

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 24, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke and Waldmann present. Clerk verified publishing of meeting notice and posting of agenda. April 10 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted as presented on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. No public comment was offered.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson gave the April Claims and Balances report for the Road Dept. Payroll totaled \$32,095.37, accounts payable \$39,622.87. The overall Road budget is in good shape, however, the sand/salt line item is over and fuel and gravel are likely to be over by fiscal year end.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement 07-266 requested by Bruce Eppenbach for electrical wiring. Said easement was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth requested approval of Resolution 07-06 authorizing a weight limit restriction of 24 thousand pounds on a portion of county road described as "from 23rd Ave. junction with Hwy 22, North to the Ord junction with 23rd Ave and Hwy 11 (North Loup)". Van Slyke moved to approve Resolution 07-06, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported road maintenance difficult due to rain, will get to problem areas as soon as conditions allow. State road project between Ord and North Loup will probably be delayed at least a week by rain. Transmission went out of the 2002 GMC pickup, will be back in service in couple of days. Asked what Board wanted done with the approximately 13 old Courthouse window air conditioners. Board advised put ID number on each unit and advertise for sealed bids with \$50 minimum, set bid deadline date and list Leth as contact. Patched holes in asphalt seams, no funds left in asphalt budget. Discussion of road project C88-119B, replacement of truss bridge with culverts, that Leth is requesting be moved from 6 to 1 year plan. The old bridge, which the state has designated as structurally and functionally obsolete, will be dismantled and sold. This will allow passage of newer agricultural equipment. This will be placed on the next Board agenda.

Larry Schrage presented the regular monthly written report for the Hospital including the March meeting minutes, the April meeting agenda and the financial report for March and YTD 2007. Acute care numbers are even with last year, Home Health and Hospice are up 4%, long-term is 19% below last year. Hiring of agency help has been very costly and they hope to eliminate this cost by May. Investment in expanded services has resulted in additional one-time expenses this year, but will provide more revenue in the future. Dr. Hagge will be leaving the end of May. New ambulance is well utilized. Plan to use operations budget allowed by County for repair of old ambulance to use for short trips. Discussion was held regarding the need for an updated facility.

Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke, presented the Valley County Area Planning Commission Recommendation of approval for subdivision of approximately 1.50 acres requested by Janie Zadina for Todd & Sandy Pelton. Janie Zadina was present. Following discussion,

Vogeler moved to approve the Zadina subdivision request, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Janie Zadina was also present for agenda item 9D, a request for use of Courthouse lawn for ExtraOrdinary Days celebration May 26 and 27, so it was heard at this time. Zadina said they are requesting use of the Courthouse lawn, steps and sidewalk area. Hotdogs will be served on Saturday, Sunday there is to be a barbecue and bands will perform. There will be no bouncers this year. Cullers moved to approve the request, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke reported receipt of information from DEQ regarding possible expansion of a livestock feeding operation. The Planning Commission has 30 days to review it and respond. The feeding operation plans to spread the waste material as fertilizer through a pivot, however, there is a residence within the County's required set back. The parties have been notified that the County requires the feeding operation to get a signed impact easement from the person living within the set back area. An impact easement states that the person does not object to the plan.

March Fee Reports of the County Clerk and District Court Clerk as well as the accounts receivable report of old ambulance bill collections were reviewed.

Beckenhauer's John Rystrom reported a final walk through is planned for next Tuesday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. In a week or 10 days he will turn over the owners manuals and other close out documents. Daiken reps will be here Wednesday and Thursday this week. A training session will be scheduled for the complete heating/cooling system and operating instructions. Cullers, Cetak and Van Slyke will try to attend the walk through. Condition of the jail roof was noted by Board, Rystrom will look at it. Authorization to sign the Application & Certificate for Payment from Beckenhauers in the amount of \$36,944.62 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Replacing existing benches around the Courthouse was discussed. The Building and Grounds Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding number of benches and style.

Vogeler, Cullers and Sevenker are planning to attend the BOE Workshop in Kearney, May 10.

Linda Studnicka asked if the County would be willing to participate in a grant application for 50% of the cost of cigarette butt receptacles to be placed around the Courthouse. The County would pay the remaining 50%. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the project, not to exceed \$600 in matching funds, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m., reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with all members present.

Miller & Associates Representative Jacque Haupt appeared to present the Housing Assistance Grant applicant information. Informational packets were provided regarding the fund requests. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to approve agenda items 9A1-5 as requested by Miller & Assoc. authorizing grant funds as requested: applicant #VC-01-HR \$5000 for housing rehab, applicant #VC-02-DPA \$13,800 for down payment assistance, applicant #VC-02-HR \$300 housing rehab, Community Services invoices for lead based paint and housing administration services \$1507. Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Installing a speaker system in the District Courtroom as requested by Judge Noakes was discussed. Co. Atty. White will contact Judge Noakes as to what is needed and report to the

Board.

The choice of a gas supplier for the County Shop and Social Services Office was discussed in the absence of Paul Markowski who was to have appeared to advise the Board. It was noted that the Courthouse no longer uses gas and the deadline to choose a supplier is May 1. A motion was made by Baker to go with ACE as supplier at the market index rate. Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

April Claims were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. April expenses from General Fund are \$5409.58 over the Treasurer's ending balance for March. On motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers, Resolution 07-07 was approved authorizing the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer funds, not to exceed \$5409.58, from Inheritance Tax to General Fund if a General Fund shortage remains after the Treasurer closes the books for April collections. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The bond interest payment due May 15 will be considered at the next Board meeting.

A joint meeting of the County Board and the Economic Development Board May 29th, at 12:30 p.m., at the NRD Office was approved. The Clerk will advertise the meeting.

Discussed Notice of Public Hearing on possible declaration by City of Ord of a blighted and substandard area. Hearing is at 7:30 p.m., May 7, 2007, at the Ord City Hall Council Chambers.

Receipts of \$4326.29 for direct costs for the HHS Office and \$174.75 County Attorney IV-D reimbursement were acknowledged.

The bond of Ronald Wolf as Manager of the TL Reclamation District and TL Irrigation District was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak reported the first meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was mostly organizational. All three villages are represented. Their purpose is to prepare for any emergency that might affect the County. They will meet again in May.

Vogeler reported attending the Mid Plains meeting. Their budget was discussed, including the 2.1 million dollars allotted to Hastings Regional Center with only 4 patients.

The Wozab Board was convened on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker moved to authorize Sevenker, Cullers and Lindsey to sign disbursement requests for Wozab Funds, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board agreed to have VCED print a 2"X3" and 75 legal size colored posters updating the Wozab distribution amounts. They also agreed to disburse the amount pledged to the Arcadia Methodist Youth Trip as requested by Rolan Sell's letter. Cullers will request the funds.

Presentation ceremony agenda and letter drafted by Cullers to those who have not requested prior years' pledges were approved. The letter sets a deadline for those pledges to be requested.

Mail Folder items included NIMS training dates, Region 26 council Agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Council Newsletter, NDOR letters on the Soft Match Programs and STIP.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization and 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Board. Complete minutes of the April 24 meeting and an agenda for the May 8 meeting are available in the County Clerk's Office.

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