

## 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, May 8, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Collins, Cullers, and Sevenker present, Cetak and Sintek absent. Chairman Sevenker noted that Sintek's absence was excused. Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the website. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Supervisor Cetak arrived at 9:05 a.m.. No one had signed up for public comment, however, Chairman Sevenker noted that the reason for disciplinary action at the nursing home has been terminated and patients can now be admitted and readmitted. He commended the staff for taking care of the deficiencies quickly and for continuing to work on improvements.

Easement 06-246 for Frontier/Citizens Communications was recommended for approval by Road Supt. Leth, who noted that most of the easement is on State property. Collins moved to approve Easement 06-246 for Frontier/Citizens Communications Co., seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The revised Olsson Associates billing statement for work on the ethanol plant access road was discussed. Leth noted that there has been controversy between contractors and the contractors and engineers. He has received calls regarding the work but has referred them to Olssons, feeling it is their responsibility. Leth also said he spoke to Olssons regarding the original statement for \$4018.61 because he felt the County should not have to pay to correct their error. The revised statement is for \$1281.59. The County will be paying phase 3 and 4 work by the hour.

NIRMA's letter regarding a safety manual and a survey they have requested were discussed. Ash asked about putting a "stop ahead" sign on the road north of Masters by Carl Nelson's place going east. Board and Leth agreed this should be done.

Leth reported spending 10 hours with backhoe looking for corners on Jacobs property for JEO. Three corners were found, but JEO will have to establish the 4th. He has unofficially staked the 2 new lots on the Mortensen Industrial Site. The County will need to build a road on the north. Board advised build the road and leave the lateral open. The County should be reimbursed for this. Attorney Cullers advised that County Farm rent is based on actual irrigated acres and that the road is part of the "at risk" acres so no rent adjustment would be required. Knapp is aware of the plans and knows not to farm it. Board agreed that Gilmore should stake the road at the same time they officially stake the 2 lots but told Leth to keep track of his time and seek reimbursement.

Gravel bids were set for June 27 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Bridge project C88231B at Sebesta's was discussed. Leth said they would begin oil patching when weather is warmer.

Clerk Lindsey reported April fees collected for District Court and the Clerk's Office.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month-end report for April with total collections of \$2,035,000 for the month. The airport bond will be paid off in Sept., 2006.

Before going into Board of Equalization, agenda item 7A was discussed. Following discussion, Ash moved to authorize Beckenhauer to advertise for bids for a Courthouse heating and cooling system and window replacement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Supervisor Cullers noted that the Courthouse is on the National Historical Register and wondered if their approval should be sought. Board agreed this should be mentioned to Beckenhauers.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The Assessor, Clerk and Appraiser Larry Rexroth were present.

Rexroth provided printed information on the appraisal process and explained how the process works. Notices for 2006 will be sent in June. Only building sites are affected, not farm ground. Rexroth said a depreciation factor based on age is used to adjust for depreciation and the BOE

process can also provide a means for adjustment. Zoning helps pick up changes and additions to keep records current. Protest hearings were set for June 13th, 27th and 11th at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Rexroth said will be available to answer questions and will plan to attend protest hearings as advised by Assessor Arnold.

The Findings and Orders of TERC were presented which indicate that the levels of assessment of real property in Valley County for tax year 2006 are in compliance. Directive 06-1 regarding standards for analyzing the level & quality of assessment and Directive 06-2 regarding determination of what is real or personal property were accepted for filing.

Assessor Arnold presented the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Jerry C. and Brenda L. Lee as Mr. Lee did not qualify.

At 11:00 a.m., Ash moved to return to regular session, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Chairman Sevenker noted that Ron Paul, Siemens representative, indicated that he will take care of the remaining issues with the lower level restrooms and the Clerk can release the payment upon the approval of Custodian Cronk.

NIRMA's letter noting the addition of the Airport buildings to the County's Building and Contents Property Schedule was noted. The Clerk was directed to bill the Airport for their share of the premium.

Courthouse renovation and restoration was discussed. It was determined that the proposed flyer should contain the names of the Supervisors but not their phone numbers. It was suggested that the Clerk's Office number be listed.

The Current Expenditures Summary for April was available for review.

Nancy Glaubke told the Board that Valley County is part of a pilot 4H entrepreneurship program. Her idea is to make a project of landscaping the Courthouse lawn. She noted that the Girl Scouts have had the flower bed on the south side of the Courthouse since 1985 and she would check with them and also Custodian Cronk and Collier Lawn Service regarding the project. She would try to keep the landscape low or no maintenance. Kami Marsh has volunteered to help. She is seeking preliminary approval at this point. If the project works out, a plan would be presented for Board approval before any landscaping is done. Cullers moved to approve Glaubke's request to move forward with a landscaping plan for the Courthouse, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Glaubke said when she talked to Christy Hruza regarding the Girl Scout's Courthouse flower bed, Hruza suggested that an underground sprinkler be turned so that it would water the flower bed area. Glaubke offered to talk to Adam Kunz who installed the sprinkler system.

Ash moved to approve the request of Jim Helm to hold the Republican Party Post Election Convention in the Courthouse lobby on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. and the request of Kim Farnstrom to have the east Courthouse entrance open for the Father's Day Rod Run for use of the restrooms. The motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The request of Terry Christensen of the Loup Valley Ag Society for a letter of support from the County for the Tech Center in the 4H building was discussed. The request was approved and the Clerk was directed to compose a letter of support on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Loup Basin RC&D's request for support of participation in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program was approved and Resolution 06-12 was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The schedule of informational meetings to be hosted by BCBS was discussed and the direct cost reimbursement of \$4145.07 for rent and utility costs for the local HHS Office was noted.

County Attorney Cullers report included discussion of the Mortensen Industrial Site. It is his understanding that only the "at risk" acres are being used and there should be no need for rent adjustment. He will talk to Knapp about it. He has talked to Sitz regarding building requirements. The Chamber has requested some changes in the Lodging Tax/Chamber agreement regarding reporting requirements because the tax amounts will be smaller and the Lodging Tax Committee is only meeting bi-monthly. Sintek noted that he would like to see this be made a part of the Interlocal Agreement. Cullers noted that a hearing on the response in the Schauer lawsuit will be on May 16.

There were no Committee reports.

Mail Folder items were: NDOR Newsletter, Rural News Bits, T. Loewenstein NACo (2).

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 8 meeting and an agenda for the May 30 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 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 notice of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk