

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Van Slyke, Baker, Vogeler, Cetak, Sevenker, and Waldmann present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the August 13, 2007 budget meeting and August 14, 2007 regular meeting, mailed to each Board member, were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt today's agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Posting of the Open Meetings Act and availability of public copies were noted.

Ord City Utilities Supt., Paul Markowski, was given permission to install temporary lights on the Courthouse lawn during the 16 to 23 week wait for the new permanent light poles on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

In the absence of Road Secretary Simpson, Road Supt. Leth gave the August Road Claims and Balances Report. August Road expenditures totaled \$74,738.07 with the larger expenses being fuel, gravel, asphalt and tire repair.

Alex Straatman, Aide to Congressman Smith, appeared to inform the Board of the Congressman's outreach program. Straatman will be available to meet with local citizens in the Courthouse today from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This had been done in 16 counties so far and the plan is to provide this access in each county 2 or 3 times per year.

Easements 07-274 and 07-275 for John McCarville to install electric wiring and water pipes were recommended for approval by Leth and were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported: gravel washed off and minor shoulder repair needed after last week's rain; met with FEMA last week and learned that they do not pay on Federal Aid roads which is where the County's major expense occurred due to slides, could possibly apply for Federal Highway Disaster funds but could take 3 or 4 years to receive reimbursement, he will do more research on this; overlay on Loup City road rained out last week, left windrow on edge of road marked with lights and illuminated cones and completed project yesterday; 2 more windrows will be needed; will begin armor coating tomorrow; took remaining 8 used Courthouse air conditioners to auction; removed Courthouse benches, salvaged 2 or 3, remaining pieces at yard, 2 were given to Carp & Crow.

Further discussion included: working on list of road ditches being farmed and fences in County ROW and will present to Board when finished, letter to be sent by County Attorney; Leth will look at request of Gary Cadek for culvert; the culvert discussed at the last meeting cannot be installed 36' deep due to location of cable serving Region 26 tower.

Larry Schrage gave the monthly Hospital report. Subject to state approval, the name of the nursing home has been changed to Valley View Living Center. Statistical trend is down for first month of fiscal year for both budget and expenses. Following survey and interviews, decision has been made to go forward with the capital fund raising campaign for expansion. Copies of feasibility and debt capacity study are available. Schrage noted his primary concern is quality health care service to the area and he feels it is his job to promote what he believes is best for the future of the community based on his knowledge and experience. Technical improvements made include automated pharmacy system and computerized radiography. Parking lot was overlaid at cost of \$13,000. Following the 10:00 a.m. public hearing, further discussion was held with Schrage. The possibility of changing from county to district hospital was discussed. It was agreed that the only control the County Board has with regard to the Hospital is the appointment of the Hospital Board of Trustees.

At 10:05 a.m. the Public Hearing for Subdivision Regulations was opened. Consultant Orval Stahr and Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Glaubke were present. No public testimony was offered. The proposed Subdivision Regulations were drafted by Stahr and reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's written recommendation of approval was presented. Stahr noted the proposed regulations would apply to subdivisions of less than 10 acres and provide a method by which the County can be sure streets, roads, drainage and other issues requiring County maintenance meet requirements. Because many subdivision requests are for the purpose of providing a home site for a son or daughter on the family farm, the regulations allow a minor subdivision (1 lot meeting certain criteria) to be made without going before both the Planning Commission and the County Board. Glaubke will review these requests and, if requirements are met, the County Board Chairperson can sign approval on behalf of the Board. Stahr also noted that the regulations can be amended or rescinded in the future if necessary. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m. Resolution 07-17, adopting the proposed subdivision regulations, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Filing fees were discussed: none charged at this time, Glaubke will bring recommendation to the Board at a later date.

Glaubke also appeared to request County support for the Valley County Economic Development Board's application for a BECA Grant to continue the project designed to help provide information and incentives to draw local graduates back to the area. The grant has been applied for through Ord City who will administer the funds, however, the support of a second government entity is required. No funds would be required from the County. Cullers moved to support the VCED's application for the BECA Grant through the City of Ord, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Cullers presented the order for Courthouse benches and trash receptacles and noted it could take 60-75 days to receive them and storage space may need to be found if they cannot be installed when received. The Board approved sending in the order now.

A recess was called at 10:45 a.m., the meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all Board members present.

Budget cuts noted from last meeting were reviewed and approved. Resolution 07-18, setting the final levy allocation for requesting subdivisions, was reviewed and approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:05 a.m. bids for the repair or replacement of the Courthouse and Jail roofs were opened and read by Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction. Western Roofing Co. of Norfolk bid \$82,674 on Courthouse roof, \$18,563 on jail and \$101,237 for both with a completion date of December 14, 2007. Hackel Construction bid \$121,441 on Courthouse roof with an additional \$24,497 depending upon required method, \$22,600 on jail roof with additional \$4,810 depending upon required method and \$144,041 for both with a completion date 90 days from contract. Hackel also bid \$5000 for the general trades portion. The Board approved Hergott's recommendation that he take the bids under review and report back to the Board at their Sept. 11 meeting. He will also report on the fees required by Beckenhauer Const. and may have a report on status of elevator grant options.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board of Supervisor's meeting recessed to convene as Board of Equalization. At 11:25 the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

BCBS Rep. Gary Streeks spoke regarding the advantages of the NACO sponsored BCBS health insurance plan. The last four years saw a legitimate 5% premium increase each year, however, this year the increase was originally 17.14% and NACO was able to buy down the increase to 8.46%. Streeks said 73 of the 93 Nebraska counties participate in this plan. The \$250 deductible plan was eliminated, out-of-pocket maximum was increased as well as out-of-network costs. The \$750 and \$1500 deductible plans were added. He noted they offer a plan similar to a partially self-funded plan and it is properly funded. He cautioned the Board to be careful when looking at this type of plan offered by others.

The August Claims & Balances Report and the list of August Claims were reviewed. August Claims and the August Fund Request were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were noted: June 2007 Lodging Tax receipts \$1442.04; August 2007 expenses \$995; receipt of County Farm rent \$12,305; MAXIMUS letter, cost recovery statement and billing statement.

The County Office inventories were reviewed and approved by the Board on motion of Cetak, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion was held regarding the auditors' recommendations for County inventories. The Clerk was directed to provide a copy of Resolution 04-22 setting out the County's inventory policy to the County auditors, Dana Cole. A copy of this resolution and an advisory memo from the County Board is to be provided to each County office or department required to submit an inventory to the County.

The exit conference comments provided by Dana F. Cole & Co. regarding their recent audit were reviewed. The auditors asked that a member of management be appointed to oversee and understand the audit process and to prepare the required Management Discussion and Analysis portion of the final audit report. The Board would like to ask Accountant Chuck Abel to help with the MD&A and be appointed to oversee the audit. Chairman Sevenker was authorized to sign letters to Nebr. Community Foundation and the County Attorney asking that information be provided to Dana F. Cole & Co. as part of the County audit on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board was reminded of the Central District Meeting at the Fairgrounds in Minden on Sept. 20, 2007.

County Attorney Glenn Clark reported that a change in legislation regarding the operation of ATVs allows the County to pass regulations regarding their use in unincorporated areas of the County. The regulations would have to comply with state and federal law.

There were no Committee Reports and no items in the Mail Folder.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on September 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 28 meeting and an agenda for the September 11 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

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:20 a.m. on August 28, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. All Board members, the Deputy Assessor and Clerk were present. Notice of meeting was verified. Minutes of the August 14 meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the posting of the Open Meetings Act and available copies for the public. There was no public comment.

Deputy Assessor Nance presented a Tax List Correction for Doug Sedlacek due the sale of a mobile home. Said Tax List Correction was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., to reconvene on September 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if necessary. Complete minutes of the August 28 meeting and an agenda for the September 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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