLEY COUNTY 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, April 12, 2005, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sintek, Sevenker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak, Baker, and Ash present. The Clerk verified publishing and posting of meeting notice and the March 29 minutes were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. No public comment was offered.

Road Supt., Max Leth, approved Easement 05-220 for Masters Farms LLC and Supervisor Ash was familiar with the location. Following discussion, Easement 05-220 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's report included the following: culverts were bid with Custer County and the cost was less than expected; received notice from state that Leth has met requirements for Class A license which will increase the county incentive payments from \$4500 to \$9000; Motor Fuels Division filing is done electronically and information is obtained from their website; due to urgent need on main roads and bus routes, gravel is being hauled by county trucks as well as Ulrichs', a surcharge of 5% is paid when fuel cost is over \$1.85; BRIM bridge inspection regulations available on website and Leth noted no changes this year. Road conditions in the North Loup area were discussed due to a letter from Randy Cadek and Janet Cox, North Loup Post Office mail carrier and Postmaster. Discussion included: use of larger sized gravel; return to use of 160 yards per mile instead of the current 100 yards; change of operator; being more flexible with work hours to allow work on weekends or longer days; other complaints have been received. Leth indicated that road employee Gerald Thompson is moving to the North Loup area and will be given this route. Leth will consult with County Attorney Cullers on possible revisions to the personnel policy concerning hours. The issue of spraying trees rather than cutting them was discussed, including the cost of spraying, the need for extra help, having the Weed Supt. assist, hiring Trotter to spray. The Board encouraged Leth to try to work spraying into the next budget. The route for the Supervisors' tour of county roads, set for 1:00 p.m. today, was discussed. Leth also mentioned that he was able to get high intensity curve signs for the same price as regular ones since they were on sale.

Due to the lengthy road discussion, it was necessary to move directly to the scheduled public hearing. At 9:40 a.m., Chairman Sevenker opened the Public Hearing on the Application for a \$40,000 CDBG Planning Grant. Bethanne Kunz appeared to answer questions. No one appeared in opposition. Kunz explained that this is the same grant applied for last fall, however, at that time the county did not qualify due to the low to moderate income statistics. Based on a new survey, the county now qualifies. Kunz also explained that the public hearing notice indicated the grant request was \$25,000 with \$1700 for grant administration, however, the grant is actually for \$40,000 with \$2800 for grant administration. No objections were offered to this correction. Heidi Phillips, CNEDD, wrote the grant application and will administer it if it is received. Matching and in-kind funds will be required, Economic Development will assume any required cash payments. The goal is to assist business transfer and growth and no new employees will be hired. The grant application was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Motion to approve Resolution 05-10, authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary forms, was made by Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter of notification from the State that the County Jail had passed inspection was noted.

Since Custodian Cronk was present, the Karr Tuckpointing proposal and the Courthouse storm windows were discussed. It was noted that the tuckpointing proposal is good until January 1, 2006 so it was decided to delay action on it until September to allow time to investigate the window replacement issue and to check on available grants. Cronk reported adding additional screws to the bottom half of some windows but cautioned that additional screws are needed at the top of at least those windows directly over sidewalks, streets or the courthouse entrances until a more permanent solution is found. Sevenker will talk to Mike Kruml regarding contracting with him to do this and report back at the next meeting. The Building & Grounds Committee and Custodian Cronk are to compile a list of maintenance

and repair issues for the Courthouse so that the Board can prioritize them. Discussion also included the need to educate the public on the maintenance and repair issues and seek ideas for funding them.

The Treasurer was not present, but her Month End Fund Report was reviewed as well as her note regarding the need to transfer funds from General Fund to Road Fund before the end of the fiscal year in order to meet the requirements for the highway allocation received from the state. The Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts Folder was also available for review.

The Clerk's report of March Fees and the quarterly report of outstanding ambulance bills (prior to 1999) was acknowledged.

Chairman Sevenker presented a letter he had received from NIRMA regarding the County's liability insurance coverage. Discussion was held on whether the county was required to let bids for this or if a change could be made without bids as there is not sufficient time to let bids before the renewal date in May. Ash offered a motion to contact NIRMA for pricing information, however, it was decided to await the arrival of County Attorney Cullers and seek his advice so the motion died for lack of a second.

Resolution 05-09, the annual authorization for the Weed Supt. to act on behalf of the Weed Control Authority, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk was instructed to forward the water charge invoice for the E1/2 NE1/4 of 33-19-13 received from the North Loup River Irr. District to James Knapp for payment and to contact NLRID as to why no statement was received for the section 8-19-14 portion of the County Farm.

County Attorney Cullers arrived from his District Court appointment and advised that it should be okay to get a quote from NIRMA, but without researching the statutes, he felt that bids should probably be let if a change was to be made. Sevenker will get pricing information and report back to the Board.

The billing statement received from Cannon for the handicap toilets was acknowledged. Cullers noted that Cannon has supplied bid specifications and drawings required to let bids for the project and that they have been approved by the Fire Marshall. Cannon felt that bids should be taken for both the renovation of existing restrooms as well as renovation of the current evidence room into a unisex restroom due to possible cost issues in matching the existing marble. Cetak moved to advertise for bids based on the information provided by Cannon, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The report of IV-D reimbursement of \$4611.01 for the District Court and County Attorney and the Summary Report of March Expenditures was noted.

Sheriff Ronzzo appeared to report on the jail inspection, noting that he had been delayed due to District Court. He told the Board that, while the jail did pass the inspection, they were advised that new mattresses were needed. Ronzzo noted that for \$95 plus \$9 shipping they can purchase a mattress with a built-in pillow. He felt the built-in pillow would be an advantage since no pillow case would be required and the pillow could not be removed which would avoid other problems. He would like to order 15 but is not sure if his budget will cover the entire cost. The Board advised him to go ahead with the order. Ronzzo also reported that the jail has now passed the Fire Marshall's inspection.

The following informational items were noted: Nebr. Public Service Commission letter regarding a delay in funding the statewide implementation of Phase I & II wireless enhanced 911, Nebr. Dept. of PAT letter regarding LB263 clarifying that it is the Clerk's duty to notify the applicant for tax exemption of the Board's action, and the Board of Equalization Workshop to be held in Kearney on May 12 & 13.

County Attorney Cullers noted that his general report had been covered under earlier agenda items. The need for revision of the County Personnel Policy was discussed. Road Supt. Leth will meet with Cullers regarding more flexible work hours for his department.

Supervisor Ash, Mid-Plains Rep., reported that they are currently working on the Mid-Plains budget for next year and that he has a copy of the proposed budget. He noted that they administer 10 programs.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Chamber Newsletter, Ord High School Newsletter, BCBS Newsletter, Rural News Bits, Economic Trends (Nov. & Dec. Issues), UNL T2 Interchange, Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc..

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for a tour of county roads with Road Supt. Max Leth. The tour ended at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., following the tour of county roads, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 12 meeting and an agenda for the April 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 meeting agenda, 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 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 of 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