

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisor's regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Collins, Sevenker and Sintek present, Cullers and Ash absent. Cullers had notified Chairman Sevenker of her absence and was excused. The Clerk verified meeting notice was published and the agenda was posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. Chairman Sevenker noted that the open meetings act was posted as required and copies of the act are available for the public. There was no public comment.

County Attorney Cullers gave his report at this time as he could not stay for the meeting. NIRMA has assigned the Bhardwaj lawsuit to the law firm of Angle, Murphy, Valentino and Campbell, P.C.. Attorney Vincent Valentino has filed a motion for an extension of time to file an answer since the Federal Court allows only 20 days. The new date is Nov. 23, 2006. Valentino will probably try to get the County dismissed from the lawsuit or at least have the suits combined. Nebr. EOC has notified the County that complaints filed by Bhardwaj regarding fair employment practices and age discrimination were both closed because the evidence is insufficient to support the allegations. As noted at the Oct. 10 meeting, charges were also dismissed by the U.S. EEOC. Cullers visited with Tom Cooper of TierOne Bank regarding a \$100,000 line of credit for the County. These funds are required by the Housing Assistance Grant to facilitate the purchase of a home for qualified applicants as it takes about 2 weeks to get grant funds. Cullers approved the resolution document provided by the bank, however, he thought it should be an unsecured loan since it was only for \$100,000.

Road Claims and Balances for October were reported by Secretary, Sandy Simpson. The larger expenses this month were for fuel, asphalt, highway striping, tires, repair and gravel. Grader blades have been received, but not yet billed.

Road Supt., Leth recommended approval of Easements 06-254, 06-255, 06-256, 06-257 and 06-258 filed by the City of Ord for installation of a waterline to the ethanol plant. On motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak, Easements 06-254 through 06-258 for the City of Ord were approved and the usual \$100 deposit per easement requirement was waived. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. Leth recommended approval for refunds of Easements 05-224 for Ronald C. Jensen, 05-225 for Gene Dorsey and 05-226 for Cook & Cook Inc.. Refunds of Easements 05-224, 05-225 and 05-226 were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Baker, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers.

The letter from NDOR regarding federal funds available to Counties was discussed. Leth noted that the formula for distributing these funds has changed and next year could be less. The letter from NDOR GIS Specialist, Rose Braun, requesting that Counties help the State by updating their County maps was discussed. Leth will try to do this as time allows. The NDOR letter noting the change from BISON to PONTIS for data collection procedures for the bridge inspection program was discussed. Leth has provided the necessary information to the state by the Nov. 3 deadline, so should remain on the list of certified inspectors.

Leth's general report included: state's list of structurally deficient bridges show 6 in Valley County, 3 are on our 1 and 6 Year Plan; the state will do the fracture critical bridge inspection for County this year; only 2 fracture critical bridges in County; have received offer of \$2800 from Cummins County for snow plow; recommendations from NIRMA include obtaining driving record for road employees, past practice has been to require new employees to get CDL which they cannot get if they have driving offense on record; other half of railroad crossing poured last Monday and will be opened tomorrow; billing from Olsson's approved and forwarded to City for payment, should be last one; 20 of 60 bridges have been inspected; continuing to haul gravel; 1990 motorgrader was taken to Donovan for transmission repair; will measure and draw map to identify portion of road on

Greeley-Valley County border to be maintained by Valley County, need to get something in writing regarding all roads at County border as to where each County's responsibility begins and ends.

Supervisor Ash arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the Hospital's monthly written report. The new ambulance has been delivered and should be on the road within the week. Ambulance fees were discussed. The billing company sets the fees and they must be set in accordance with Medicare. For advanced life support ambulance the charge is \$10 per mile plus \$450 flat charge. The old 1991 ambulance is no longer used as an ambulance. Old ambulances have low resale value. The \$4000 credit received for applying for the FIN number was used for the down payment and the County will pay around \$20,000 a year for 5 years beginning in 2007. The County insures the ambulance. Schrage went over the financials for the month, noting that October appeared to be another good month. The Audit was presented in draft form at the last Hospital Board meeting, the final version should be received this week. He will provide a copy to the County. The Hospital Board has approved a revision of the PTO policy to allow employees in good standing to be paid for all time earned and vested upon leaving hospital employ. The revision was not made retroactive. The Hospital plans to aggressively promote OB services.

Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz, presented the Quarterly Economic Development report. A handout was provided. Activities include: a strategic planning session held with Ord Area Chamber, Economic Development Board and NPPD; County awarded a \$223,600 Housing Assistance Grant; identifying vacant lots available for acquisition as housing sites; Nebr. Advantage incentive program provides Microenterprise Tax Credit to small businesses; 2005-06 sales tax receipts were \$337,928; \$743,945 has been loaned to 14 business in the county; working with CCC to establish site for live classes; partnering with Garfield County to publish an area travel guide.

Kunz also reported for the Visitors Bureau and Lodging Tax Committee and provided a handout. The report included: tourism evaluation by State Division of Travel and Tourism suggested developing travel package to local sites, including lodging and meals, for a fee; Ord and Burwell Chambers received grant to help with costs of Red Carpet Service Training and expenses of the travel guide. A report of Lodging Tax collections and expenses for the 06-07 fiscal year was discussed. Don Vancura of the Lodging Tax Committee was also present and use of the Improvement Fund was discussed. It was agreed that the fees paid to the Chamber would be split between the Promotion and Improvement Funds.

Vancura was also present to request County approval of the Assignment of Water Contracts on property purchased by the County Airport Authority Board. The land was purchased to meet clearance requirements, an easement is no longer sufficient. The Airport wants to maintain the water rights as the property will be leased out. The Water Contracts list 7 acres from Robert Dworak and 10 acres from James Knapp. Vancura will provide information to the County Board on the cost of the land and he noted that it will be paid with a bond. The Assignment of Water Contracts for Tract No. 214-A, from Robert Dworak to Valley County, and Tract 212-A, from James Knapp to Valley County, were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

Custodian, Rolland Cronk, was present for discussion of snow removal at the Courthouse. The Clerk was directed to run the snow removal ad again for 2 weeks.

Removal of the sidewalk on the north side of the Courthouse was discussed with regard to the grant application currently being prepared by Adam Kunz for Courthouse landscaping. It was decided that, for purposes of the grant application, the sidewalk would not be removed.

County Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported that state statute requires that all interest go into the General Fund unless the Board directs otherwise. She noted that Accountant Chuck Abel had advised that the Bond interest be credited to the Bond Fund so it continues to accrue interest. Collins moved, seconded by Sintek, to approve that all interest from bond proceeds and levy collections stay in the bond fund. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

Letters received from Attorney's interested in the County Attorney position for the coming term were discussed. The Clerk was directed to invite Attorney Glenn A. Clark, Attorney David T. Schroeder and Attorney Dale Crandall to the November 14, 2006 Board meeting.

Tom Cooper, Loan Officer with TierOne Bank, was present to discuss the County's application for a \$100,000 line of credit. The line of credit is a requirement of the contract for the Housing Assistance Grant and is needed to facilitate the purchase of a home, since it takes about 2 weeks to receive grant funds. The loan would be unsecured, there are no fees for setting it up, the interest rate for 1 year would be 5.6% fixed, need to authorize 2 people to sign to establish the loan, either of the two could access the funds. Since the grant life is 2 years, the loan would need to be renewed next year. Cetak moved to approve the line of credit and to authorize Chairman Robert D. Sevenker and Clerk Jenette G. Lindsey to establish the loan and to request funds from it. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

The vacancy for the County Surveyor position for the 2007-2010 term was discussed. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to Rasmussen Land Surveying of O'Neill, who had expressed interest in the position, to see if they are still interested.

With Board approval, Chairman Sevenker signed the form allowing Treasurer Janet Suminski to cast the County's ballot for NACO officers at the meeting held during the Annual NACO Conference in December.

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

The NACO Board letter outlining action taken at their October meeting which may impact Counties was acknowledged.

The County Christmas party was discussed and it was decided to have the party at the Vets Club, that everyone would pay for their own dinner and that Collins will reserve the Club.

Mail folder items available for review: Loup Basin RC&D, Rural News Bits, KARR Tuckpointing, ONEOK Energy, A.W. Schultz Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 31 meeting and an agenda for the November 14 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

GENERAL FUND			10-31-2006
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$47,605.05
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Adams Co Clerk of Dist Ct	services	serv	\$480.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$85.02
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$102.91
AMERITAS	retirement	rt	\$2,995.36
Pamella K Arnold	reimb exp	exp	\$131.72
Larry Barta	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$20.00
Beckenhauer Construction Inc	serv	serv	\$164,349.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$23,132.76
Bower Upholstery	rep jury chairs	rep	\$340.98
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$1,028.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$68.41
Charm-Tex	sup	sup	\$125.33
Charter Communications	telephone	tele	\$43.02
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$815.00
Helen L Cullers	reimb exp	mtg	\$25.00
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Evercom Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$229.50
F & S Supply Co, Inc	supplies	sup	\$103.90
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$417.10
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$190.03
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$325.99
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.64
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,314.50
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$320.13
Lockwood Co	supplies	sup	\$59.48
Loup Basin RC&D Council	dues	dues	\$150.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
NACO	registration	reg	\$970.00
Nebr County Court Ass' n	dues	dues	\$25.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$76.17
Nebr Dept HHS Laboratory	services	serv	\$75.00
Nebr. State Bar Association	supplies	sup	\$26.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$584.41
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$175.33
Ord Glass & Paint	supplies	sup	\$35.70
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$484.15
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$467.24
James J Orr	ct appt atty	atty	\$280.00
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
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$1,473.58
Kimberly L Radil	reimb exp	exp	\$7.59
Janice Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$35.00
Region 26 Council	payment	pmt	\$14,344.61
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$155.28
SGS	services	serv	\$52.70
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$2,797.30
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$698.59
Janet Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$66.75
Tammy' s Auto Body	repair	rep	\$250.00
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,893.11
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$51.03
University of Nebr	agent mileage	mil	\$1,180.56
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
US Identification Manual	supplies	sup	\$82.50
US Post Office	stamps	pstg	\$78.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$104.00
Valley Co Dist. Court	fees	fees	\$91.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$351.50
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$46,737.93
Valley Co Hospital Medical Clinics	services	serv	\$124.00
Valley Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$61.50
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,406.44
Gary D Walker	reimb exp	exp	\$100.00
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$324,526.76
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
****	****	****	****
Payroll	October	Oct.	\$32,449.49
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Alltel	telephone	tele	\$122.28
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$2,190.35
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$57.99
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Barco Municipal Products	supplies	sup	\$237.10
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$2,528.00
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$928.68
Eakes Office Plus	serv	serv	\$52.50
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$869.10
G Neil Corporation	supplies	sup	\$35.79
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$242.28
Jebro Inc	oil	oil	\$8,099.93
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$69.97
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$40.58

NACO	registration	reg	\$120.00
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$42.57
Nebr Machinery	parts	pts	\$145.70
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$95.00
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$435.81
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$122.64
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$130.38
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$48.64
Pouge Construction Inc	services	serv	\$3,928.40
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$184.97
Quiz Graphic Arts	notice	ntc	\$180.33
Ropers Radiator	repairs	rep	\$75.00
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$11.79
Share Corporation	oil	oil	\$662.53
Trotter Fertilizer	propane	fuel	\$10.00
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$6,005.02
Trotter Truck Plaza	repair	rep	\$2,446.77
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$25,069.50
Valley Co Clerk	titles	sup	\$20.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	petty cash	pc	\$45.00
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	Road fund	totals	\$87,717.09
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>			
****			****
Payroll	October	Oct.	\$405.00
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Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$27.34
Pat Frazer	meeting/mil	mtg	\$24.24
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$12.59
NACO	registration	reg	\$120.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H	
OfficeNet	supplies	sup	\$14.99
TIERONE BANK-ORD		W/H	\$0.00
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$604.16
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>			
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National Hall Craft Fair	promotion	adv	\$200.00
Nebraska Life	advertising	ad	\$245.00
Chamber of Commerce	promotion	adv	\$150.00
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	Visitors fund	totals	\$595.00

<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
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Anderson Pharmacy	cl/services	cl/serv	\$25.24
Kinder- Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$76.18
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Nebr Health & Human Services	admin	adm	\$11.08
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$202.53
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	Relief fund	totals	\$815.03
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<b>WEED FUND</b>			
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$1,050.00
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Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$70.88
Franklin Covey Catalog Sales	supplies	sup	\$62.06
NACO	Registration	reg	\$120.00
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notice	ntc	\$103.50
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,406.44
		SPENT	<b>\$415,664.48</b>