

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, August 8, 2006 in their courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Sintek, Cullers and Cetak present, Ash absent. Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda was provided to requesting media as well as posted in the Courthouse and on the website. Minutes of the July 25 meeting were approved as published on motion of Sintek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash. Chairmen Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies of the act are available for the public.

No one signed up for Public Comment, however, Sevenker recognized VSO Walt Smith, noting that he was not on the agenda and asking if he wished to address the Board. Smith said he wanted to report on VSO activities and did not realize he needed to be on the agenda. Smith reported more than 360 calls and visits and replacement of 6 or 8 grave markers. He has hired a lady to help with the filing. Discussion was held regarding the increases in his budget request and Smith said he would be okay with whatever the Board decides. Supervisor Cullers asked Smith if he would turn in written reports and he said he would, although the state no longer requires it.

Road Supt., Leth advised that he has no problem with Easement 06-248 for Kinder Morgan and following discussion, Easement 06-248 was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash.

The State's letter of acceptance of the County's One- and Six-Year Plan was acknowledged and Leth said the information regarding LB904, which has to do with certification requirements and reporting dates, would not impact the County until October of 2008.

Leth performed a walk-through with the contractor on the ethanol plant access road with Olsson's James Moreau present. The flared sections are to be replaced and the retainer will not be paid until this is completed. County has been maintaining the RR crossing but Leth said he thinks the RR will eventually put in a solid rubber crossing.

Discussion was held regarding the old radiators removed from the Courthouse. There was some confusion as to who was to receive the salvage items from the HVAC/window renovation project and this is to be addressed later in the meeting. Leth indicated that the radiators are being taken to Anderson's in Kearney and sold for \$110 per ton.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented a written report of Fees and Activities for June. Pivot's spraying road complaints were discussed and it was noted that publication of the reminder ad seemed to help. When asked, Ronzzo said the Assist Other Agency item on the Activities Report includes accompanying HHS workers on calls, which is required, and assisting other county or city law enforcement agencies when requested. They have not heard from NIRMA regarding the wrecked patrol car. The Jail Administrator budget was discussed and the Board asked for information on operating costs and income generated by the jail.

The June Fee Reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Custodian Cronk reported the only snow removal equipment owned by the County is a small Toro snow blower. He asked if snow removal is to be contracted this year. Following discussion, the Board asked Cronk to advertise for snow removal bids for the 06-07 winter to be submitted at the September 12 meeting and that he get prices to replace the Toro snow blower.

Agenda item 8A3, plan for cleaning out the old jail on the 4th floor and the old Supt. Office on the 3rd floor, was discussed. County Attorney Cullers said he would seek direction from Judge Noakes regarding the Law Library. He also suggested a temporary solution would be to box up the books and transport them to rented off-site storage. Clerk Lindsey asked if she would be able to keep the storage room off of the old Supt. Office where Dist. Court Records and School Supt. records are currently stored and the Board felt the remaining space would be sufficient for a County Attorney's Office. It was moved by Sintek, seconded by Collins that Attorney Cullers and Clerk Lindsey work together on the clean-up project, renting storage if necessary, and that Supervisors Cullers, Sevenker and Baker be the contact persons for the project. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins,

Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Ash. A Board work day was set for August 14 at 9:00 a.m. for those Board members who are able to participate.

Bethanne Kunz, VCED Director, reviewed the written ED Board Quarterly Report with the Supervisors. Over \$700,000 has been loaned to 13 businesses. These loans are approved by a separate committee and information regarding the loans is public record. Other items noted: the Chamber and ED Board have instituted a trial period of holding joint board meetings, the villages have been invited to appoint ex-officio members to the ED Board and it is projected that \$278,872 should be available for ED from next year's sales tax receipts.

Kunz then gave the annual Tourism Report, reviewing several pages of printed material outlining accomplishments, ongoing and in progress, as well as information regarding the new Valley County tourism website. The report also listed entities receiving tourism funds last year, noted the purchase of brochure racks and the combined efforts of Garfield and Valley County Economic Development and the Ord and Burwell Chambers to develop a travel guide for the area.

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Sevenker called a recess, at 10:45 a.m. he reconvened the meeting.

Buster Beckenhauer of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. and his Safety Officer, Jeff Ackerman, presented 2 asbestos survey proposals for Board consideration. Ackerman said Nebr. EPA requires an asbestos survey before demolition of walls or plumbing is begun on buildings constructed prior to 1980. The Board questioned why this was not brought up before, noting that delaying the project could cause difficulty as we get into cold weather. Beckenhauer apologized for the oversight, saying most buildings of this age have had a survey done. Proposals were from Alloy Specialty, Kearney for \$1297.50 and Quad-C Consulting, Grand Island for \$2500. Beckenhauer advised that the low bidder, Alloy Specialty, would be an acceptable choice. He said Beckenhauers would oversee the survey to be sure samples are taken from the areas where construction is to take place and that sufficient samples are taken but not too many. Sintek moved to approve the asbestos survey proposal of Alloy Specialty, up to the maximum of \$1297.50, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Beckenhauer will call Alloy Specialty today, hopefully they will be here next week. Alloy will advertise for bids if removal is needed.

Beckenhauer said it is standard in the industry for the contractor to take the salvage resulting from renovation unless specified otherwise. He apologized for not addressing this earlier. Wadas was present for the discussion. It was decided that the County and Wadas would split the radiator money, Wadas will take the remaining pipes, the boiler and the District Courtroom HVAC unit. The County will keep the window airconditioners and put them up for bids to employees.

Bill Abts of Ameritas spoke to the Board on financing the Courthouse renovation project. He presented printed information on various bond amounts and timelines. Abts said, unlike other entities, Counties have few borrowing vehicles. Buildings are one such vehicle. He suggested the Board consider financing a larger portion of the renovation with bonds since interest rates are low and preserve the Inheritance Tax Fund for emergency use. Bonded indebtedness is outside the spending limit. Discussion was held regarding whether it would be more fiscally responsible to use less or none of the Inheritance Tax and more bond financing. The Board also felt it was important to have public support for the project. It was decided to set a special meeting on August 16 at 1:00 p.m. to make their decision regarding financing the project. Abts and County Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel are to be invited. The meeting is to be advertised in this week's Quiz.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 12:05 p.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Assessor Arnold and Clerk Lindsey were present.

A Tax List Correction of \$135.96 for Rachelle Timm was presented. The correction was due to the sale of a 1977 Champion Mobile Home and was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Arnold also presented the 2006 Plan of Assessment, which was filed with the Clerk on July 28, 2006. A three-year plan is required to be submitted each year. Collins moved to accept the 2006 Plan of Assessment filed on July 28, 2006, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Courthouse landscaping will be discussed at the next meeting. A tree bid was received from Collier's but not Turf Pro, Sevenker will check with Kunz to see if he wishes to submit a bid.

Subdivision levy allocation requests were discussed and Resolution 06-22 was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak to approve the requests as follows: Twin Loups Reclamation \$31,392, Valley County Airport Authority \$66,000 (\$30,000 General, \$36,000 Bond), Loup Valley Ag Society \$47,500 (\$37,500 General, \$10,000 Cap. Imprv.), Ord Township \$75,000, North Loup Township \$10,500, Arcadia Township \$16,243, Ord Fire Dist. #2 \$14,977, North Loup Fire Dist. #3 \$22,500 (\$18,500 General, \$4000 Sinking), Arcadia Fire Dist. #4 \$10,000 (\$8000 General, \$2000 Sinking). Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Budget Accountant Chuck Abel will determine at a later date if a portion of the levy allowed each township is to be levied countywide and reimbursement made to the township to reach the amount allowed.

The Mortensen Industrial Site leases signed by Kokes and Sitz and previously approved by the County, were signed by Chairman Sevenker and turned over to County Attorney Cullers who is to provide a copy to the Clerk's Office. Attorney Cullers reported he is working on getting a complete legal on the covenants for recording with the Register of Deeds.

Cullers also reported an error in calculating the acres leased by Knapp. A new GPA measurement was taken showing 69.24 irrigated acres, 2.35 free acres, development acres 16.59, wetland alfalfa 2 acres. Cullers will work with Knapp and they will appear before the Board when something has been worked out.

Supervisor Baker had nothing further to report on the Cemetery Registry and Supervisor Cullers is checking to see if the County qualifies for the Nebr. Community Development Act.

Probation Dist. 17 2005-06 billing for \$2170.90 and Maximus billing for \$678.32 were noted. The Bond for the North Loup Village Clerk was approved by the Bond Committee. The letter introducing Linda Black, new NDED representative, was acknowledged and the Current Expenditures Summary Report reviewed. Board members attending the Central Dist. meeting will pay at the door and the Clerk will reserve the usual number of rooms for the Annual NACO Conference.

Supervisor Cullers presented a written report on Region 3 for each Board member.

Mail Folder items, Chamber Pulse and NIRMA publication, were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene in special session, to determine bond financing for the Courthouse renovation project, on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. and in regular session on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 8 meeting and an agenda for the August 16 and August 29 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