

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, January 9, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, and Waldmann present. Board members agreed that Sevenker should conduct the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year and nominations were opened. Cetak moved to nominate Sevenker as Chairman and Cullers as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Vogeler. Sevenker called for further nominations three times, there were none. Cetak moved that nominations cease, seconded by Van Slyke. Sevenker called for a vote on the first motion, nominating Sevenker as Chairman and Cullers as Vice-Chairman, and it carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The second motion, that nominations cease, was voted on and carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann and Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and agendas posted in the Courthouse and on the website. Minutes of the December 26, 2006 meeting were approved as published on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The addition of a report by the Sheriff was made to the agenda after the packets were mailed but prior to the 9:00 a.m. Monday morning deadline and new agendas were provided. The new agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Boardroom and copies were available for the public as required. No public comment was offered.

Valley County Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, reported on the recent ice storms. For benefit of new Board members, he explained some of his duties and noted that a copy of the LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) is available in the Clerk's Office and contains contact information, plans to handle major events, available equipment and where it is stored. He said power outages caused by the storms were widespread so it was hard to pinpoint who was out. Simpson, his assistant Shawn Owens of Arcadia, Nate Flessner, City of Ord's E.M. and Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup's Fire Chief, can all be reached through the Sheriff or Region 26 in an emergency. An emergency shelter was established in the Ord Methodist Church basement, but was not used. Red Cross supplied cots. With State and Federal disaster declaration certain costs pertaining to the ice storm can be reimbursed if the County also declares a disaster. The backup generator at the Region 26 tower would not start when the power went off, so pagers would not work. A new console purchased with grant funds is coming and will not require reliance on the tower.

Road Supt. Leth recommended refunding the deposit for Easement 05-230 for Ron Jensen. Refund of the deposit for Easement 05-230 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth noted some concern with the access road to the ethanol plant with regard to drainage. He said the County cut the shoulders and hopes this will provide better drainage. Leth said he felt the road project was complete. Van Slyke moved to release the bond and declare the road project complete, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Receipt of the NDOR Right of Way Acquisition Guide was noted. A copy is on file in the Clerk's Office and the County Road Dept..

Leth reported a call from Region 26 at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday that the tower was down and the backup generator would not start. He investigated and found the road okay but a power line was down. REA put the line up and Region 26 was able to get to the generator and get it started. His crew was paid time and a half for Saturday and Sunday and double time for Monday. All roads were opened, 30 tons of salt were used. REA will reimburse work done to clear ice for them to get around. Some costs will be turned in to FEMA for possible reimbursement.

The State road project between Ord and North Loup which Leth thought would not be done this year has already been let and the pre-construction conference will be the 25th in St. Paul. He

will report back to the Board after the conference regarding closed roads and detours. There should be a conference for the public at a later date.

Leth reported that the County received \$3332.20 in addition to their regular \$40,000 or \$45,000 monthly allocation because of LB904 which allots 1/2 percent of motor vehicle sales tax to the highway allocation fund. The graders will be out today until around noon.

County Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski appeared to request Board approval of 2 letters of support for the State's noxious weed program, one to Senator McDonald and the other to the Governor. The letters to support the continued funding of the program. Baker moved to approve signing the letters of support for the State's noxious weed program, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo was not present, so Clerk Lindsey's monthly fee reports for District Court and County Clerk were presented. The reports show fees collected by each office and their disposition.

Treasurer Suminski reported fund balances for December, noting again that the General Fund Balance includes the Courthouse Bond. Road allocation this month was \$42,222.47, Visitors Fund received \$945.74, Courthouse Bond received \$4678.74 and Inheritance Tax received \$16,371.04. Suminski reported that elimination of the inheritance tax is on the Governor's agenda. She also presented the Semi-Annual Fund Report as it is printed in the Quiz and a more detailed breakdown of this report. A total of \$5,501,802.03 was collected and \$4,846,943.68 was spent between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. Suminski reported that delinquent taxes will be advertised in February and tax sales held in March. The Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. The Treasurer and Clerk were present.

The hearing on the Applications for Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles Owned by Qualifying Organizations was held. Suminski presented applications filed by Loup Basin RC&D Council, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mid Nebraska Individual Services, and Heartland Assembly of God Church. Each application lists the vehicles to be exempted and the purpose for which they are used. Suminski recommended approval of all of the applications. Cullers moved to approve all of the Exemption Applications presented, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Regular session was resumed at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Const. reported on the Courthouse renovation project. The window installation is going well, first floor is done and second floor begun. Clerk's Office has noticed a big difference in heating with the new windows installed and sealed. Kelly Electric of Kearney missed 10 days due to ice storm. Wadas Inc and Kelly Electric may be working Saturdays. Hope to start heat on west side of first floor by the 18th, Daiken representative will here for first start up. Projecting an early March completion date. Daiken would like to use the Valley County Courthouse to showcase their HVAC system for marketing purposes which would require approval of the Board. Hergott recommends waiting until the system is up and running before granting approval.

The old Supt. Office on the third floor has been cleaned to allow the County Attorney to begin using it, after the renovation project is complete the office is to be painted and recarpeted and the small adjoining room will be cleaned for their use. Clark intends to have someone in the office everyday. Custodian Cronk will check on getting locks for some of the doors where they are missing. Board directed that they should look as original as possible. Board agreed that the old brochure racks should be offered to RC&D as the Lodging Tax Committee did not want them.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

At the request of Scott Brady, Extension Office, Lori Bush was reappointed to the Extension Board on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

At the request of Region 26, a Disaster Declaration for Valley County was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding a debit card program for use by Section 125 Cafeteria Plan enrollees. The Board agreed that they were not interested in offering the debit card.

Appointment of Committees, Agency Representatives and a County Physician were discussed. It was noted that more reports need to be made by Committee Members and Agency Reps so that the Board is more informed. The following appointments were made: Road Committee Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Craig Vogeler, George Baker; Building & Grounds Committee Bob Sevenker, Allen Cetak, Helen Cullers; Hospital Committee Bob Sevenker, George Baker, Craig Vogeler; Bond Committee Pat Waldmann, Helen Cullers, Allen Cetak; Claims Committee Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Craig Vogeler; American Fund Committee Bob Sevenker, Craig Vogeler; Safety Committee Max Leth, Larry Kolar, Pam Arnold, Jenette Lindsey; Region 26 Representative Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Region 3 Representative Helen Cullers, Mid-Nebraska Representative Allen Cetak, Economic Development Representatives Helen Cullers, Bob Sevenker, Loup Basin Health Dept. George Baker, Bill Brush. More information on meeting schedules and terms of appointments are needed for Mid Plains Center and Loup Basin RC&D so appointments will be made at the next meeting . Baker moved to appoint Dr. Hagge as County Physician then amended his motion to include the Ord Family Health Center in the appointment, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board signed the Annual Report of County Officers Signatures and Seals.

The following informational items were noted and/or discussed: notice of NIRMA Board vacancy; County Board Workshop in Kearney, Febr. 7-9 at a cost of \$70.00, \$80.00 after the Jan. 31 registration deadline, reminder on next Board agenda; AFLAC Rep., Roger Clark, will be here on Jan. 17, 2007; Current Expenditures Summary Report for December 2006 available for review.

County Attorney Clark reported the need to revise County Personnel Policy due to Supreme Court ruling on earned vacation time and possibly sick leave. This is to be on next meeting agenda.

There were no Committee reports.

Mail Folder items available for review: Chamber Newsletter, NIRMA AON Newsletter, VCHS Foundation Gala Invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 9 meeting and an agenda for the January 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 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