

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Baker, Sevenker, and Cetak present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were included in the Board packets and approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vogeler. 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. There was no public comment.

Veterans Service Officer Smith presented his annual report: there were 506 calls/visits from veterans and veterans' widows this year, 17 grave markers were replaced at a cost of \$357, \$250 was spent in travel expenses taking veterans to Omaha and Grand Island Veterans' Hospitals, additional listed expenses totaled \$2006.63. Funds previously held by the Valley County Veterans' Board have been turned over to the County Treasurer for investment and a Veterans' Aid Fund established to provide the VCVSO access to these funds through the county claims process. These funds are to be used for Valley County Veterans. Valley County Veterans Board members are Everett Lech (Chairman), Bruce Ohme, Floyd Kallhoff, Eldon Sintek, Paul Waltmann, Walter Smith (VSO). A total of \$3264.39 in aid was provided to veterans and veterans' widows this year.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Sept. Road Claims and Balances report. Accounts payable were \$76,446.85 and payroll was \$34,802.98. Larger expenses were fuel, parts, windrow, gravel and milling tool tips. Almost half the gravel budget has been spent. Hauling costs and types of gravel were discussed.

Road Supt. Leth presented three items needing Board approval. The Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards certifies that, for FY 06-07, minimum design standards were met in construction and maintenance of roads and tax revenue expenditures were according to approved plans and regulations. The Addendum – SSAR is optional and indicates the total estimated revenue other than motor vehicle sales tax is \$1,133,010. The Road & Bridge Contract Report certifies that the County completed no contract projects costing in excess of ten thousand dollars in FY 06-07. These forms must be submitted to the state by October 1. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification, Addendum and Contract Report presented by the Road Dept., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding purchase and installation of road signs with the 911 road names and numbers. Leth gave a rough estimate of 457 signs at a cost of \$34,622 based on 9" high intensity signs. Six inch signs would be about \$6.00 per sign cheaper but he recommends the 9" for visibility. Longer road names will require larger sign. Following discussion, it was agreed that Leth will check additional suppliers for sign pricing and firm up his estimate.

County Attorney Clark was present for discussion of North Loup's request for assistance in getting the required easements for the walking trail grant. Clark will contact landowners bordering the County road for which there is no record and ask for Quit Claim Deeds so the County can give North Loup an easement for the trail. Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the easement required to complete the North Loup walking trail at such time as Clark has it prepared, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: Ord/Burwell highway project planning meeting delayed until 10/15/07; Leth feels windrow oil is not right, oil supplier is checking sample; finish armor coating S Ave. tomorrow; 39 bridges to inspect this year; started on sign inventory for the HSIP program; State lists 5 County bridges as deficient, 2 are scheduled for replacement.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the regular monthly report. August utilization was at or over budget in most areas and it was the highest gross revenue month at \$1,731,827. Discussion was held regarding the proposed new facility and the possibility of remodeling the existing facility as a long term care facility and constructing a separate hospital facility. Separate facilities would allow a higher Medicare reimbursement rate.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present.

Planning and Zoning Admin. Glaubke presented the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement approved by Arcadia, North Loup and Elyria for joint rural and urban planning between the County and the Villages. The Villages each have their own Planning and Zoning regulations and can each hire their own Administrator and appoint their own Planning Commission or enter into this cooperative agreement to appoint a representative to an area Planning Commission. The agreement is presented annually. Each participant pays a share of the Commission's budget based on population. Baker

moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke invited the Board to attend the Arcadia High School Youth Entrepreneurship Forum on September 27 from 1-3 p.m. at the Arcadia High School. The purpose is to highlight existing local entrepreneurs and available opportunities for young people in central Nebraska through speakers and tours. Schools from Ord, Sargent, Centura and North Loup were invited.

Sevenker reported receipt of an email from Brian Hergott indicating that Buster Beckenhauer would not object if the County elected to contract with Western Roofing and Tanner Hackel directly for the Courthouse and Jail Roofing Project. Following discussion Cullers moved that Vogeler contact Western Roofing and Hackel Construction to attend the October 9 Board meeting to discuss going forward with the project without a General Manager. Motion seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisors recessed to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting, reconvening at 11:15 a.m. to complete the Supervisors' meeting with all Board members present.

Receipt of the Dana F. Cole & Co. Invoice deducting the \$2750 excess charge for the FY 05-06 audit was noted.

Cullers moved that the Supervisors personally share sponsorship of a Courthouse bench, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Two benches now remain to be sponsored. The Board chose not to sponsor a specific bench.

The Clerk reported on the disposition of the surplus computers and the Board acknowledged the reminder of the Mass Dispensing Table Top Exercise on Oct. 3.

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Following discussion and review of the Claims & Balances Report and Claims List it was moved by Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler to authorize the Chairman to sign the Fund Request and to approve September Claims. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Board acknowledged \$1055.95 July Lodging Tax receipts and \$1358.85 State IV-D reimbursement for Dist. Court.

At 11:45 a.m. Cullers moved to go into executive session for discussion of a Region 3 EPC billing for protection of client confidentiality, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. At 12:05 p.m. the Board moved out of executive session on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Board took no action as a result of the executive session.

Vogeler reported on the Mid Plains meeting: Director Scott Dugan has submitted his resignation effective in 6 months and finances are in bad shape due to past mismanagement of funds.

Mail Folder items: Region 26 Agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, American Funds Semi-annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m., to reconvene on October 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the September 25 meeting and an agenda for the October 9 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 MINUTES

At 11:10 a.m. on September 25, 2007 the Valley County Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers, to move out of the Board of Supervisors meeting and into BOE. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Roll call was taken with Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. The minutes of the September 11 BOE meeting, contained in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. It was noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

A letter from Cass Construction indicates 3 items listed on their 2005 and 2006 personal property schedules, 1979 Galion Motor grader, 1805 MF for parts and salvage iron, should not have been taxed. After reviewing the depreciation schedule submitted with the letter and the property schedules, Assessor Arnold agreed the items should not be taxed. If the Board approves, a Tax List Correction form will be completed for each tax year. The 2005 taxes were paid so a \$206.38 refund will be made. The 2006 taxes were not paid so a \$143.16 adjustment would be made. Baker moved to approve the 2005 refund and 2006 adjustment for personal property tax for Cass Construction in the amounts presented by the Assessor and to authorize the Chairman to sign the resulting Tax List Corrections, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on October 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if there is business to come before the Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 25 meeting and an agenda for the October 9 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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