

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2008 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Cetak, Vogeler. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of November 25, 2008 meeting, included in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Cullers, second by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Valley County Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, presented a draft of the updated LEOP. Simpson noted the plan was updated to meet NEMA requirements and to provide current names and available equipment. Waldmann moved to approve the updated Valley County Local Emergency Operations Plan by adopting Resolution 08-35, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler. Simpson also noted that Region 26 is planning a Table Top Exercise in the spring on how to deal with a break of the dam.

Road Supt. Leth said the letter from NDOR regarding "Remote Residential Road Criteria & Standards/Concepts & Options" involved areas with a population density of no more than 5 people per square mile and Valley County does not qualify. Regarding the email from Larry Dix on a possible economic stimulus package for federal funding for transportation projects, Leth said the County has no such projects at this time. Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann and Leth reported on their meeting with Terry Wicht, an applicant for the Road Supt. position. Wicht has a Class B license, has worked in the Hall County Highway Dept. since 1976 and agreed to provide written references. He is asking for \$45,000. It would take 2 years of experience and continuing education to qualify for the Class A license and 5 years experience plus training and testing to qualify as a bridge inspector. Discussion was held regarding dirt work for the new hospital site. The current design directs drainage to the ditch along the County road and Leth does not feel the ditch will handle it. He also thinks they may be encroaching on County ROW which would cause road maintenance problems. The designer has agreed to redesign it and Leth will review it. It would appear that the consulting firm has made no direct contact with the adjacent landowner or the County Board regarding the project. Leth will write a letter requesting that a meeting be scheduled with himself and the County Road Committee.

The piling on bridge number 2040 on the Sargent Road has been repaired and he will notify the state. The County contracts with NDR for required random drug testing for Road employees. The drug kits cost \$180 and the hospital charges \$15 per test. Leth advised that he has taken the required training and is currently qualified to require testing if he suspects drug use by an employee, but when he retires someone else will have to be trained to do this. NIRMA has been provided with all information regarding the motor grader accident in Arcadia. The NEMA and FEMA funds the County was to receive for the last storm have not arrived, he will check on this.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Month End Fund Report for November showing collections and disbursements. Fines are distributed to the schools; Federal Entitlements are a payment in lieu of taxes for property used for the Davis Creek Dam project. The total amount collected for November includes the latest Hospital Bond issuance. Suminski will provide copy of annual Airport spreadsheet for next meeting Board packets. No response has been received from McDermott regarding the Boards request for a report of airport activities. A copy of the letter requesting a report will be sent to all Airport Authority Board members. Suminski reported the replacement of a matured pledged security for TierOne Bank. Suminski provided information regarding a US Bank purchase card program designed with NACO's input for county government use. Each county sets up the account with card control parameters such as credit limit or limit on what can be purchased and there is a 40 day remittance period to allow for the county claims process. NACO has decided to fund a disability plan for county employees with the trust and service fees received from BCBS Health Insurance Plan.

The November Fee Reports for County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were reviewed.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m., the meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the sale of the 3 used Sheriff's vehicles. Sevenker reported Sheriff Hurlburt received a verbal bid of \$300. Van Slyke reported a verbal bid from Farritors of Broken Bow of \$600 for the 2000 Crown Victoria, and \$300 for each of the other two (1997 & 1995). The Clerk read written bids from Bob Reilly: 1997 Crown Victoria \$350 and 1995 Crown Victoria \$350. Following discussion, Baker moved to accept Farritors verbal bid of \$600 for the 2000 CV and Reilly's written bids of \$350 each for the 1997 CV and the 1995 CV, seconded by VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler.

The Board agreed to accept Chris Jacobsen's suggestion of \$3487.76 designated as an annual payment for his inspection of Valley County bridges. Jacobsen will turn in a claim to the County for this amount.

Two letters expressing interest in serving as Public Defender for the County were reviewed but no action taken at this time as they continue to explore sharing a Public Defender with Sherman and Howard Counties.

Clerk Lindsey reported approximately 17 county employees expressed interest in the safety training classes offered by NIRMA, 7 Board members bring the total to 24 participants. Clerk will check on available dates.

Marc Munford of Ameritas was unable to attend due to illness.

Following discussion, Waldmann moved that the Clerk send letters to three or more accounting firms inviting informal bids for the County's 08-09 audit, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler. Bids will be considered at the Feb. 10, 2009 Board meeting.

Items reviewed: NIRMA letter regarding Partners in Safety which provides membership in the Nebr. Safety Council and the National Safety Council to NIRMA member counties, the November Expenditures Summary report.

Dale Zadina was present to discuss a gift of \$25,000 toward the renovation of the Courthouse. He did not designate a specific use but requested that it not go to operating expenses. Treasurer Suminski checked with the State Auditor and Chuck Abel, the County's Budget Accountant, and the funds can be receipted and kept in a special account. A specific line item can be added to the General Fund budget for gifts or donations. The County will write a letter of thanks noting receipt of the gift and that no benefit was received by the donor which Zadina can keep in his records for accounting purposes. The Board expressed their appreciation to Zadina for the gift, noting that there were many Courthouse projects to which it could be applied.

At 11:10 a.m. the Board moved into Board of Equalization on motion of VanSlyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

The Amended Personal Property Return of Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. was presented to remove an excavator that was moved out of the state prior to 12/31/07 but was reported in error for 2008. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to approve the amended return, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler.

Claim and fund request of \$26,781.53 for December BCBS premium were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler.

Following discussion, Cullers moved that the Board preferred Courthouse Offices to remain open on December 26th but they could be staffed with a skeleton crew at the Officials' discretion, seconded by VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Vogeler.

The County Attorney was absent due to the weather.

There were no committee reports.

No jail inspection was conducted due to the absence of the Sheriff.

Mail Folder: TierOne, NIRMA Interchange, Contryman Assoc., VCHS Foundation, VC Health System Newsletter, Mid-Continental Restoration, Goldberg, Sullivan & McCreery Exhibit Booth, NDOR 2008 Hwy Needs Assessment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m., to reconvene on December 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 9 meeting and an agenda for the December 30 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