

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Sevenker, Cullers, Cetak, and Baker present. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson was held. Waldmann nominated Sevenker to continue as Chairperson, seconded by Cetak. Following discussion, Waldmann amended his motion to include nomination of Cullers to continue as Vice Chairperson and Cetak seconded the amended motion. Sevenker called for nominations 3 times, none were offered. Cullers noted that she has no desire to serve as Chairperson and suggested that another Board member that did desire the Chair position should be nominated as Vice Chair. No further nominations were offered. Waldmann's amended motion carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. Abstain due to nomination: Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of December 27, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler moved to approve agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of refunds for Easements 06-260 for Zabloudil & Peters and 06-261 for Jay A. Knapp. Baker moved to approve refunding Easements 06-260 and 06-261, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth presented a Certification of Compliance which requires his signature as well as the signature of the Board Chairperson to verify that the County is in compliance with installation and maintenance of bridge signage materials which the County received free of charge through a Federal Hazard Elimination Program. Leth indicated that the signs were properly installed and that his department would maintain them as required. Cullers moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification of Compliance, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Application for curve signage under this program is completed.

Resolution 08-01, authorizing the Highway Supt. to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to a County Highway when conditions are such that operation on a certain highway will seriously damage or destroy said highway, was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth gave his general report, noting receipt of information from Nebr. Salt and Grain that they are now the distributor for a product called "Ice Slicker" which is used in place of salt on icy roads. It is mined in Utah and currently used in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. It's abrasion on steel is only 30% compared to regular salt at 100%. It is red in color, environmentally friendly and said to last through 3 snows. It is more expensive than regular salt at \$160 per ton compared to \$38 per ton for salt, however, if it lasts through 3 snows the cost difference would be less. Following further research into the product, Leth would like to discuss the possibility of splitting an order of this product with Ord City. Discussion was held on the need for an additional sanding vehicle, the County presently has 2 and it takes more than half a day to salt all oiled County roads. Leth advised that, rather than purchasing an additional vehicle, a sander could be purchased and installed on an existing vehicle for about \$7000. Vogeler noted roads down south are thin on gravel. Leth said hauling gravel now would make them worse so will have to wait until spring. About half of the anchor posts for the 911 road signs are installed. Road signs will be here next week and will take at least a year to get all signs up. Midwest Sales and Service will honor the bid price for a year if additional posts, hardware or signs are needed. Leth noted that the Nebr. Machinery representative had delivered a motor grader to the County Shop for the County's consideration and invited the Board members to look at it after the meeting.

County Attorney Clark had a court appointment in Burwell so agenda items that might require his input were heard at this time: agenda items 10B Lease of local HHS Office, 10G Open Meetings Act and 11A his General Report.

Discussion of the lease with Dr. McCartney for the local HHS Office included: County pays rent and utilities and is reimbursed with federal funds through the state for about half of these direct costs; possibility of receiving financial support from Greeley, Garfield, Wheeler and Loup counties who are served by this office but pay none of the operating costs; McCartney feels he should not be responsible for snow removal and upkeep of the office and has not indicated the amount of rent he will require for the new lease. Attorney Clark will visit with Dr. McCartney and Ann Kawada of the Broken Bow office, gather information regarding this issue and report to the Board at their next meeting.

The Open Meetings Act with regard to the County Board's designation of their requirements for meeting notice was discussed. The Clerk suggested, based on a presentation at the NACO Conference by Attorney Robert Brenner, the Board either make a motion or pass a resolution regarding their requirements for meeting notice. She also suggested that meeting notice requirement be changed from 10 to 7 days to facilitate publication in the Ord Quiz, which is printed once a week. Attorney Clark noted the statute requires reasonable notice and felt 7 days would be reasonable notice. Clark advised that the Board pass a resolution each January as part of their organizational duties that covers meeting notice requirements, appointment of Weed Supt., Jail Admn., Road Supt., Emergency Manager, various committees, agency representatives, official newspaper and any other annual duties that could be included. Clark will present a sample resolution at the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

County Attorney Clark had no General Report.

The December Fee Reports for the Clerk and District Court were reviewed as well as the receipt of \$1017.63 in IV-D Quarterly reimbursement for District Court. A report of Ambulance accounts receivable balances from when the County collected the fees shows 3 accounts remain due, one of which pays a small amount each month.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Sevenker reported speaking with Larry Pelan regarding NIRMA's offer of a policy change endorsement from replacement cost coverage to reproduction cost coverage, and found that the courthouse/jail is currently insured at a replacement cost value of \$3,855,500 with an annual premium of \$5,800. Reproduction cost could increase the premium by 25% to 50% but Pelan felt it would be closer to 25%. A 30% increase in insured value would increase the premium to \$7,540. NIRMA will conduct appraisals of all member counties at no cost to the counties but it will take some time. Pelan felt counties expressing interest in the reproduction coverage would be appraised first. The Board could hire their own appraiser at an estimated cost around \$2000. Following discussion, the Clerk was directed to notify NIRMA of their interest in the reproduction cost coverage but will wait for NIRMA to provide the appraisal.

Discussion was held regarding the County Recognition Dinner on February 9 at the Arcadia Legion: social hour will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The law does not allow the County to pay for anyone other than employees so spouses and guests will pay for their own meal, however, the cost is only \$10 per person. The Clerk's Office will send notice to all employees and provide the Arcadia Legion with numbers and menu choices.

NIRMA's request for information regarding use of local coffee shops in each county for celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was discussed and the Clerk was directed to inquire if different coffee shops could be designated since they are planning to be in each county 4 days.

Cetak moved to approve the bond for Mervin Hornickel, Director/Treasurer of Twin Loups Reclamation District, Cullers seconded. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

At request of Scott Brady, Waldmann moved to approve reappointment of Janie Zadina to the Extension Board, Cullers seconded. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vogeler, seconded by Baker that the County will not offer the "take care Debit Card" as part of the county's Cafeteria Plan. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Committee appointments for 2008 were discussed. Supervisor Baker will be added to the Claims Committee and the Ord Family Health Center and Dr. Bengston will be appointed County Physician since Dr. Hagge has moved.

Informational items presented include October Lodging Tax receipts \$657.63, December expenses \$1125.00 and the Current Expenditures Summary Report for December 2007.

Meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. to conduct the BOE meeting and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Under Committee reports, Sevenker noted that the VCED is sponsoring an Open Meetings Law Workshop on January 15<sup>th</sup> and their regular meeting is next week.

Wozab Fund Advisory Committee approved the request of Stan Soper to honor the 2006 pledge of \$2500 on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. They also approved the wording "John & Alyce Wozab generous contributors to Valley County" for the Wozab sponsored light pole and agreed that the Wozab Fund would not sponsor a Courthouse bench at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene on January 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the January 8 meeting and an agenda for the January 29 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 Valley County Board of Equalization met in regular session at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the last BOE meeting held on November 27, 2007 and included in the Board packets were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the posting of the Open Meetings Act and available copies. There was no public comment. Assessor Arnold, Treasurer Suminski and Clerk Lindsey were present.

Suminski presented Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Applications for Bethel Baptist Church, St Johns Lutheran Church, Loup Basin RC&D Council, Heartland Assembly of God Church and Mid Nebraska Individual Services, noting that Seventh Day Baptist Church withdrew their application as they no longer owned the vehicle. Suminski reviewed the vehicle use listed on each application and recommended approval of all of them. Vogeler moved to approve the applications for Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption that were presented, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Arnold presented Tax List Correction #3716 for James & Mary K. Novotny and #3717 for Glenn & Marilou Dockhorn. The correction was necessary because the Assessor was not aware that Dockhorn retained a 5.06 acre tract and out buildings at time of sale to Novotny. Tax List Corrections 3716 and 3717 were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Arnold also notified the Board that because Enterprise Township had more parcels, the budgeted amount for reappraisal will be over by about \$1000. The reappraisal should be finished next year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene as needed following required meeting notice. Complete minutes of the January 8 meeting and an agenda for any properly advertised future meetings are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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