

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 Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sevenker, and Vogeler present. Clerk verified publishing and posting of meeting notice. Vogeler requested the April 24, 2007 meeting minutes concerning his Mid Plains report be amended to state that "The Mid Plains Board approved their 2007-2008 budget. They also discussed the expenditure by HHS of 2.1 million dollars on 4 patients at the Hastings Regional Center". Cetak moved to approve the April 24 minutes as amended, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was approved as presented on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

On recommendation of Road Supt. Leth, refunds for Easements 06-242 for Verl Timmerman, 06-243 for Dennis Jacobs, 06-244 for Jay Knapp and 06-245 for R. Kokes Farms, Inc. were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion and on recommendation of Leth, Easement requests 07-267 for Edward E. Bruha, 07-268 and 07-269 for Citizens Communications, and 07-270 for Rick Masin were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolution 07-08 was adopted to approve moving road project C88-119B from the 6 year to the 1 year plan on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Leth will submit the proposed change in the County's 1 & 6 year plan to the state for their approval.

Resolution 07-09, setting out for the record the County's policy on installing culverts at the request of county residents to provide ingress and egress to private property, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The State of Nebr. Dept. of Roads letter regarding FY2006 Surface Transportation Program Activity and Allocation of FY2007 Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds was discussed.

At the conclusion of the regular portion of the meeting, the Board members and Leth will inspect county roads northeast of Ord, after which the meeting will be adjourned.

The May 16th date for opening the highway from North Loup to the ethanol plant may be delayed again due to weather. The State has reopened the RR crossing to allow Shauers' to get in and out of their property during the closing of the highway and the State assumes responsibility for the opening. Vogeler said the overall completion date of June 30 has not changed. The head wall failed on structure 02813 on the Comstock Road due to ground saturation. Rather than repairing the structure as it is, Leth would like to put 48' tubes inside culverts and extend culverts 20' each side. There will not be time to repair this structure before the Comstock festival because of the work needed on the Sargent Highway, which carries the most traffic during the festivals. Leth will provide cost estimates for repair of structure 02813 at the next meeting. The used airconditioners from the Courthouse have not been advertised yet. Leth is working on estimate of number of signs required for 911 posting. Discussed use of overtime for road maintenance on good weather days.

Board of Equalization convened 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. Assessor and Clerk were present. The Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Jerry and Brenda Lee was discussed. Assessor Arnold noted the applicant may appeal the rejection but, based on the information presented, Mr. Lee did not qualify for the exemption. Arnold presented information regarding an amendment to LB334 that would require a systematic inspection and review of property every six years. Following discussion, Property Valuation Protest hearings were set for June 12, 26 and July 10 at 1:00 p.m. and July 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

Don Vancura and Dave Williams of the Airport Authority Board were present to discuss the Valley County Airport's recent land purchase. Additional land was needed to comply with new regulations requiring more clearance space due to reclassification of airports by FAA. Land was purchased from James Knapp, Al Moudry and Bob Dworak at a cost of \$302,000 for 67 acres. The FAA will reimburse 95%, the State will reimburse 2%. The federal and state funds used for the reimbursement come from aviation gas tax.

Baker reported that the jail roof discussion will have to be postponed to the May 29 meeting as Boden is unable to attend today. He said the jail is not leaking badly at this time. Boden has suggested that the jail roof be replaced with a steel roof.

John Rystrom of Beckenhauer Const. discussed the latest punch list of work remaining on the Courthouse renovation project. The last walk through is planned for May 17th and they would like at least 2 Board members present to sign off at its completion. Instructions for maintenance of the new heating/cooling system will be video taped, owners manuals will be provided to the County and employees will be trained on use of the controls in each office. The electrical inspector and Fire Marshall have some concerns regarding conduits through floors and stairs that are not patched in. These are not part of this project, but will need to be addressed by the County at some point. Old thermostats were removed from plaster walls but left on paneled walls. Construction Change Order #9, installation of a dryer vent in the Custodian's Office, was discussed. Wadas Inc. billing included sales tax which does not apply to the County. Vogeler moved to approve Contract Change Order #9 reduced by the sales tax amount and recalculate the 6% fee, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report. Sufficient funds were collected in April so that no Inheritance Tax funds had to be transferred. A new fund has been set up for Stop Program fees. County Attorney Clark will be asked to explain how this program works at the next meeting. People can now pay their taxes at the banks in North Loup and Arcadia. The tax payment is deposited directly into the County's account and notice is sent to the Treasurer's Office where a receipt is issued and sent to the taxpayer. The investment report was also discussed.

The Clerk presented a claim, fund request and check for payment of the \$19,462 interest due on the Courthouse bond. Payment is due by May 15. Payment of the Courthouse bond interest was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The April fee reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the Dist. Court were also presented. A letter from HHS

was reviewed that noted a change in how IV-D reimbursement is figured that will result in less reimbursement.

Discussion of a sound system in the District Courtroom will be postponed until the next meeting to allow receipt of information from Judge Noakes as to what is needed.

No report on downtown renovation project. Discussed Courthouse employee parking. Vogeler moved that the Clerk draft a memo on behalf of the Board to ask Courthouse employees not to park around the Courthouse during the downtown renovation project, Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Lodging Tax receipts and expenses for April were noted. Sevenker said contract with Ord Area Chamber is up now and needs to be on next agenda for consideration. It will also be discussed at the joint meeting with Economic Development Board at 12:30 p.m. on May 29.

Summary Report of Current Expenditures for April 30, 2007 was reviewed.

TierOne Bank's request for a Public Unit Resolution of Authority and updated authorized signers for the Easement Savings Account and the Payroll and Claims Account was discussed. Van Slyke moved to approve Public Unit Resolution 07-10 for the Easement Savings Account and Resolution 07-11 for the Payroll and Claims Account, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Bond of Dale Zadina, treasurer of Ord Fire District #2, was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Reminder of BOE Workshop in Kearney on May 10 was noted, as was notation that County Attorney is absent due to his attendance at required training workshop.

Cetak moved to convene the Wozab Fund Board, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers presented the quarterly report received from NCF. Discussed the \$900 remaining in the Dollars for Scholars Fund. NCF will begin charging \$10 fee quarterly for each fund. Baker moved, seconded by Waldmann, that Cullers check with NLS SD, Arcadia SD and Ord SD and divide the \$900 between the three schools to be used for scholarship purposes. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler volunteered to serve as the County Rep for the new affiliated fund with NCF. Cetak moved to appoint Vogeler to the position, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Thank you letters to the Ord Methodist Church for use of their facilities for the Wozab Celebration and to North Loup Scotia Theater for providing entertainment, were signed by all Board members. Cetak moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Mail Folder items available for review: Area Chamber/ED Report, Rural News Bits, Economic Trends, CNCS Annual Report.

Regular business concluded at 12:30 p.m. and, as noted in agenda item 7A5, the Board joined Road Supt. Leth to inspect county roads northeast of Ord which was completed at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization and 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Fund Board. Complete minutes of the May 8 meeting and an agenda for the May 29 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 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 notice of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk