

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on November 28, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker, and Sintek present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the Website. The minutes of the Nov. 14, 2006 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Mid Plains Director, Scott Dugan, reported on the services they provide and presented copies of their annual report. He noted that he became director last year, but has been with the organization for 8 years as Financial Officer. Mid Plains provides services in 17 different program areas. With the closing of the Regional Centers due to the Behavioral Health reform legislation there is an increased need for local services. The Triage Unit is now operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and they anticipate opening the new Crisis Stabilization Unit at the end of the year. It will be a 12-bed voluntary unit for short term stays. New technology such as video phones for distance evaluations is being considered. They have offices in Grand Island, Mason City and Ord.

In the absence of Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, Road Supt. Max Leth presented the November Claims & Balances for the Road Dept. Grader blades, fuel and gravel were the larger expenses. Gravel budget is in good shape. The Toro snowblower purchased from Federal Surplus for \$325 appears to be in good condition. The bill for transmission repair on the 140G is \$12,000.

Leth said they are starting to cut trees in various locations and that he has ordered a melting compound that is safe to use on the new pavement. He is waiting for a call back from Olsson Assoc. regarding their last billing statement of \$336.75. Some culvert repair is needed before final billing.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski was unable to attend this meeting.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the Hospital's monthly written report. He reviewed the financial information contained in the report. Schrage also noted: in-house equipment and qualified technicians for MRIs and Nuclear Medicine has been successful; Physical Therapy is doing well; we have a good provider staff; looking to bring in another cardiologist from Lincoln; November looks to be consistent with other months; expect a slow down in December and then pick up again in January; watching patient satisfaction closely; new website installed.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski presented information on County investments. Information received from the various banks indicated there was not lot to be gained by longer term investments. The bond interest for the first year is 3.65% and even the 6 month investment rates were higher than that. The best 6 month rate was 5.50%. Suminski said she could look at other options for a higher interest rate if the Board wished, however, she felt the local rates were competitive and she prefers investing locally and does not like to invest in higher risk options to get higher rates. The Board agreed.

The contract agreements for Lead-Based Paint Testing and Housing Administration with Community Development Services for the Housing Assistance Grant were presented by County Attorney Cullers. He had reviewed the contracts and found them to be acceptable. Grant Administrator Candy Kuntz was unable to attend the meeting but had visited with Cullers by phone. The contracts with Community Development Services for Housing Administration Services and Lead-Based Paint Testing Services were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Supervisor Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The letter from NDED granting the formal release of funds for the Housing Assistance Grant was noted.

At 9:55 a.m. Chairman Sevenker called a 5 minute recess, meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Certificate of Liability Insurance for 2006-2007 for Wadas Inc. was noted.

The ad to be placed in the proposed Valley/Garfield guide book to be published by Nebraska Life was discussed. A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Ash to place a 1/3 page, color ad at

a cost of \$880, the design to be decided later. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Const. stopped in to inform the Board that he had delivered the chute to be used to dispose of items from the third floor. He also said the electrical panel is in Kearney and should be delivered today. The engineers inspected the installation work to date and felt everything was well done. He felt that some units should be powered this week. The windows for the lower floor are to be in Omaha Friday and to us Monday or Tuesday of next week. Tanner is working on off-site storage for them.

Tyler Collier of Collier Lawncare was present to discuss the Courthouse Lawn Landscaping grant application and the use of plans drawn up by Adam Kunz of Turf Pro. He said he did not submit a plan because he was unclear as to whether the sidewalk on the north side of the Courthouse was to be removed or not. He said it was his understanding that the application for the grant could have been submitted without a landscaping plan and that help with a plan could have been sought through the granting entity. Supervisor Cullers noted that the deadline for submitting the grant application was November 17, 2006 and read from the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Board meeting which indicated that both Collier and Kunz were given the same information and asked to submit a plan for submission with the grant application if they were interested. Kunz submitted a plan, Collier did not.

Supervisor Cullers reported to the Board that she had included an additional \$700 in the Courthouse Landscaping grant application for first year maintenance of the project. Due to the need to meet the November 17 deadline, she was unable to get the Board's approval for this addition. Cullers then moved that an additional \$700 be added to the landscaping grant application for first year maintenance. Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:40 a.m., Sintek moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing Attorney Gregory Jensen for the County Attorney vacancy, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. At 10:50 a.m., Sintek moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter of appreciation from Attorney Jason White was acknowledged.

Discussion was held regarding applicants for the County Attorney vacancy. Pros and cons of out-of-county attorney or local attorney were discussed. Discussion included: out-of-county attorney would have fewer conflicts of interest resulting in less expense for use of other attorney; one time expense to provide Courthouse office would eliminate monthly rent and utilities for use of attorney's private office; use of third floor office for County Attorney part of justification for Courthouse renovation project; public input has been both ways; currently pay \$500 per month to Attorney Cullers for rent & utilities; applicants that did not require insurance coverage would result in substantial savings to the County. Sintek moved to appoint White and Clark of Broken Bow, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: Baker. Absent: none. The Clerk will notify all applicants of the Board's decision.

A letter expressing interest in the County Surveyor vacancy for the 2007-2010 term was received from Steve Rasmussen of Rasmussen Land Surveying from O'Neill, Nebraska and he appeared to speak to the Board regarding the vacancy. The Surveyor vacancy was advertised in the NACO Countyline Magazine and on their website. The County has an agreement with JEO Consulting Group to perform the County Surveyor duties until the end of this term. Rasmussen indicated that he is currently the elected Surveyor for Holt County and serves by appointment in Greeley and Garfield Counties. He agreed to use the services of the County Road Dept. when possible to help cut County costs and to notify the County of survey requests that will be billed to the County. He told the Board that he does not have an engineer on staff. It was agreed that an engineer is not often needed and that Road Supt. Leth can provide those services in many instances. Collins moved to accept Steve Rasmussen's letter of interest proposal for Valley County Surveyor for the 4 year term, 2007-2010, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker,

Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Rasmussen was informed that claims are due in the Clerk's Office the Tuesday before the last meeting of the month.

Bethanne Kunz appeared to request a letter from the County Board to Nebraska Investment Finance Authority in support of the Valley County Economic Development NIFA Housing Study Grant application. The application is due December 29. It would provide a 15 year comprehensive plan for housing. The cost is \$20,000, of which city sales tax will pay \$10,000. Cullers moved to approve the support letter for the NIFA Housing Study Grant application, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Baker will take care of the remaining District Courtroom chairs that need repair.

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

Eulalia Edwards' term on the Hospital Board of Trustees has ended. Chairman Sevenker said he had talked to her and she would like to continue as a Board member. When asked about Edwards during his earlier report, Hospital CEO Larry Schrage said he felt she was a strong asset on the Board and he had nominated her to the Nebr. Hospital Association for consideration as Trustee of the Year. It was noted that normally applications are sought only if the member does not wish to continue to serve. Following discussion, Collins moved to reappoint Eulalia Edwards to the Valley County Hospital Board of Trustees for another 6 year term, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were acknowledged: letter regarding change in NACO sponsored free life insurance, Title Insurance Policies for land purchased by County Airport, NIRMA Personnel Management telephonic conference on December 14, NIRMA quarterly loss report and the State Auditor Notice of new mileage rate of 48.5 cents effective 1/1/07.

County Attorney, Randy Cullers, reported on the Bhardwaj vs. Valley County lawsuit. He said Attorney Vince Valentino, who is representing the County, has filed a Motion to Dismiss but that there will probably not be a ruling on the filing before the scheduled progression conference on Dec. 19. It is possible that a Motion for Summary Judgment may need to be filed and possibly statements from some Board members. Cullers noted that he will be in District Court on the next Board meeting day of December 12, but that he will stop in at 9:00 a.m. and again after Court.

Mail Folder items available for review: Candidate for NACO Sec/Treas. Willis D. Luedke, NIRMA Board Ron Jorgenson & Delores M. Karloff, Merrick Co. Highway Supt. ad, VC Health System Newsletter, Securities America notice of County's 457(B) Plan, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 28 meeting and agenda for the December 12 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, Valley County Clerk

GENERAL FUND			11-28-2006
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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$45,799.97
****			****
Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$39.21
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$102.91
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	retirement	rt	\$3,019.55
Anderson Pharmacy	meds/sup	rx/sup	\$80.08
Pamella K Arnold	reimb exp	exp	\$79.87
Raymond Dean Ash	reimb exp	mil	\$356.00
Larry R. Barta	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$20.00
Beckenhauer Construction Inc	serv	serv	\$88,347.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$23,132.76
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$528.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$321.01
Calamity Jane' s Diner	juror meals	serv	\$98.10
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$325.00
Rolland Cronk	mileage	mil	\$2.22
Dell Marketing LP	supplies	sup	\$96.29
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
JoJo P. Dunn	service	serv	\$20.00
Election Costs	elec bd/rent	bd	\$3,403.44
Election Systems & Software	ballots	sup	\$2,748.87
Evercom Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$382.50
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	\$160.01
Graham Tire Company	tires	sup	\$360.32
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$675.21
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
IAAO	dues	dues	\$175.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.64
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$4,158.40
Juror	costs	costs	\$2,621.54
Kansas Highway Patrol Car Fund	vehicle	equ	\$15,810.00
Kunz Inc	service	serv	\$60.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
Martinsen Appraisal	parcel app	serv	\$2,871.00
Maximus Inc	services	serv	\$684.56
Midwest Mailing Solutions Inc	supplies	sup	\$377.42
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
Modern Methods Inc	services	serv	\$719.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$72.95
Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles	supplies	sup	\$4.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$589.44
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$446.33

Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$506.33
Ord Police Department	supplies	sup	\$13.92
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$21.98
James J Orr	ct appt atty	atty	\$900.00
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
Public Safety Center, Inc	supplies	sup	\$1,293.90
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$1,336.48
Janice I. Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$7.00
Scott' s TV Inc.	services	serv	\$25.00
SGS	services	serv	\$106.40
Sherman Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$15.50
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$4,748.80
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$738.64
LeRoy Svoboda	services	serv	\$44.92
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,741.49
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$49.87
University of Nebr	supplies	sup	\$131.13
University of Nebr	supplies	sup	\$5.00
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$146.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$544.64
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$21,375.25
Valley Co Hospital	services	serv	\$68.00
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,120.88
Zee Medical Clinic	supplies	sup	\$125.50
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$238,898.29
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$32,287.65
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Ameritas Life Ins	retirement	rt	\$2,092.10
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$38.22
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
B' s Enterprises Inc	grader blades	sup	\$15,649.40
Clamp Inc	repairs	rep	\$210.14
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$5,226.83
Diesel Power Equipment	repair	rep	\$277.85
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$790.28
Eakes Office Plus Inc	serv	serv	\$39.80
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$366.00
Fischer Auto Sales	supplies	sup	\$70.00
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$74.40
J & S Diesel Service	supplies	sup	\$128.45

Maxon E. Leth	supplies	sup	\$26.75
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$33.92
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$43.12
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$94.86
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$14.83
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$128.09
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$155.39
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$27.30
PowerPlan	parts	pts	\$23.15
Quiz Graphic Arts	notice	ntc	\$19.33
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$36.88
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$2,366.03
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$16,899.25
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	Road fund	totals	\$77,133.02
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>			
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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$390.00
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	retirement	rt	\$26.33
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$76.54
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$492.87
<b>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>			
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Ord Chamber of Commerce	quarterly pmt	pmt	\$1,125.00
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	Visitor Imp. Fund	totals	\$1,125.00
<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
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Kinder- Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$48.97
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$177.53
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	Relief fund	totals	\$726.50
<b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>			
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Environmental Services Inc	asbestos remv	serv	\$9,400.00
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	Inheritance Fund	totals	\$9,400.00
<b>WEED FUND</b>			

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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$1,050.00
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Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$70.88
NEBR. DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H	
TIER ONE-BANK		W/H	
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,120.88
	Spent		\$328,896.56