

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. on October 25, 2005 in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, and Cullers were present, Sintek absent. Chairman Sevenker reported that Sintek would be late and his absence was excused. Clerk verified notice of meeting and the October 11 meeting minutes were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Public Comment was offered by Joe Wadas asking that local contractors be given an opportunity to participate in Courthouse renovation work either through Siemens or, if given 30 days, he could put together a bid on the project. Present in support were Jim Augustyn, Tom Dworak, Mike Kruml, and Bob McBride. Supervisor Cullers noted her support of using local contractors and asked who would be responsible for coordinating the work or problem solving. Wadas said each contractor would be responsible for their own work. Chairman Sevenker indicated Siemens has assured the Board they are willing to work with local contractors wherever possible and said that no bids have yet been taken for the windows or heating and cooling system. He thanked Wadas for his comments and acknowledged supporters. He assured them that anytime local contractors can be used, they will be.

Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported October Road Claims and Balances. Accounts payable were \$54,528.24, payroll \$32,685.83. Larger expenses were fuel, asphalt, shop door, oil and gravel.

Region 26 Director, Alma Beland, spoke on the 911 addressing for Valley County. She noted that an address was supplied for the ethanol plant in order to obtain an air quality permit. Deane Meeks finished collecting location data for Valley County but it may be April before 911 addresses are in place. The post office, telephone company and County must accept the addresses before they can be used. Leth's maps and road names were used with a few adjustments to fit into statewide system. Those involved in disaster response are required to complete National Incident Management System (NIMS) training in order for Region 26 to qualify for FEMA funds.

Supervisor Sintek arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Olsson Assoc. letter estimates a cost of \$2400 to extend the 72" culvert located on the canal along the North-South stretch of county road at the ethanol plant site. Jim Moreau of Olsson Assoc. was present. Leth felt it would be no problem for the County to do this. The Board felt the County should be reimbursed for the work. Following discussion, it was moved by Cetak, seconded by Cullers to approve proceeding with the extension of the culvert pipe at the canal. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion included the need for written requirements from Dept. of Roads and Railroad, the bid letting process, and completion of financing arrangements by the City of Ord.

Leth presented Easement 05-227 for Kinder Morgan with his recommendation for approval. Sintek moved to approve Easement 05-227, Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Three copies of a Crossing Closure Agreement between the County, the NDOR and Nebr. Central Railroad Co. were presented by Leth with his recommendation for approval. Chairman Sevenker was authorized to sign the Crossing Closure Agreement on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: continuing to haul gravel; cleaning ditches; started bridge inspections yesterday, week to 10 days to finish; 5 vandalized signs reported to Sheriff.

Hospital Board Chairperson, Kara Fischer, reported that the 04-05 audit is complete and 2 copies were provided to the County. The audit indicates net assets grew by approximately \$277,000. Fischer noted less expense for consulting or legal fees and operating revenues are up in the clinic, lab and home health care. Operating expenses for September were under budget, operating revenue was over. There is a waiting list for residents at the nursing home. Activities and programs provided by the hospital include: helping seniors with the Medicare D program, Heritage Program,

Coaches Clinic, Women's Night, blood pressure screening at Alco. Due to public comment received on the hospital's purchase of 15 vehicles, Sevenker met with CFO Larry Schrage. Schrage provided a comparison chart which showed the purchase would result in an annual savings of \$36,150.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:20 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak.

Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Assessor were present. Assessor Arnold explained the 2005 Homestead Exemption for George and Dorothy Hruza must be rejected because the valuation of the property exceeds the maximum allowed for Valley County and the John L Zentz property must be rejected because the requirement to occupy the property from January 1 to August 15 was not met. The Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for 2005 for George and Dorothy Hruza and for John L Zentz were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Regular session resumed at 10:25 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski reported sending notices to 32 landowners. Only 3 did not respond. He asked the Board to approve ten-day notices, as required by the state, to the 3 who did not respond and he feels they will comply. It is not fair to those who have responded not to follow through and it will help for 2006. The notices will require the use of Tordon. The Board approved ten-day notices for landowners who did not respond to the first notice on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Dr. McDermott spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club to ask the County's support for a hike/bike trail between Ord and Elyria using the abandoned railroad grade. The railroad can take the land back at any time but they like to have someone use it so the grade is maintained. There should be no cost to the County. A government entity is needed to apply for grant funds for the project. The required 20% match should be met by donated land, labor and equipment. They intend to use millings from the highway project and have had offers to donate rest area equipment. They are hopeful that by the time it is needed, the County will have an old bridge that could be used for the Turtle Creek crossing. All adjacent landowners have been contacted and approved the trail. The Board agreed to sponsor the grant application for the hike/bike trail on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Janet Suminski was present to review the Delinquent Tax Report. Delinquent taxes are advertised in February for 3 weeks, tax companies buy them in March and hold the certificate for 3 years then they can foreclose. The 14% interest rate is set by statute.

Chairman Sevenker called a 5 minute recess at 10:55 a.m.. Meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m..

Siemens Representatives Ron Paul, Dave Raymond and Larry Cihal presented a 2 phase plan for Courthouse renovation. It was not possible to break it down into two \$500,000 phases as requested and have a completed project for each phase. Phase 1, install the heating/cooling system without the make-up air unit at a cost of \$685,350. Phase 2, install the windows and the make-up air unit at a cost of \$250,000. Discussion included: use of computer program to provide cost estimates; no contracts or agreements between County and Siemens yet; no bids let until County approves project; costs presented cannot be lowered without change in scope of work; Siemens trains daily users like the Custodian on use and maintenance of new equipment; for something like Direct Digital Controls maintenance or repair may have to be done by Siemens, otherwise could be done locally; financing options; Siemens understands importance of using local contractors; work would be done so that Courthouse was not without heat and air conditioning would be ready by the time it is needed; piping will be done by Siemens, electrical, ductwork and flue could be done by local contractors. Sintek moved to table the decision to sign the performance contract with Siemens until the next meeting to allow time to pursue alternative financing, Ash seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker reported that Brad Kasselder could secure the old storm windows in two weeks for \$25 per hour. Custodian Cronk advised probably not necessary to secure first floor windows but those closest to sidewalks and over entryways on the higher levels should be secured.

Sheriff Ronzzo appeared at the Board's request and advised that pharmaceutical claims were for inmates which the County is required to pay. He also noted that the County gets a discounted rate. The Sheriff's fee and activity report for September was noted.

Financing the renovation project was discussed. Establishing a Courthouse Restoration Account under the Valley County Community Foundation Fund to allow people to donate to the project was discussed and is to be on the next agenda.

Clerk's levy spreadsheet, including levies certified by other counties, was noted.

Historical Society request for use of Courthouse lobby for bake sale November 18 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Loup Basin RC&D Council dues notice included a request for confirmation of the County's Representative on the Council and an alternate. Dues are \$150.00 and Dale Melia was confirmed as the County Representative. Chairman Sevenker said he would serve as the alternate.

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

Lodging Tax Receipts were noted. It was decided that the balance due would be paid with the November claims. The Clerk will call the Dept. to confirm the amount due at time of payment.

The following agenda items were discussed: NACO Audit Report, SOS John Gale letter regarding new election equipment and a draft copy of the Creditable Coverage Notice for Medicare D which the County is required to send to employees who participate in the County's insurance plan.

County Attorney Cullers said his General Report was covered in earlier discussions. He presented draft copies of updated farm leases for Board consideration. The updated leases identified the properties as "Mortensen Tract" and "County Farm". Discussion was held regarding advertising in December, lease to be signed in January. Cullers also reported that Attorney Campbell, who is representing the County in the Schauer lawsuits, has filed a motion to dismiss in the second lawsuit which is to be heard by telephonic conference on November 15, 2005.

Mail folder items available for review: Thank you notes: Chamber & Ord Baseball; Loup Basin RC&D: Workshop Invitation, Regular Packet, Annual Report; 2005 Gov. Summit; T.Loewenstein NACo letter; Nebr. DOR Traffic Crash Facts, Waterlog (MAP).

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 25 meeting and an agenda for the November 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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>10-25-2005</b>
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$44,484.38
Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Adams Co Clerk of Dist Ct.	services	serv	\$1,357.50
Alco Discount Store	office supp.	sup	\$52.98
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$92.58
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	retirement	rt	\$2,982.78
Anderson Pharmacy	jail meds	rx	\$2,217.46
Automated Systems Inc	equipment	equ	\$1,716.75
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blaha Plumbing	repair	rep	\$248.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$22,671.22
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$876.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$98.45
Charter Communications	serv	serv	\$21.51
Jerry Collier Lawn Service	lawn care	serv	\$625.00
Complete Family Dentistry	services	serv	\$102.00
Charles F Cox	meeting/mil	mtg	\$169.75
Rolland Cronk	fuel	exp	\$2.90
Custer Co. Sheriff	fees	fees	\$15.50
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
JoJo P Dunn	unif allow/exp	exp	\$106.85
Eakes Office Plus Ins	supplies	sup	\$83.34
Evercom Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$770.00
F & S Supply Co Inc	supplies	sup	\$52.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$428.48
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$173.78
Gene' s Electric Inc	services	serv	\$297.50
Grand Island Independent	subsc	subs	\$17.55
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$948.42
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Raymond A. Hansen, MD	services	serv	\$43.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$23.00
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,351.25
KNLV Inc	services	serv	\$12.00
Kinder Morgan Inc.	utilities	ut	\$138.83
Jenette G Lindsey	meeting/mil	mtg	\$169.75
Loup Basin RC&D Council	dues	dues	\$150.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
Martensen Appraisal	serv	serv	\$3,118.50
MIPS/Co Solutions LLC	computer serv	serv	\$289.99
Modern Methods Inc	services	serv	\$20.75
National Sheriff' s Association	dues	dues	\$50.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$74.35
St of Nebr HHS Laboratory	services	serv	\$75.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$609.08

Officenet	office supp	sup	\$248.44
Ord Glass & Paint	repair	rep	\$45.00
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$480.61
Ord Police Department	sup	sup	\$4.64
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$343.01
James J Orr	court apptd	atty	\$440.00
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
The Parts Bin Inc	supplies	sup	\$5.17
Pengad Inc	supplies	sup	\$50.33
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$904.20
Region III	payment	pmt	\$1,848.73
Region 26 Council	payment	pmt	\$14,336.37
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$120.00
Penny L Root	meeting/mil	mtg	\$183.72
Sack Lumber Co	supplies	sup	\$123.90
Robert D Sevenker	meeting/mil	mtg	\$184.18
SGS	repair/parts	rep	\$84.00
Share Corp	supplies	sup	\$61.64
Michael J Shaughnessy	court apptd	atty	\$1,807.28
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$3,701.61
Janet L Suminski	meeting/mil	mtg	\$169.75
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,715.11
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$61.97
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$630.50
Valley Co Highway Dept	sher dept	fuel	\$538.16
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer	trans	\$73,031.86
Valley Co Hosp Medical Clinics	services	serv	\$31.95
Valley Co Institutions Fund	transfer	trans	\$120.00
Valley Co Sheriff	service fees	fees	\$94.00
Valley Co Weed Fund	transfer funds	trans	\$1,157.88
Gary D. Walker	uniform allow	exp	\$100.00
Zee Medical Service Co	supplies	sup	\$27.80
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$193,821.22
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$32,685.83
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$55.17
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$2,206.34
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$35.04
Arcadia Water Dept.	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Carl' s Standard Service	fuel	fuel	\$1,469.16
Country Partners CoOp	fuel	fuel	\$5,551.00
Dons Auto & Machine Shop	parts	pts	\$946.80

Eakes Office Plus Inc	service	serv	\$52.50
Farm Plan	supplies	sup	\$503.28
Fox Valley Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$70.02
Island Supply Welding Co	act/oxygen	sup	\$72.00
Jebro Inc	supplies	sup	\$15,148.54
Kinder Morgan Inc	utilities	ut	\$15.00
Klimek TV Service	repair	rep	\$35.60
Maxon E Leth	mileage	exp	\$156.80
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$28.84
Madison Co Dist. 2	supplies	sup	\$800.80
Maverick Truck Stop & Cafe	repair	rep	\$241.85
Nebr Central Telephone Co	telephone	tele	\$41.70
Nebraska Machinery	parts	pts	\$73.32
Nebr Tech & TeleComm Inc	telephone	tele	\$95.20
Nebr Truck Equipment Co Inc	parts	pts	\$50.59
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$218.67
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$114.89
Ord Post Office	stamps	pstg	\$37.00
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$60.96
Orschlens	supplies	sup	\$25.10
The Parts Bin Inc	parts	pts	\$64.91
PowerPlan	parts	pts	\$445.01
Quill Corporation	supplies	sup	\$64.18
Sack Lumber Co	supplies	sup	\$1,218.07
Stern Oil Co Inc	oil	oil	\$1,147.84
Trotter Fertilizer & Propane	fuel	fuel	\$10.00
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$2,846.16
Ulrich Gravel Inc	repairs	rep	\$20,581.40
Warner Body Shop	parts	pts	\$31.50
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	Road fund	totals	\$87,214.07
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>			
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$480.00
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$32.40
Pat Frazer	meeting/mil	mtg	\$25.52
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$3.06
Ellen J Novak	meeting/mil	mtg	\$25.52
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notice	ntc	\$88.36
Marvin A Scheideler	meeting/mil	mtg	\$39.40
Valley Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$27.18
Mike Winkelbauer	meeting/mil	mtg	\$17.76
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$739.20
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>			

Ord Chamber of Commerce	payment	pmt	\$1,500.00
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	Visitors fund	totals	\$1,500.00
<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
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Anderson Pharmacy	client meds	cl/rx	\$363.24
Kinder-Morgan	gas	ut	\$20.58
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$220.90
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	Relief fund	totals	\$1,104.72
<b>INSITIUTION FUND</b>			
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Nebr Health & Human Services	patient care	serv	\$120.00
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	Institution fund	totals	\$120.00
<b>WEED FUND</b>			
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$1,050.00
Ameritas Life Ins Co.	retirement	rt	\$70.88
U S Post Officw	postage	pstg	\$37.00
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,157.88
		SPENT	<b>\$285,657.09</b>
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