

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 27, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Cullers, Van Slyke, and Waldmann present, Baker absent due to illness. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of December 11, 2007 meeting were inadvertently left out of the Board packets so a few moments were taken to review them, after which they were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

In the absence of Road Secretary Simpson, Leth presented the written December Road Claims & Balances Report, noting that fuel costs for the month totaled \$14,956.65. Payroll totaled \$34,206.64 and Accounts Payable totaled \$25,065.79. Discussion was held regarding locking in fuel prices at beginning of FY, Leth noted it does not work very well as there are too many variables and you have to guarantee to use a certain amount. He bids it each month to all suppliers to get best price.

Following discussion, Waldmann moved to approve the disbursement of December payroll checks on Friday, Dec. 28 rather than Monday, Dec. 31, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: Vogeler. Absent: Baker.

Billing statement from Midwest Service & Sales Co. for 911 sign posts in the amount of \$12,718.38 and from the Quiz for advertisement of the bid for 911 road signs in the amount of \$28.55 were presented. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve payment of the 911 road signs and the cost of bid advertising from the Inheritance Tax Fund, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Leth will be receiving 10 additional Valley County 911 road maps from the State Road Dept. at no charge, he will keep one and leave the remaining 9 with the Clerk. The Road Dept. is putting in the 911 sign anchors, going faster than expected. The 911 road signs should arrive the first or second week of January, will concentrate on main roads first. Grader blades received yesterday. Leth applied for nationwide Corps of Engineers permit for bridges as it is a requirement and is only good for 2 years. He will be attending a 3 day bridge inspection refresher course. Board of Classifications and Standards is revoking highway allocations for those who fail to submit required paperwork or whose roads do not meet required design standards. Leth indicated all Valley County roads meet design standards. Still working on submission of application for free curve signs, should be submitted right after first of the year. At Leth's request, Vogeler moved that a motor grader bid letting be set for January 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Sevenker recognized Schrage for presentation of the regular monthly report for the Hospital, agenda item 7C, while awaiting the arrival of Joe Wadas, agenda item 7B. Schrage presented the regular written report and discussed the statistical and financial information on pages 7 and 8, noting that November met expectations in both categories. Physician recruitment was discussed and Schrage noted they are using Bryan LGH and Merrit Hawkins to aid in recruiting and hope to begin interviewing in February. Schrage noted the current staff is able to provide service to existing patient base, but lack of additional physician does not allow exploration of growth opportunities. A locum comes in every other week to provide time off for Dr. Bengston. Hospital employee salary increases will be based on performance rather than a fixed rate. Schrage invited the County Board to the January 16<sup>th</sup> Hospital Board meeting where they plan to interview 2 architects with regard to future plans for the Hospital. He said no project will go forward unless is found to be financially feasible. Discussion included advantages of not having long term care facility attached to hospital and importance of public support.

Custodian Rolland Cronk and Joe Wadas of Wadas Inc. appeared to discuss concerns regarding the new heating and cooling system for the Courthouse. Wadas indicated there have been problems in heating some areas of the Courthouse and that he has discovered that the mechanical room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor needs to be kept at a temperature of at least 25 degrees in order to function properly. He also said he was given the wrong formula for the refrigerant and that has been corrected. They drained all refrigerant to check for leaks and found there were none. There is a problem with snow getting into the sensor through the louvers on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor which prevents the heat element from coming on. He suggested the Board write a letter to Brian Hergott of Beckenhauers and ask for advice from the project engineer to address this problem. Despite their efforts, some units are still blowing cold air. He plans to provide thermometers to each office to check the temperature of the blown air and check sheets to note problems. The

manufacturer will not come out to look at the system unless they are sure it is not caused by something that has been done locally, so he is having to provide them with a lot of documentation. Wadas said there is a year warranty on the system from the confirmed completion date in March or April, parts have a longer guarantee. Sevenker will draft a letter to Hergott and email it to the Clerk who will mail it with a copy to Wadas. Cronk reported that during the summer months he routinely turned off units to unused portions of the Courthouse, but during the cold weather he has not turned them off. He has been changing or cleaning filters as needed. Most of the office units have filters that can be cleaned. The air handlers and the units on the jail roof do not have light indicators for filter changes but have to be manually inspected. The jail kitchen unit filter requires attention about every two weeks. Cronk estimated savings of \$600 and \$300 the first two months when compared with 2005 bills, but noted it is difficult to compare when we are now heating entire Courthouse and were not with old system. Wadas said that the NPPD monitoring system should provide information that, with some study and research, will give a good comparison of costs.

Mike Boden of National Insurance Services presented information on a group vision plan that they can offer to individual County employees that can be paid through payroll withholding. He also noted that they work with First Concord in presenting information regarding the County's flex plan and assisting in employee enrollment in the plan. They also offer plans similar to what AFLAC currently offers to Valley County employees. The enrollment deadline for the County's flex plan is February 1. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to allow Boden to present the vision plan to County employees and review the existing flex benefit plan, assisting in employee enrollment in the flex plan, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Boden indicated he would plan to return the third week in January to meet with employees and that he would be in contact with the Clerk.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Month End Fund Report for November. She noted that, by statute, fines are required to be distributed to the schools, which she does twice each year. Monthly receipts included \$16,925.47 to General, Highway allocation of \$45,697.65, \$506.83 each in the Visitor Promotion and Improvement Funds, \$13,387.56 in Inheritance Tax Fund. A total of \$258,000 was collected in November. Resolution 07-25 was presented for Board consideration to approve the depositories for County funds and the investment of County funds. Vogeler moved to approve Resolution 07-25, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion was held regarding information received from Region 26 on costs of 911 road maps through GeoComm. Costs were based on the purchase of 4 maps and would be higher if fewer maps were ordered. A laminated 24X24 map would cost \$46.75, a larger map would be \$50.75, not laminated 24X24 would be \$23.37, larger not laminated map would be \$27.37. Following discussion, the Board indicated they were not interested at that price.

Agenda item 8B should have been listed as a Wozab Committee topic and will be included on the next agenda under that heading.

The letter to the Fire Marshall indicating the Boards commitment to a five year plan for the installation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor exit, fire sprinkler system and elevator in the Courthouse was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Clerk is to mail letter to Fire Marshall with a copy to Laurie Hansen of CNEDD.

Van Slyke reported that the Arcadia Legion agreed to provide chicken and prime rib at a cost of \$10.00 per person for the County Recognition dinner to be held Feb. 9. The Legion is to contact the County Clerk who will be notifying the employees of the date, time and cost of the dinner. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend but will have to pay their own costs as the County can only pay the dinner cost for employees. The Board agreed that costs of the dinner should come from the Inheritance Tax Fund.

Notice from NIRMA of the opportunity to change the Courthouse liability insurance from replacement to reproduction was discussed. Sevenker will get more information regarding this and report at the next meeting.

Receipt of the FSA letter, map and split information regarding the airport land purchase was noted.

Following discussion, it was decided that Chairman Sevenker will be listed as the Board member from Valley County who will plan to attend the NACO Institute of Excellence in February. Helen Cullers will be the alternate.

The Board reviewed the Claims & Balances Report and Claims List. Cetak moved to approve December claims and the December Fund Request, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Property tax notices for Valley County owned property were noted.

A 2008 Holiday Schedule from the Nebraska Supreme Court website was provided for Board consideration. Discussion was held with regard to including Martin Luther King Day as a Valley County holiday. Treasurer Suminski presented information indicating only 4 counties were not observing it. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the 2008 Supreme Court Holiday Schedule for Valley County, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

There was no report from the County Attorney and no Committee Reports.

Mail folder items available for review: VCED meeting re: Open Meetings Law; NDEQ grant info; Christmas greetings – LB RC&D, Miller & Assoc., Olsson Assoc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on January 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 27 meeting and an agenda for the January 8 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