

## 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 29, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler and Waldmann present. The Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agendas. May 8 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available to the public. Waldmann arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Sandy Simpson gave the Road Dept. Payroll & Claims report for May: payroll \$33,410.61, claims \$66,410.61. Larger expenses were for fuel, culverts, parts, signs, gravel, tires and tire repair. A written budget report was also provided. The overall budget should be within it's limits.

On Leth's recommendation Easements 07-271 for a gas pipeline for SourceGas Distribution LLC and 07-272 for electric wire for James Novotny were approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Gravel bids will be accepted June 26 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed the \$648.96 the Road Dept. has been unable to collect for purchase of planks. Three billing statements and a letter from the County Attorney have been sent. Vogeler moved, seconded by Cullers, to authorize the County Attorney to take the necessary action to collect the bill. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed filling in ditch in front of the Todd place south of North Loup. It serves no purpose, does not drain and attracts mosquitoes. The Board approved filling in the ditch on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Slides filled on Sargent and Comstock roads, will seed as soon as possible. Installed high intensity lights on Sargent Road this morning in preparation for Comstock Festival. Highway 11 from North Loup to ethanol plant now open, Ord to plant closed. Asphalt quotes are less than last year. Old Courthouse air conditioners have been advertised, sealed bids will be taken the 30th and 31st. Leth to check road east of Ord Cemetery and talk to City regarding drainage. Discussed cleaning ditch by Hawley's, holes on Davis Creek Road, possible plugged culvert.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski presented Resolution 07-10 for Board consideration to authorize sending noxious weed notices. The County Attorney approved the resolution. Vogeler moved to approve Resolution 07-10, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m., reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present.

Sheriff Ronzzo's written Fees and Activities reports for March and April were reviewed.

At 10:00 a.m., Cetak moved to go into Board of Equalization, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Tax List Corrections for Double T Steakhouse and Southside Bar, Inc. were presented due to sale of both businesses in May, 2007. Said Tax List Corrections were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed Nebr. TERC Findings and Orders indicating that no adjustment to the value of a class or subclass of real property in Valley County is required by law. Also discussed the assessment of gas pipe lines and railroads, which Assessor Arnold will look into and report to the Board about.

At 10:25 a.m. Cetak moved to return to regular session, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo appeared to present the Fees and Activities Reports mentioned earlier and to report that people continue to drive on Highway 11 even though it is closed to all but local traffic. He has issued warnings but will now issue tickets as he is concerned about a possible accident.

Brian Hergott and John Rystrom of Beckenhauers Inc. reported the Courthouse renovation project (new windows and HVAC system) is completed. A video was made on use of the HVAC controls. Custodian Cronk received maintenance instructions and seems comfortable with it. One copy of the O & M manual was presented to the Board, 2 more will be coming. There is a one year warranty on everything. The final bill was turned in this month. Daikin AC, Inc. has asked the County to sign a release allowing them to use images and photos of the Courthouse for promotional marketing purposes. Baker moved to approve Daikin's request, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Hergott's offer of a detailed estimate for installing a Courthouse elevator at no charge to the County was accepted.

Scott Boden recommended a steel roof for the jail with a 212 pitch. The HVAC units would have to be raised. The Courthouse roof and the need to coordinate both roofs was discussed. Hergott said Beckenhauers would provide their services for the roof project and estimated a fee of \$1500 to \$2000 up front and about 6% of the project cost if it goes forward. Cullers moved to go through Beckenhauers for the roof project at the cost estimates given and to authorize Beckenhauers to provide an estimate for the installation of an elevator at no cost, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Representatives from Arcadia, including Susan Emory and Richard Anderson, were present to discuss including Arcadia Village in Arcadia Rural Fire District. The FD would need to request more tax funding to do this and asked for Board assurance that they would get the additional funds. Accountant Chuck Abel was present and said he did not think allowing more funds to Arcadia Rural FD would affect the overall County levy. He offered to prepare a worksheet and return with it following the Board's joint meeting with the VCED Board.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director, presented her written Quarterly Report touching on some of the highlights in housing efforts, use of the sales tax fund by 18 businesses, increase in real and personal property, 48 new full-time jobs created and various other activities.

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Sevenker recessed the meeting to reconvene at the conclusion of the 12:30 noon joint meeting with the Valley County Economic Development Board at the NRD Office, as advertised. At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Sevenker reconvened the Board of Supervisors' meeting with all County Board members present.

Accountant Abel provided a worksheet indicating that, based on last years values, increased funding for the Arcadia Rural FD should not affect the overall County levy. Van Slyke will inform Arcadia Village and the Rural FD that it appears funding would be available.

Bethanne Kunz presented a written Quarterly Report for the County Visitors Bureau. The travel guide developed in conjunction with Garfield County was distributed and a \$5000 grant was received to help market it. Receipts and expenses were listed and the unanimous recommendation of the Visitors Committee that the contract between the Chamber and the County continue. The Clerk's report of Lodging Tax Receipts and Expenditures for May was also presented.

The proposed Agreement Between Valley County, Nebraska and The Ord Area Chamber of Commerce was presented with essentially no changes and at the same \$4500 fee. Said agreement was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz reported that the Lodging Tax Committee will turn in a line item budget in June and that she will begin sending a meeting agenda and minutes to the County Board as she has discovered it is a requirement of the by-laws.

Kunz also spoke regarding agenda item 10F, stating that a donor has offered to pay for a clock on the Courthouse square. A picture of the proposed clock was provided. Installation would involve running wiring and conduit and pouring a foundation, all of which could be done at the time the sidewalks are replaced. There would be no cost to the County. The proposed location is the NW corner of the Courthouse lawn. A time capsule was also discussed. Baker moved to allow placement of the clock in the NW corner of the Courthouse lawn, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The NACO sponsored BCBS Health Insurance Plan is due to be renewed effective July 1, 2007. The renewal application is due by June 1. Rates will go up 8.46% effective July 1. Following discussion, Baker moved to continue the health insurance plan at the new rates without change to coverage or deductible amounts, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Valley County Audit prepared by Dana F. Cole & Co., LLP was presented and discussed. The bid for the audit was \$5950, however, \$8700 was billed. The auditors were contacted, but were unable to attend this meeting. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

All claims having been signed by the designated Board members and the May Claims & Balances Report reviewed, Cullers moved to approve May Claims and authorize the Chairman to sign the Fund Request, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney, Glenn Clark, approved the response letter to NDOR regarding the Intent to Apply Form, Transportation Enhancement Program, stating that the form did not come from the County. Clark presented information on the Safety Training Option Program (STOP). He advised the Board that the County has no involvement in water runoff problems between landowners. He also advised that the 1985 resolution regarding Road Bill Collection should be updated to require County Board authorization before court action is taken on an uncollected bill.

Cullers presented a written report as the County Rep. on the Region 3 Board.

Supervisor Baker left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Vogeler moved to go into Wozab Fund Board, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The NCF Inc. letter regarding the new administrative fee schedule was discussed. The quarterly Membership Fee raised to \$100. Also discussed was the amendment which changes the designated fund from the Valley County Foundation Fund to the John & Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund, notes that the Fund Advisory Committee will be made up of the members of the Valley County Board of Supervisors and the County is responsible for only the Wozab Memorial Fund. The First Amendment to the Designated Fund Agreement between the NCF, Inc. and Valley County was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to approve paying Wozab Memorial Fund expenses from the Wozab Memorial Fund, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Waldmann, Cullers, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Cetak moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Mail Folder items available for review: VC Health System Foundation Annual Report 2007, Loup Basin \$C&D Council packet, American Funds Semi-annual Report, Nebr. Economic Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Fund Advisory Committee and 1:00 p.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 29 meeting and an agenda for the June 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