

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room. Present: Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler. Clerk verified notice of meeting published, agenda posted in Courthouse and on website. Minutes of January 30 meeting approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted, copies available to public. No public comment.

Loup Basin Public Health Dept. Director, Chuck Cone, presented 2006 Report booklet which gives a brief overview of the creation and/or expansion of local district health departments and the services they offer. It also contains information about each department and highlights some of their activities. Cone focused on the "Loup Basin Smiles Project" LBPHD provides for their district counties: Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler. This project provides an oral dental exam for each student, a fluoride varnish and a referral for those who require it. The program is offered to all area elementary schools.

Easement 07-262, Frontier a Citizens Communications Company, was recommended for approval by Road Supt. Leth. The proposed easement is for installation of communication lines involving County Roads 813 and 474 north of Chuck Wagner. Following discussion, Easement 07-262 was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

At 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing for One & Six Year Road Plan opened. No one present to testify for or against plan. Discussion held regarding Project C88-119B, replacing an old fracture critical bridge with culvert. The plan can be amended at any time if this project needs to be moved from the 6-year to the 1-year plan. Public Hearing closed at 9:40 a.m.. Presented for Board approval were Resolution 07-01 (corrected from 07-36) approving the plan and an Affidavit certifying the hearing was held and proper notice given. Cullers moved to adopt Resolution 07-01 approving the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented and to approve the certification Affidavit, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

In an effort to accommodate ethanol plant start up operations, the State will begin construction of a box north of the plant at the same time as the scheduled road work, closing the Ord-North Loup Highway up to Knapp's. Seeking financial help from the State for maintenance of detour roads during State Highway project was discussed. State will furnish materials for roads that are designated as detour. Leth will draft a letter for Board consideration at their next meeting requesting state assistance with county roads used as a detour even though they are not a designated detour route.

Leth asked Board approval for an estimate on new wiring for his office and if it could be paid from B & G budget. Sheriff Ronzzo said his office also needs wiring. Board agreed an estimate should be obtained.

Turned in \$2932 overtime, hope portion is reimbursed by FEMA. 1982 140G motorgrader may need to be replaced as magneto filter full of iron. Cleaned filter and machine is running, will watch to see if more iron gets in filter. Sand-salted yesterday. Salt ordered January 22, not yet received, ordered another load. Discussed Quiz article indicating problem with snow

removal on hospital streets and parking lot. Leth said he talked to Rich McKinney and doesn't think there is a problem.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers, to consider requests for tax exemption for qualifying organizations. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor and Clerk were present. No applicants were present.

The Assessor's list of applicants and recommendations was provided to each Board member along with a copy of each application. The Assessor recommended disapproval for 2 GLVA, Inc. properties, 1 BPOE #2371 property and 1 P B K WHMZ, Inc. property. She recommended approval of a portion of 2 GLVA, Inc. properties, IOOF Lodge #90, Veteran's Memorial Building Corp., and American Legion Post #285. The remaining properties were recommended for approval. Following discussion, Cetak moved to approve the exemption requests as recommended by the Assessor with the exception of the following properties: IOOF Lodge #90 approve 100% exemption, GLVA, Inc. parcels 880036204, 880036633 and 880028770 approve 100% exemption, BPOE #2371 approve 100% exemption, P B K WHMZ, Inc. approve 100% exemption, American Legion Post #285 approve 100% exemption. The motion was seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. List of applicants, copy of applications and record of Board action are on file in the Clerk's Office.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo presented his Fees and Activities Reports for November and December. He had Leth put orange flags on all speed limit signs on detour roads to help prevent accidents as traffic increases. He attended a North Loup Village meeting and has agreed to give them a monthly report so they are kept informed and he reassured them no County deputy lived in Arcadia. He also met with Arcadia Village and will continue to provide service in their area now that they no longer have local law enforcement. Jail Standards conducted the jail inspection on Thursday and he thinks it went okay. Fire inspection was okay. Report of stolen vehicle in Mira Valley area and vandalism on Sargent Road.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.

Beckenhauer's John Rystrom reported that all windows are installed, 50% are stained. Ceiling build downs start this week, acoustical ceilings to be installed where access is needed, dry wall if access is not required. Two change orders were discussed, one for control circuits to allow fans in basement, courtroom and roof to work in conjunction with each other and the second for florescent lighting fixtures for the mechanical room on the fourth floor at a total additional cost of \$1772.32. Both change orders were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Kurt Genrich, Agent for the new NACO sponsored life insurance, was unable to attend due to the weather.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported January collections and fund balances. A breakdown of collections to individual funds was provided. Discussed depositing interest from Inheritance Tax into specific fund, no action taken. Delinquent taxes were published, tax sales held in March. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The Clerk presented January fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of District Court.

Bob Sevenker and Craig Vogeler report on the County Board Workshop: Accountability and Disclosure to discontinue use of short form; board members must divulge conflict of interest and give reason for abstaining; NIRMA discussed safety in workplace and workmen's comp; Vogeler received updated NACO County Board Handbook; budgeting, cash flow, County Purcd/or acted on: Dana Cole billing statement will be submitted with this months claims, Board member will sign the claim. Loup River Scenic Byway \$25 membership approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Bond for Gerald F. Einspahr, Arcadia Rural Fire Dist. Secretary-Treasurer, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 07-02 (corrected from 07-37) was approved, setting salary of Civil Defense Director at \$175 per month as budgeted, on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Accountability and Disclosure forms must be submitted in April, short form will no longer be accepted, Clerk will provide each Board Member with copy of their current form. NIRMA telephonic conference on Employment Law is to be Feb. 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. NIRMA's notice regarding sufficient insurance coverage on communications towers does not apply as we do not own a tower. First quarter Workers Comp Report noted as were IV-D reimbursements of \$1852.84, \$3055.93 and \$111.65 for District Court and County Attorney. BCBS information regarding change in reimbursement of noncontracting providers was noted. Summary Report of January expenditures was reviewed. Valley County Health System Audit received and on file in Clerk's Office. Emails from Chamber provide update on Downtown Ord Project and a request regarding snow scooping by downtown businesses.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, General Administrator of Housing Assistance Grant received by County, was unable to attend due to weather. She spoke to Chairman Sevenker by phone prior to meeting and faxed necessary forms and information requiring Board action. Three forms received for Board consideration: Request for CDBG project funds for project activities, Request for CDBG funds General Administration and Approval Sheet for application number VC-01-DPA. The fund requests total \$6923 and include the down payment, housing administration, paint testing, and general administration fees. County contracted with Community Development Services for Housing Administration and Lead-based Paint Testing and with Miller and Associates for General Administration of the Grant. State required County to set up a line of credit to provide immediate access to down payment funds to facilitate the closing of the loan for the homebuyer as it takes several weeks to receive grant funds from the State. Funds were requested as follows: down payment \$2643, housing administration \$280, paint testing \$400, general administration \$3600. The home buyer contributes an additional \$1000 to the down payment and the City pays a portion of the down payment with City sales tax funds, in this instance \$148, for a total down payment of \$3791. Following discussion, the Approval Sheet for application number VC-01-DPA was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The request for General Administration fees in the amount of \$3600 was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: Vogeler. Absent: none. The request for project activities funding in the amount of \$3323 was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: Vogeler. Absent: none.

Supervisor Vogeler felt fund requests should not be approved until explained by Ms. Kuntz. County Attorney Glenn Clark was unable to attend due to the weather.

No Committee Reports but Baker noted chairs from District Courtroom are being repaired.

Mail folder items available for review: NE Crime Comm. Grant, VCED Annual Meeting, Chamber Pulse, Region 26 Minutes, Dana Cole letter, Rural News Bits, Center for Biopreparedness Education, NIRMA Interchange, Midwest Assistance Program, American Funds Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., and will reconvene on February 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 13 meeting and an agenda for the February 27 meeting are available for inspection 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