

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann were present. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted in Courthouse and on website. Minutes of November 13, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt agenda, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed November Road Claims noting the larger claims were for a sander, parts & labor, highway striping, chemicals, oil, fuel and gravel. Remaining in the gravel budget is \$38,498 and for fuel \$58094.

Highway Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement 07-277 for Frontier Communications for Eric Rogers' new house. Van Slyke moved to approve Easement 07-277, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Reasonable Suspicion Training Certificate received from NIRMA for Leth is for training on how to recognize and correctly deal with employee drug and alcohol use. Road employees are required to be tested randomly. Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the Certificate, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's report included: project C88234G, work on bridge on road to Don Petska's, should be completed today; NDOR setting up program with the railroads to put yield signs on all cross bucks; Courthouse benches and trash receptacles received and stored in City's Quonset. Leth met with Carl Schauer and City of Ord regarding complaint of water in his field. City will contact ethanol plant in effort to resolve, and Board advised Leth to do what he can to help.

At 9:30 a.m. the 911 Road Name Signs & Posts bid opening was held as advertised. Four bids were received based on bid specifications Leth provided. In attendance were Tim Braithwait of B's Enterprises in Norfolk, Ambrose Placzek of Midwest Service and Sales in Schuyler, and Bill Kay of KACO Supplies in Grand Island. No one attended from Newman Traffic Signs in Jamestown, North Dakota. Midwest Service bid \$28,298.70, Newman Traffic Signs bid \$25,563.67, KACO Supplies bid \$29,075.71 and B's Enterprises bid \$33,059.43. Leth recommended accepting the lowest bid. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to accept the bid of Midwest Service and Sales as they were the second lowest bid and based in Nebraska. Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the regular written, monthly hospital report, briefly reviewing the financial and volume statistics for October and YTD. Heritage building is working well and appreciated by patients and staff. They are looking for a kidney function specialist and a pain management specialist. The new dentist will be doing dental surgery at the hospital. Medicare and Medicaid payments always lag behind costs. MRI pad has been expanded to allow the truck to back right up to specialty clinic. Holiday Open House at the hospital is Dec. 17th.

Valley County Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, reported: FEMA is requiring that grant recipients hold exercises such as the exercise held in conjunction with Region 26, Garfield and Wheeler Counties on Oct. 3 regarding mass inoculation plan; state will be auditing grants; still waiting on receipt of last year's grants; still working on getting a grant for a generator for the Valley County Sheriff's communication system; appointed Scott Philbrick as additional assistant on a voluntary basis, may need to pay some mileage.

Simpson was also present for discussion of the possible merger of Ord City and Rural Fire Districts. Others present for this discussion included Ord Mayor Randy O'Brian, Larry Larkowski and Dale Zadina, Rural Fire District Board members. A press release is to be printed this week, copies were provided. Currently the Rural Fire District contracts with Ord City Fire Dept. for fire protection. The RFD also contributes toward the purchase of equipment. The merger is under consideration due to concern that the Fire Dept. is falling behind in purchase of equipment and that a merger would be more efficient. Burwell has done this and it is working well for them. The merged Fire District would be a separate entity with a Board, budget and levy and would not be tied to the City or County. Simpson said if the merger does not happen the contract price may have to be raised. A town hall meeting is planned for January.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Ronzco presented the written Fees and Activities reports for September and October and said he is working on a report to show the cost of Valley County prisoners to help in determining cost of operating the jail as

opposed to paying to house prisoners elsewhere. Discussion included planned installation of new roof this spring and possibility of having a visitation room in order to have glass between prisoners and visitors.

Discussion of Courthouse benches included: having Road Dept. install them, Clerk Lindsey and Supervisor Cullers to have sponsorship plaques printed.

At 11:00 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting recessed in order to convene as Board of Equalization. At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

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

A copy of the Memorandum from NACO Executive Director Larry Dix regarding the proposed change to the NACO Bylaws was provided in the Board packets. The proposed change deals with metropolitan county designation and would change the makeup of the NACO Board of Directors. This will be voted on at the meeting in December.

Discussion was held regarding the County's endowment fund and cash flow account with Nebr. Community Foundation. Supervisor Cullers noted that NCF will begin charging a fee for these funds so that it will not be practical to maintain them if they do not contain sufficient funds. Following discussion, it was decided that Cullers will set up a meeting with NCF on January 29 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss how these funds work. It was noted that the public needs to be made aware of the endowment fund and the possibility of holding an open house in the Courthouse with guided tours and refreshments was discussed.

Discussed annual recognition dinner for County Officials and employees as authorized in Nebr. Statute 13-2203. Board felt Officials and employees would appreciate a dinner and it should be held at a different establishment in the County each year. Van Slyke will check on availability of the Arcadia American Legion in February.

County Attorney Clark reported that he has filed an answer to the Susan Schauer TERC appeal and is awaiting response. The Board asked that he pursue legal action seeking reimbursement of the County's expense caused by the Neelam Bhardwaj lawsuit since she was not employed by the County. EPC charges were also discussed, with Clark noting that the legislature needs to address this issue and that insurance will not pay because it is not voluntary on the part of the insured.

CNEDD Annual Meeting Dinner invitation was discussed. No Board members are able to attend.

There were no Committee reports.

The following Mail Folder items were available: T. Lowenstein Legislative Bulletin, American Fund Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session.

Complete minutes of the November 27 meeting and an agenda for the December 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:00 a.m. on November 27, 2007, the Valley County Board of Equalization convened as advertised. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann were present. Assessor and Clerk were also present. The Clerk verified publishing notice of meeting and posting agenda. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 BOE meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act with public copies available. There was no public comment.

A Tax List Correction for Phyllis M. Albert, based on the State Tax Commissioners notice that the exemption should be 55% instead of 100%, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Tax List Corrections for Douglas & Amy Baker #3713, Ord Cosmetic & Family Dentistry #3714 and William & Pamela Schwensen #3715 are necessary to void the corrections previously approved because the taxes were rolled over to the Treasurer in error. Tax List Corrections #3713, #3714 and #3715 were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m., to reconvene on December 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of the November 27 meeting and an agenda for the December 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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