

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Due to Veterans' Day, the Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 10, 2008 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Waldmann, Vogeler, Sevenker, Cullers, Cetak, and Baker were present; VanSlyke's absence was excused. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of October 28, 2008 meeting, included in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Vogeler, second by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Veterans' Service Officer, Walt Smith, presented a report for the third quarter: yearly audit completed with everything in order; Veterans' Aid Fund helped 4 Valley County families; a total of \$117,324 in disabilities and pensions was applied for and secured through his office; received 123 calls and visits for assistance. Discussed out of county requests. Smith tries to assist all who call but does not spend Valley County funds for out of county veterans, however, he does include them in his statistics. Cullers asked for a breakdown of out of county requests in his next report.

Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman to sign Certification of County Highway Superintendent form required by the NDOR and used for determining incentive payment, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. At 9:10 a.m. Waldmann moved to go into executive session for discussion of Highway Supt. employment applicants, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. At 9:25 a.m. the Board moved out of executive session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Action taken as a result of the closed session discussion was the motion of Vogeler, seconded by Waldmann, to authorize the Chairman to move forward with an employment offer to one of the Highway Supt. applicants. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

Highway Supt. Leth reported: patching completed during warm weather; Ashton Road at North Loup is in bad condition due to truck traffic, has asked Werners for assistance and they will help if it gets bad enough, Werners are dragging gravel to help keep road up; Leth explained the process for getting gravel is that he stakes the road and Ulrich's have 10 days to haul it or a late penalty can be assessed, they are usually pretty close; discussed work being done for new hospital, will ask person in charge of the project to appear at the next County Board meeting to discuss some concerns; State says bridge at Rod O'Neel's should be closed, is part of State project for removal.

Custodian Cronk notified Chairman Sevenker of difficulties with handicap door buttons, Sevenker reported Bill Clamp is coming tomorrow to look at why they are not working consistently. Cronk reported: some of the floor drain pipes have rusted out and will not hold water causing an odor, he has purchased plugs for some of the drains but this is not a permanent solution, Board approved having Petska evaluate the drains and make a recommendation to the Board; Wadas has not completed the installation of the sensors, it is in this year's budget; feels there should be a CD to use for seasonal heating/cooling changes rather than have to change each individual unit on the computer, Board asks that Wadas be invited to discuss these items at their next meeting; Karr Tuckpointing has inspected the Courthouse and will be presenting a proposal. Discussion was held regarding vegetation on either side of the Courthouse west entrance. Road Dept. has removed it for now but it will grow back. Cullers noted Cronk has tried vinegar on the new benches and it appears to remove the hard water deposits. Discussed replacement of broken light globes at west entrance, must have credit card for company that sells the larger ones. Board felt could be put on a personal credit card and reimbursed by the County. Cronk asked if the Board would be willing to donate some of the old library books from the rural School Supt. office for a project he is helping with to restore the District 13 Plain Valley school house. Vogeler moved to approve donation of all the old library books to the project, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

A recess was called at 10:15 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke, updated the Board as to information received from DEQ, noting they send letters to the Board whenever a person applies for a conditional use permit. These requests have to be approved by DEQ, but they act based on their own criteria and do not take County regulations into account. When there is a discrepancy between the DEQ approved permit and County regulations Glaubke notifies the owner that they need to get County Board approval.

Treasurer Suminski gave the Month End Fund Report showing account balances of \$305,257.43 in General Fund, \$65,643.30 in Road Fund, \$770,087.28 in Inheritance Tax Fund. Discussion was held regarding the County Board's role in the County Airport finances and Suminski is to invite an Airport Authority Board member to the next County Board meeting. Suminski noted that the remaining Courthouse bond funds are currently in savings and felt they should be in the Courthouse Bond Fund where they could be used to help pay off the bond if needed. Suminski provided written notice of the replacement of a matured pledge security with a new one for TierOne Bank. Resolution 08-32 authorizing the consolidation of services relating to motor vehicles to provide the public with one stop motor vehicle services in the Treasurer's Office was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Suminski certified that Distress Warrants were delivered to the Valley County Sheriff on October 31 as required with an attached summary listing the total count and breakdown of amounts due. She also presented a written explanation and request to strike the 2001 personal property taxes for Country General in the amount of \$727.28. She discussed the issue with Deputy County Attorney White, and they felt the best course of action is to strike this amount from the delinquent reports, however, it would remain on the books and could be collected if available. Vogeler moved to strike the \$727.28 in 2001 personal property taxes from the tax roll for Country General, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Assoc., Admin. of the Housing Assistance Grant, appeared to request approval of grant claims. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve VC-10-HR claim of \$1206.41, VC-05-HR claim of \$429, CDS Invoice for \$200 and Drawdown #24 for \$1835, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

The County Clerk's Report of October Fees was reviewed.

Chairman Sevenker reported attending the Ord City Council meeting to ask if they would be interested in discussing the possibility of consolidation of law enforcement in Valley County. Sevenker said Koehlmoos moved to appoint a 3 member committee to meet with the County for discussion of the topic. Petska, Blaha and Goldfish voted no; Koehlmoos, Eppenbach and Carson voted yes; Mayor O'Brien voted yes to break the tie. Sevenker did not feel the city had much interest in the discussion. Cetak, VanSlyke and Sevenker will represent the County in the discussion.

Supervisor Baker reported that Jim Duda will be in to settle for his purchase of a county owned parcel of land.

Cetak reported that they have not heard anything regarding the results of an ad for a public defender to be shared with Sherman and Howard Counties.

Sevenker reported that he cleaned out the used vehicles, got them started and placed an ad on party line and in the Quiz. Keys are at the County shop and bids will be taken in the County Clerk's Office until November 24.

Following discussion, Cullers approved the extension of the County's line of credit for the housing grant until February 22, 2009 when the grant expires, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

The Clerk was asked to get additional information regarding the NIRMA letter offering CPR and First Aid training for County employees.

Blue Cross Blue Shield claim, housing grant claims and Fund Requests for both were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

NACO Conference deadlines were discussed. Cullers, Waldmann and Sevenker plan to attend. The Board will make their own reservations for the NIRMA luncheon.

Lodging Tax receipts of \$931.39 and the Current Expenditures Summary Report for October 31 were reviewed.

The draft MD&A Statement, part of the audit the County is required to complete, was discussed and approved.

The County Attorney was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Cullers reported that her attendance at the recent TERC hearing for the Schauer's property valuation protest was educational and interesting.

Vogeler noted that he was unable to attend the last Mid Plains meeting but that in his absence he was appointed to the auditor's committee.

Mail Folder items available for review: CNEDD Newsletter, NACO Audit, Chamber/Ec. Dev. Report, LLNRD Newsletter, American Funds Prospectus & Annual Report, Stock Auction Co. Ad.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene on November 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the November 10 meeting and an agenda for the November 25 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