

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Baker, Cetak and Van Slyke present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted. Minutes of the July 31 meeting, included in the Board's packets, were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the open meetings act and available copies for the public. No public comment offered.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, General Adm. of the Housing Down Payment Assistance Grant, presented items for Board approval. Down payment assistance of \$8500 was approved for applicant #VC-03-DPA on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Housing rehab costs of \$5000 for applicant #VC-01-HR was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Community Development Services' Invoices of \$200 for lead based paint testing for applicant #VC-03-DPA and \$1330 for Housing Adm. Services were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Miller & Associates' Invoice No. 070592 for General Adm. in the amount of \$1200 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The \$14,579 Request For CDBG Funds for Project Activity was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The \$1200 Request For CDBG Funds for Activity 0181 (Gen. Adm.) for Miller & Assoc. was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion included: the grant period ends Aug. 2008 and the state will retain remaining funds, possible request for extension, working on new marketing ideas, CDS and M&A will receive their allotted fee regardless of how many applicants are processed.

Resolution 07-15, approving the County's participation in the Hazard Elimination Program to provide horizontal curve warning signage at no cost to the County, was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Grader blade bid letting was set for Sept. 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: Project 246B, replace cattle pass, should be done this week; made 2 windrows of asphalt, will patch Loup City Road and Ashton Road, will start overlay on south end of Loup City Road, a third windrow will be needed for maintenance; ordered cutting teeth and will cut again as in the past; remaining air conditioners will be taken to auction; will attend FEMA meeting in Ord regarding flood damage reimbursement. Discussion included: mowing concrete at ethanol plant, various drainage complaints, road south and west of Gretskey's is a mail route so receives more gravel. Following discussion, the Board approved the installation of a north-south culvert at the intersection east of Edghills on the west side of the road to Dean Nelson's home on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

A recess was called at 10:05 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report, showing a General Fund balance of \$103,819.23 (includes courthouse bond balance of \$20,693), road allocations for July \$46,650 and Inheritance Tax Fund balance of \$846,628.90. Pathway Bank pledged security of \$175,000 through Federal Home Loan Bank with a maturity date of 1/25/2011. The Misc. Receipts folder is available for review.

Clerk Lindsey presented July Fee Reports for District Court and County Clerk. She also reported regarding the two computers that were replaced in her office and the two from the Assessor's office. One of the Assessor's computers is now being used by Custodian Cronk. Central Computer Services will charge \$30 per computer to remove the information contained on them so that they can be offered for sale. The Board directed that the 3 remaining computers be placed in a public area of the Courthouse, marked for sale to the highest bidder over \$30, with the notation that the purchase price would be used to remove the contents before the buyer take's possession.

Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, presented Resolution 07-16 approving the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Application made by Region 26 on behalf of the county's first responders. Beland noted that she is in contact with local fire dept., EMT's, Law Enforcement and others in each county represented by Region 26 in order to determine their needs. The state requires that a resolution approving the application be adopted by each county. Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to approve Resolution 07-16, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann,

Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Region 26 costs assessed to the county were discussed. Costs are based on usage, population and valuation. The Supervisors were invited to visit the Region 26 center in Taylor.

Beland presented information on a Table Top Exercise on mass vaccination procedures which is to be held in cooperation with the Loup Basin Public Health Dept. at the Ord Ag Complex in October. This will be a "by invitation only" exercise to review and update the plan and make sure it is workable. She also noted that a FEMA meeting to discuss application for damage reimbursement is to be held in Ord on August 16.

BCBS Representative Gary Streeks was on the agenda but did not appear.

At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting was recessed in order to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting. At 11:25 the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

Courtyard maintenance was discussed, particularly the vegetation growth over the new windows. It was decided that the Building & Grounds Committee would meet on this issue.

The letter from Linda Studnicka regarding the ash receptacles allotted to the Courthouse was discussed. Sevenker called Studnicka to clarify that the County is to receive 5 receptacles at no cost. Following discussion it was determined that 4 would be used, one at the east entrance, one at the west entrance and one by each of the two trash receptacles the County has purchased. Trash and ash receptacles would be placed by the south bench on the west side and the east bench on the north side.

Following discussion of the Region 3 Emergency Protective Custody agreement, said agreement was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The match request in the amount of \$8495.81 for Region 3 was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The following items were presented for Board review: copies of the completed Certification of Irrigated Acres from Lower Loup NRD, the Current Expenditures Summary for July 31, 2007, NCF Quarterly Financial Reports for the Valley County Foundation Fund and the John & Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund.

There was no County Attorney report as he was unable to attend.

At 12:15 p.m. a lunch recess was called until 1:00 p.m., at 1:05 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

Accountant Abel presented information which includes the Assessor's updated valuation and changes made to the budget requests at last night's meeting. Abel noted that his figures are based on a conservative revenue estimate and expenditure of everything that is budgeted. The Board felt an additional \$40,000 should cut from the requests.

Discussion included: cost of the new sidewalks, purchase of motor grader, possibility of LVRPP grant, use of Inheritance Tax funds, bonds are not included in levy limit.

The Ambulance and Civil Defense budget requests were reviewed.

Sevenker called Weed Supt. Kaminski regarding \$5000 he had budgeted for Misc. Labor and \$3000 for chemicals. Kaminski said the \$5000 was in case the County had to pay for spraying someone's property and put a lien on the property and the chemicals were for the Road Dept. Leth was called and indicated he did not need the chemicals. Vogeler moved to cut the Weed Budget requests in line item 2-2545 in the amount of \$5000 and line item 3-0102 in the amount of \$3000, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning & Zoning Admin. Glaubke was called and agreed to appear to discuss her budget request. The budgeted \$5000 Attorney Fees has been used to pay some of the costs in the Schauers lawsuit and is there as a precaution. Glaubke has no problem with cutting the \$5000 if the Board chooses. Vogeler moved to cut the Planning & Zoning budget request of \$5000 in line item 2-2400 Attorney Fees, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk noted that Election Systems and Software, providers of the voter registration and election system hardware and software, have indicated they are raising prices but have not said how much. Election costs will have to be paid from other County funds if the Election budget is not sufficient.

District Court, County Court and Extension Agent budget requests were discussed.

Subdivision requests were discussed. Cullers moved to approve the subdivision levy authority requests as presented, with the exception of the Valley County Airport approved at \$30,000 General and \$36,000 Bond and the townships approved at the dollar amount requested with levy authority to be determined according to the accountant's limit calculations, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. As required by statute, a resolution will be presented at the next meeting to formally set the subdivision levy authority.

Baker moved to set the budget hearings on September 11, 2007, the Budget Hearing at 10:30 a.m. and the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

There were no committee reports.

Mail Folder items available for review: CNCS Newsletter, American Funds, NIRMA Interchange, Ord Family Furniture, Nebraska machinery, Chamber Newsletter, Economic Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m., to reconvene on August 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 14 meeting and the agenda for the August 28 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization met on August 14, 2007 at 11:10 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. The meeting was advertised and an agenda posted. A copy of the minutes of the July 31, 2007 meeting were in the Board packets and were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted and public copies are available. There was no public comment. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

A Tax List Correction for Richard Beran was presented due to receipt of a letter from the State Tax Commissioner indicating the 2005 household income exceeds the statutory limit for homestead exemption. The applicant has 30 days to appeal this ruling to the Nebr. Dept. of Revenue. Vogeler moved to approve the correction for Richard Beran, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Two Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption were presented; both were unable to meet the requirement of owning and occupying the property through August 15. Cullers moved to accept the rejection of homestead exemption for Adeline M. Adamek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The rejection of homestead exemption for Douglas L. Benson was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on August 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if necessary. Complete minutes of the August 14 meeting and the agenda for the August 28 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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