

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present. Notice of meeting was verified by the Clerk and the August 30 meeting minutes were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. No one had signed up for Public Comment.

Road Supt., Max Leth, appeared to give the Road Dept. Report. He indicated Easement # 05-226, applied for by Cook & Cook for electric and water lines, was a reapplication of an easement granted last year for which the work was not done and the deposit refunded. Easement 05-226 was approved as recommended by Leth on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth noted that a meeting is to be held Sept. 29 by the State Railroad Liaison Division to discuss crossing issues. He will remind the Board of this meeting and give them the start time. JEO requested County backhoe to find a corner but it was not needed. Major overlay project is finished. Hand patching begins tomorrow. Will begin armour coating in two weeks. Signs requested by NIRMA are up, will discuss signage with them at Thursday's Central Dist. Meeting, as some they requested are not required. The Standing Committee met last Thursday for further discussion on eliminating the STP funding program. The Committee is asking for several changes including restoring the use of farm-to-market numbers in determining highway allocation. Culverts for projects C88205B and C88217B have been received, will begin projects after oiling is finished. Discussion held on request of Nelson for access road. Collins and Ash inspected and felt there would be too much dirt to move. Leth said an access road is already available. It was agreed the County will not provide the road. Discussion was held on the 911 tower road. It was decided that Leth will clean out the ditch to the south. A request to remove trees from a County cemetery was discussed.

Treasurer Janet Suminski gave the month-end fund report, noting that \$300,479.82 was collected in the General Fund and, depending on Highway Allocation receipts and the amount of expenditures, the Road Fund may need a transfer this month. Airport checking is at \$21,500, investments \$106,675. Airport bond will be paid off Sept. 2006. Misc. Receipts folder is available for review. When asked by Chairman Sevenker, Suminski agreed to act as the designee voter for Valley County if the Chairman is unable to attend the NACO business meeting at the annual conference.

Clerk Jenette Lindsey presented August Fee Reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court. It was noted that of the \$8184.14 collected by the Clerk's Office in June, \$4051.05 was paid to the County Treasurer and \$4133.09 to the State.

Awaiting the 10:00 a.m. start for Board of Equalization, Old Business items were discussed.

- KARR Tuckpointing's proposal will be discussed during the Siemens segment.
- Following discussion, it was moved by Collins, seconded by Cullers, to accept the EMC refund of \$3081.00 and not to pursue the matter further. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.
- Bidding for the County's Audit was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to advertise in the Grand Island Independent and the Ord Quiz for 2 or 3 weeks with the opening of bids in November.
- Ash noted he will be able to attend the Annual NACO Conference and will need a room. Reservations must be finalized at the Sept. 27 meeting to avoid paying for an unused room.
- The selection of Chairman Sevenker as the person to cast Valley County's vote for NACO officers at the October Conference and Treasurer Suminski as the designee in the event the Chairman is not present was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.
- Supervisors Sevenker, Cullers and Collins indicated they would attend the NIRMA Annual Meeting and luncheon at the October NACO Conference. The Clerk is to send in the count.

- Reminder of the Central Dist. Meeting in Grand Island on Sept. 15 was noted.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:05 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. A Tax List Correction for Virginia Bures due to the need to accelerate the taxes for a mobile home which was sold and is being moved. Said Tax List Correction was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, regular session was resumed on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

While awaiting the 10:30 a.m. Budget Hearing, New Business items were reviewed, including receipt for payment of County real estate taxes and the August Summary Expenditure Report.

Attorney Cullers gave his report during this time, indicating that he had met with members of the Lodging Tax Committee and the Chamber so that commitments already made can be taken into consideration when forming a plan to repay funds that should have gone to Custer County. They will be meeting again on Friday if any Board members want to attend. It was decided that the amount budgeted for Visitors Promotion should be increased from \$16,400 to 22,408 to provide some operating funds after repayment is made. Budget Accountant Abel indicated this would not affect the adoption of the County Budget today, but the change would need to be published.

The Budget Hearing opened at 10:30 a.m. as advertised. No opposition was presented. Abel explained the published Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary lists actual disbursements for fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 and budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2005-2006. Actual disbursements are less than budgeted amounts. This year some Courthouse renovation is included in the budget. The Grant Fund must carry a budgeted amount in order to spend any grant that is received, however, it does not affect taxes. Resolution 05-18, increasing the County's taxing authority by 1%, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The budget, including an increase in the Visitors Promotion Fund from \$16,400 to \$22,408, was adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek approving Resolution 05-19. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 10:45 a.m. as advertised. No one appeared in opposition. Abel explained that a resolution setting the tax request is required each year if the tax rate or assessment value changes. Resolution 05-20, setting the property tax request for fiscal year 2005 -2006 at \$1,365,626, was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 05-21, which allows the County to use a portion of the townships' levy authority and reimburse them accordingly, was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 05-22, approving the subdivision requests, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 05-23, allowing the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to those funds that do not have their own levy, was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The hearing was closed at 11:00 a.m.

Bethanne Kunz requested Board approval of a plan to partner with Garfield County in seeking grant funds to finance a cooperative travel guide for the area. Nebraska Life does the guide and the grant would be through Tourism Advantage. Cullers moved to support the Tourism Advantage matching grant project, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Larry Cihal and Dave Raymond of Siemens appeared to discuss Courthouse renovation. Board indicated they would like the ADA restroom project completed this fall. Siemens will return for Sept. 27 meeting with plan for restrooms and further discussion of mechanical and windows. Any letter of intent would need to be reviewed by County Attorney before receiving Board approval. Local

contractors may be used and KARR Tuckpointing could be brought in to do their project as part of the overall renovation.

NIRMA representatives present were: Executive Director Craig Nelson, Property & Liability Claims Manager Pete Eiden, Workers' Compensation Claims Manager Denise Hardison, Loss Control Manager Jason Clancy and his Administrative Assistant Pat Clancy, Communications & Events Manager Marshall Tofte and Underwriting & Risk Manager Larry Pelan. Each of them explained their department functions and what they require of the County. Nelson said NIRMA now serves 76 Counties and noted that no County has opted out once they joined. Eiden noted that all claims are investigated and asked that the County notify them immediately of any lawsuits, tort claims or fatality accidents on a County road. Hardison explained the Managed Care Plan and provided handouts for each employee. Services provided free of charge include: loss control training, risk management services, guides for developing a personnel policy and an employment hotline for questions regarding employment law. It was also noted that NIRMA hosts an Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon each year during the NACO Conference. At the end of their presentation they invited the Board Members, County Officials and Dept. Heads to lunch.

Mail Folder items were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 12 meeting and an agenda for the September 27 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