

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
BUDGET MEETING

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session to consider the 2008-2009 budget requests and subdivision levy authorization requests at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Vogeler and Waldmann present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted. The agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, VanSlyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Law was posted and copies available for the public.

Accountant, Chuck Abel, provided information comparing YTD Revenues for 6/30/07 and 6/30/08 to the budget requests for 08/09 and the adopted budget of 07/08. He also reviewed his handouts from the July 29 meeting.

Present to discuss their requests were: Ron Wolf, Twin Loups Reclamation Dist.; Terry Christensen, Loup Valley Ag Society; Rolland Cronk, Custodian; Linda Nance, Deputy Assessor; Janet Suminski, Treasurer; Casey Hurlburt, Sheriff; Max Leth, Road Supt.; Darrell Kaminski, Weed Supt.; Ryan Simpson, Emergency Manager; and Jenette Lindsey, Clerk.

Wolf noted that Twin Loups' request is the same as it has been for a number of years, \$31,392. Christensen said the Ag Society is requesting \$10,000 more than last year due to the need for repair on older buildings and equipment.

Discussion was held regarding the ability of the subdivisions to override the levy allocation the County allows by holding a "town hall meeting" and getting the approval of subdivision residents; funding of the township libraries by assigning a portion of the township levy requests countywide; Ord Township's request increased from \$76,000 to \$122,000; higher property valuations will provide more dollars without levy increase; proposed merger of Ord City into Ord Rural Fire District; will not have new certified valuations until August 20, 2008.

Weed Supt., Kaminski noted the \$5000 he requested under Misc. Labor 10 day notices is to provide for enforcement of the 10 day notice should it be necessary. He said \$2000 should be sufficient to spray 160 acres if the Board wanted to cut this line item back. The Clerk was directed to cut Weed budget line item 2-2545 from \$5000 to \$2000. Kaminski agreed that 10 day notices would not be used unless 15 day notices were ignored and would be presented to the Board prior to sending.

Custodian Rolland Kronk was present to discuss the Buildings & Grounds budget, noting that his request includes jail water heater & softener, remodeling for visitor window; painting various areas; drapes for Judge's Chamber; Courthouse heating/cooling system sensors; \$1600 for new buffer.

Treasurer Suminski noted that Dept. Heads and Officials did not meet this year to coordinate raises and that her Office is a bit behind but she feels the discrepancy can be made up without increasing her budget request. Raises were budgeted based on the Road Dept. request of \$100 per month. She is looking at getting taxes on line and has talked to area abstractors about funding for this service, has increased budget for part-time help due to taking over issuance of vehicle titles but does not plan to do this until February.

Deputy Assessor Nance and Assessor employee Kay Stevens verified the need for inclusion of appraisal fees for Chad Martensen to finish his reappraisal of the rural properties and the consulting fees for Larry Rexroth, totaling \$15,000. The \$10,000 request for a GIS system from GIS Workshop was also discussed. The Board directed that these line item requests be moved from the Misc. General budget to the Assessor's budget to provide a more accurate reflection of expenses.

Emergency Manager Ryan Simpson asked for and received the Board's approval of the addition of \$1000 to his budget for the purchase of a used car currently owned by the City of Ord. He noted that his budget request includes a raise for his assistant and the addition of a second assistant.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. with all members present.

Highway Supt. Leth said his budget request includes \$100 per month raise for all employees. Discussion included the increased cost of fuel and culverts and the affect this could have on bridge and road repair. The \$120,000 received from FEMA was discussed. Abel noted that he had included it as revenue in the Road Fund. Leth said the County will be getting an additional \$55,000 from FEMA. He also said that all of the projects listed in the 1 & 6 Year Plan will probably not be completed due to increased costs. He has budgeted \$20,000 for the replacement of a pickup. The Board directed that line item 3-0201, for asphalt, budgeted in the amount of \$108,500 be lowered by \$20,000 and the 1 & 6 Year Plan be changed from overlays to armour coating. Leth said that he can now contract for fuel as he has 2 suppliers that will contract, Trotter and Co-op. Discussed discontinuance of striping as it is not required but felt it was a safety issue.

Sheriff Hurlburt said his budget includes the cost of mandatory training for himself, Secretary Denise O'Neal and Jailer Suzann Hurlbert. It was also noted that the Clerk had entered budget line item 2-9900 as \$4500 when it should have been \$1500. He would like to add a part time person to act as jailer to help avoid some of the overtime hours now required. His Jail budget request includes a raise in administrator fees from \$5400 to \$10,500. He noted that the County will now be receiving \$1800 per month from the North Loup Law Enforcement Agreement and an increase in fees charged for boarding out of county prisoners was discussed. Hurlburt noted that other counties were starting their jailers higher and is requesting \$1.00 per hour raise this year to bring jailer pay closer to the level of other counties.

The Clerk, Clerk of District Court and Election Commissioner budget requests were discussed. The Clerk included \$5000 for microfilming records and requested raises of \$100 per month for her employees.

Discussion was held regarding VSO Walt Smith's request which included the addition of \$2600 for clerical help.

Following discussion, Vogeler moved to approve the subdivision levy authorization requests as received with the exception of the Airport, which is approved at \$30,000 General Fund and \$36,000 Bond and Ord Township, which is approved at \$79,800 General Fund. Motion seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight, to reconvene on August 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 11 meeting and the agenda for the August 12 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