

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, and Sevenker, present. Ash arrived at 9:05 a.m. Clerk Deputy verified publication of meeting notice, agenda posted in Courthouse, on website and provided to requesting media. Cullers moved to approve minutes of the July 11 meeting with a correction of date from June 25th to July 25th for an agenda item, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act is posted on west wall of Boardroom, paper copies on table against south wall are available free to the public and pamphlets containing the act are available for use, but are to remain in the Boardroom. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the Road Claims & Balances report for July. The larger expenses were fuel, gravel, parts and repair. Simpson noted low sulfur diesel fuel costs went from \$2.62 to \$2.91 in one month.

Road Superintendent Leth reviewed the Olsson Associates billing statement and advised he will be doing a final walk through with Hooker, Werner, Olsson and any interested Board members on Friday July 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., \$94,795.10 is due on this estimate. Motion to approve the billing statement was made by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cullers, Ash, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Leth reported he would like two culverts replaced at the ethanol sight, noted millings are in the railroad crossing and reported seeding is done in the area. Leth reported vandals have pulled signs which have been replaced and also reported placement of a directional sign at the county farm. Leth stated he is pleased with the oil on the new mixing strips and indicated the product is the best they have ever mixed.

Leth informed the Board of a letter received from the Nebr. Department of Roads and the Environment stating when the county does a Federal Aid project we have to produce all of the permits. If the State has personnel available they will help, but it is up to the entity to supply all of the information.

A billing statement from the Road Department was submitted to the Valley County Economic Development for reimbursement of roadwork done to the Mortensen Drive in the amount of \$4,420.42 and noted the county will have to build the rest of the road.

A request from North Loup Village to use the road between the highway 11 curve to highway 22 junction as a detour during Pop Corn Days from August 25 to 27, 2006 was approved on motion by Sintek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent : none.

The condition of Haskell Creek road was discussed and what can be done to slow traffic. County Attorney Cullers stated a call could be made to NIRMA asking what type of wording to use. The project requiring heavy truck traffic will be done soon, Leth also reported the Road Department has blades that will cut and fill back the roadway. Leth informed the Board a bridge in Geranium Township will be completed soon and the road crew will begin patching on the Loup City road.

Leth requested a date be set for bid letting of grader blades. On motion by Ash, seconded by Baker to set August 29, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. for bid letting. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported the Ford Ranger pickup is on it's last legs and questioned whether it should be repaired again, the Board advised not fixing it and getting a different one. Also, the spray rig will not run in the summer and Leth would like to replace it with a different one. Collins moved to sell the pickups at the next Wolf auction and purchase replacements. Seconded by Ash: Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No. none. Absent: none.

Leth presented a Resolution for Board approval to request funds being distributed on a first come first serve basis for the installation of markers on bridges 20' and under currently not marked in the county at no cost to the county. Signs and posts are part of the program and Leth felt it was a

good program and should be applied for as quickly as possible. Moved by Sintek, seconded by Collins to adopt Resolution #06-18 to request funds for the marking of county bridges with object markers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Other discussion included a water problem on the Duane Jacob's property and the request for installation of a culvert. Complaints of speeders on the Springdale road as well as the Sargent highway were discussed. Sevenker suggested the County Board express their concerns of excess speeds to the Sheriff's Department for a more strict enforcement of the speed limit.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski reported on property owners in Valley County who are working on the control of leafy spurge and noxious weeds. He indicated Ron Bouska is satisfied that insects are working, the owners using insects are spraying the perimeters so spurge does not spread to the neighboring property owners. Collins and Baker commented on cases of property owners in the county that need to spray for noxious weeds. Kaminski asked for input from the Board for when he should send 10 day notices for fall spraying, members suggested notices go out when he feels fall spraying would be most beneficial. County Attorney Cullers explained the 10 day notice and the 15 day notice. If no action is taken after notice is served the County can go in, spray the property and file the costs in the register of deeds office, it then becomes a real estate assignment.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage gave the monthly report. Schrage went through the financial pages of the printed report focusing on the fiscal year end figures. He stated bottom line numbers in operations in the amount of \$554,868.00 will be consistent with the audit to take place for FY ending June 30, 2006. Schrage stated he is pleased with the statistics, average daily census is up, home health continues to grow, physicians visits are up, acute days are up which are driven by referrals, and the sleep lab is successful. The Nuclear Medical Department will be fully operational soon, and Sue Diehl has been hired as managing director. The 90 day probation was lifted on July 8 with no follow-up visits, long term census is up and is expected to reach 53 or 54 with the next visit scheduled to be in the spring. The Valley Co. Hospital will be designated as a trauma unit soon, the hospice program has been certified and will have 10 or 11 hospice patients. Dr. Regg Hagge and Dr. Leon Books will be joining the medical staff.

Tyler Collier of Collier Lawn Care and Adam Kunz of Turf Pro were present to discuss landscaping the courthouse lawn, the removal of shabby trees and vines and their replacement. Collier presented a drawing for the bed area south side of the jail. Supervisor Cullers reported grant funds could be applied for but a plan needs to be in place before the application deadline in November. It was determined some trees will need to be removed before the courthouse renovation window project begins with bids to be presented for their removal, the Board will do a walk around on the grounds after the meeting to determine the trees in need of immediate removal. After discussing several options it was determined Collier and Kunz should present plans for landscaping of the courthouse lawn not to exceed \$10,000.00.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Ash, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Present were Deputy County Clerk Dorrita Helm and Assessor Pamela Arnold. Arnold requested a valuation change for parcel #880004669 in 36-17-16, #880002891 in 31-17-15 in the names of Chester & Loretta Lonowski Jt, and #880004662 in 37-17-16 and #880002884 in the name of Burlington Northern Railroad. Sintek moved, seconded by Cullers to move the abandoned railroad property from Burlington Northern to Lonowski. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers, No: none. Absent: none.

Arnold also requested a tax list correction in the name of Rogers Hog Farms, Co., Inc in the amount of \$331.50 for personal property with a Notice of Disposition on 11-18-2005 and not on hand January 1, 2006. Motion by Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:10 a.m. on motion by Ash, seconded by Sintek, to go out of Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk fee reports included Clerk of the District Court June 2006, County Clerk June 2006 and FY 05-06, also old ambulance report for FY 05-06 were reviewed and accepted for filing.

Dale Melia and Richard Woolen representing Loup Basin RC&D Council were present to request a resolution from the Board in support of designating Valley County as part of a 15 county region of Central and North Central Nebraska as a Bio-based business Development Friendly Region. Melia explained the Bio-fuels industry is becoming popular because of the high gas prices. RC&D is promoting an old potato factory in Long Pine to become a plant for Bio-fuels. Ethanol can be made from corn, grasses, wood waste chips making Long Pine a more local area to start a plant. Melia stated there is a lot of interest in Bio-fuels and that Chadron College is totally heated by wood. At this time five Bio-fuel plants are being proposed in the State of Nebraska and urged the Board to support the development of the fuels. On motion by Sintek, seconded by Baker to adopt Resolution #06-19 in support of the Bio-fuel initiative. Carried. Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Chuck Abel, Budget Accountant presented preliminary figures for the 06-07 fiscal year. Valuation received from the Assessor for FY 06-07 is \$361,316,263.00 which is up from FY 05-06. Using the current levy, budget requests exceed that amount which will mean requests will need to be trimmed. To schedule a special meeting was moved by Baker, seconded by Cullers to meet in special session on August 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. to review officials budgets and subdivision requests. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

A separate fund for Institutions is no longer needed and it is in the best interest of the County to budget and pay Institution charges from the General Fund. Approval of Resolution #06-20 to dissolve the Institutions fund on motion by Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Beckenhauer Construction Inc. documents were reviewed for approval. Amendment No. 1 changing maximum amount to \$1,061,509.00. Motion by Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Change order 001 to include the jail alternate renegotiated fee was discussed and approved on motion by Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Board members discussed items stored in the upstairs old jail to be removed before the renovation project begins. Attorney Cullers will check with jail standards to determine what books are to be kept for research. A committee will be formed at the next regular meeting to determine what to keep as well as disposal of unneeded items and the alternate storage of the remainder.

On motion by Cullers, seconded by Cetak to pass Resolution #06-21 with the intent to finance with tax exempt bonds for the renovation and improvements to the current courthouse. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Helen Cullers explained the Nebraska Community Development Assistance Act allowing nonprofit organizations to apply to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for awards up to \$25,000.00 for a designated project giving tax credits to eligible contributors of up to 40%. Cullers suggested having an open house in the courthouse lobby to inform the public about the benefits. Pledges have to be made before the application can be sent. Cullers will research further and report back to the Board.

Confirmation of Insurance Coverage from NIRMA stating the property, crime, liability and worker's compensation coverage effective August 1, 2006 was reviewed.

Board members reviewed the cemetery registry form provided by the State Historical Society requesting information about each cemetery in the county for establishing a statewide cemetery registry. Deadline to provide the forms is October 1, 2006. Baker will contact the local historical society for help in completing the forms and will report at the next regular meeting.

The open meeting workshop to be held July 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kearney will be attended by Bob Sevenker and Helen Cullers.

Board members reconsidered the yearly rent for the two new businesses in the Mortensen Industrial Site. On motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. To set the yearly rent at \$1.00 per acre, each business is to comply with the at least \$100,000.00 personal property valuation for each site. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Also discussed was a question about septic tanks being in compliance at the Mortensen site, Supervisor Cullers stated a letter is being sent by the Planning and Zoning Director to the owners advising of the compliance regulations.

July Claims and Balances report was reviewed and all claims were approved on motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No. none. Absent. none.

Sevenker informed members registration for the NACO Annual Conference and any supervisor planning to attend needs to advise the Clerk before August 18.

Lodging tax collection received for the tax month of May in the amount of \$822.39 was acknowledged.

Clerk of the District Court IV-D reimbursement of \$1,705.92, County Attorney reimbursement \$3,138.61 for quarter ending 03-31-2006 and \$144.79 for quarter ending June 2006 was accepted for filing.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dana F. Cole & Co. advising of the audit for Valley County FY 05-06 will begin August 21, 2006.

Attorney Cullers reported the Ammerman Lawsuit is still pending and has heard nothing more on the Schauer Lawsuit.

Mail folder items included Loup Basin RC&D Council meeting minutes and newsletter; Community Action Works newsletter and the agenda for Region 26 Council.

Ash reported on the Mid-Plains meeting he attended stating plans are in the making to build a Crisis Stabilization unit in Grand Island. Ash also noted a considerable number of patients from Valley County have been seen for counseling to date this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene on August 2, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. in special session to review budgets and subdivision requests and in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2006 and at 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 25 meeting and an agenda for the August 2, 2006 special session and August 8, 2006 regular meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk Deputy, 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 notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Dorrita L. Helm, Deputy Valley County Clerk

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>07-25-2006</b>
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Payroll	July	July	\$47,331.67
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$41.06
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$92.10
Anderson Pharmacy	supplies	sup	\$3.94
Automated Systems Inc	support	fees	\$1,380.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blaha Plumbing	repair	rep	\$119.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$24,023.22
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$1,272.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$477.55
Calamity Jane' s Diner	juror costs	fees	\$48.54
CenTec Cast Metal Products	supplies	sup	\$408.72
Chem Dry	supplies	sup	\$30.00
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$375.00
Direct Safety Company	supplies	sup	\$83.61
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Eakes Office Plus Inc	supplies	sup	\$15.99
F & S Supply Co. Inc.	supplies	sup	\$195.33
Family Advocacy Network	services	serv	\$600.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$436.48
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$217.15
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$600.04
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$17.28
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,692.80
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
Nebr Asson of School Boards	meeting	mtg	\$100.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$56.49
Nebr Dept Health & Human Services	services	serv	\$90.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$576.11
NIRMA	liability pkg	ins	\$65,421.00
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$30.69
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$433.78
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$134.85
P S Etc.	services	serv	\$25.02
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Pro Printing Graphics	supplies	sup	\$12.45
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$84.83
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$677.55
Jan I Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$7.00

Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$235.34
Scott' s TV Inc.	supplies	sup	\$20.98
Robert D. Sevenker	meeting	mtg	\$101.91
SGS	repairs	rep	\$162.63
Michael J Shaughnessy	ct apptd atty	atty	\$2,004.52
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$2,804.98
Pamela Stapleman	meeting	mtg	\$66.75
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$758.57
Janet L. Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$69.86
Text & Data Technologies Inc.	supplies	sup	\$850.00
The Copy Shop	supplies	sup	\$7.55
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,837.46
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$60.86
Union Bank & Trust	retirement	rt	\$3,090.63
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$126.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$859.11
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$10,342.64
Valley Co Hosp Medical Clinics	services	serv	\$25.00
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,120.88
Zee Medical Service Co	supplies	sup	\$27.80
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$176,395.66
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
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Payroll	July	July	\$32,728.79
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Alltel	telephone	tele	\$61.10
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$35.88
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Del-Ray MFG	parts	pts	\$275.00
Diamond Vogel Paints	supplies	sup	\$330.00
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$199.73
Eakes Office Plus Inc	repair	rep	\$52.50
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$176.05
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$139.61
KACO Supplies	supplies	sup	\$1,179.34
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$31.92
Nebr Central Telephone Co	telephone	ut	\$40.87
Nebr Machinery Co	parts	pts	\$131.80
Nebr Tech & Telecom Inc	phone	ut	\$95.70
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$277.72
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$113.29
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$2.49
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$25.47
The Parts Bin Inc	parts	pts	\$92.09
Powerplan	parts/labor	pts/lab	\$116.12
SGS	repair	rep	\$173.13
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$2,845.70

