

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2008 in the Courthouse Boardroom for the purpose of interviewing an applicant for the Valley County Sheriff vacancy. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Vogeler, Waldmann were present, Van Slyke was absent. Van Slyke's absence was excused. Clerk verified meeting notice was announced on the radio and posted in the Courthouse, Ord City Office and the Ord Post Office. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cullers. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act with public copies available. There was no public comment.

Applicant Steven E. McLeish was present as was current acting Valley County Sheriff, Gary Walker. Chairman Sevenker introduced the Board members to McLeish and asked if McLeish would prefer the interview to be conducted in open or closed session. McLeish had no preference either way. McLeish reviewed his previous employment as listed in his resume. He is currently employed as Marshall of the Village of Fairmont and was Chief of Police in Schuyler from 1999 to 2002. His reason for applying for this vacancy is because Fairmont is small and there is not enough to do, although he noted that he is well paid for what he does. He would like to serve in a larger community at least until he is closer to retirement age. He currently works 42-44 hours per week and carries a cell phone and pager. He is aware of the current Valley County Sheriff's salary of \$34,500 for 2008, 35,500 for 2009 and \$36,500 for 2010 and the additional Jail Administrator pay of \$5400 per year. He asked if the \$5400 would continue to be paid if Valley County did away with the jail and the Board said the \$5400 would probably not be paid if there were no jail. McLeish noted that as part of his research before applying for the position, he searched the records and could find no Uniform Crime Reports for Valley County after 2001. He thought it was mandatory that reports be filed. When asked, he noted that he enjoys working with young people and has served as a school resource officer, a juvenile officer, a DARE officer, has run his own after school program for youth and has been a scout leader. When asked, he said he is familiar with the administrative duties required to run the office and the jail. McLeish asked what the budget was for the Sheriff and the Jail and was told that the 2007-2008 budget for the Sheriff is \$166,726 and the Jail is \$120,407. He noted that he would need to give two week's notice to his current employer should he be offered the position. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Board is to interview another applicant at tomorrow's regular meeting and they hope to make a decision at that time. It is the Board's desire to have a new Sheriff on the job by May 1, 2008 if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on April 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 7 special meeting and an agenda for the April 8 regular 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