

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session to consider the 2007-2008 budget and subdivision levy authorization requests at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Sevenker, Cetak, Vogeler and Waldmann present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Law was posted and copies available for the public.

Accountant, Chuck Abel, provided information regarding the subdivision levy authorization requests, explained the procedure used to fund the township libraries and noted that no taxing district is to exceed \$.50 per \$100 valuation.

Present to discuss their requests were: Ron Wolf, Twin Loups Reclamation Dist.; Terry Christensen, Loup Valley Ag Society; Rolland Cronk, Custodian; Pam Arnold, Assessor; Janet Suminski, Treasurer; Larry Ronzzo, Sheriff; Max Leth, Road Supt.; Jenette Lindsey, Clerk.

Subdivision requests were discussed first. Twin Loups' request is the same as it has been for a number of years, \$31,392. The Ag Society request is \$2500 higher than last year as they are looking at replacing doors and a furnace.

Discussion was held regarding restricted funds, projected revenue, Interlocal Agreements and the ability of the subdivisions to override the levy authority authorized by the County. It was also noted that a subdivision bond does not affect the County Levy.

The County Office/Dept. budgets were discussed. Proposed raises for County employees were based in part on the increase in health insurance costs. A lease/purchase was discussed for a new motor grader. Building & Grounds budget request does not include the cost of roof repairs/replacement for the courthouse and jail. Jail costs and revenue were discussed, including the lack of state reimbursement.

Since it was agreed that a motor grader would likely be purchased through a lease agreement, Vogeler moved to reduce the Road budget request from \$100,000 to \$50,000 in the capital outlay line item 5-0307 Motor Graders, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Veterans' Service Office budget request was discussed. The request included a salary increase from \$5000 to \$9000 and the addition of part-time office help for \$3536. Baker presented information regarding VSO budgets in other counties and noted that he was informed that Valley County VSO Smith has been very active in helping veterans. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of a report to the County Board by VSO Smith documenting his activities and expenses. Following discussion, Cullers moved to increase the VSO salary from \$5000 to \$7000 per year, seconded by Cetak. Carried by tie breaking vote of Chairman. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Waldmann, Sevenker. No: Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler. Absent: none. Vogeler moved to reduce the VSO budget request by \$3536 from line item 1-0405 part time clerical, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Cetak. No: Van Slyke. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding the Assessor's request to budget \$16,000 in Misc. General for the GIS mapping system demonstrated to the Board by Mitch Clark. Following discussion, it was agreed that more information regarding the system was needed and this amount should be cut from this year's budget and reviewed again next year. Vogeler moved to cut the \$16,000 request in Misc. General line item 2-1100 data processing costs, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m., to reconvene on August 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 13 meeting and the agenda for the August 14 meeting are available for public 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 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.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk