

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, VanSlyke, Waldmann and Cetak present. The Deputy Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agenda. Minutes of December 9, 2008 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, VanSlyke and Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Dale and Janie Zadina were present to be recognized for their gift of \$25,000.00 to be used for the renovation of the Valley Co. Courthouse including an elevator, third floor exit, fire sprinklers. The Board extended their appreciation for the generous gift by the Zadina's and their desire to preserve the Historical Courthouse building for future generations.

Sandy Simpson gave the claims and balances report for the month of December and reported the Road Department budget was in line this far in the fiscal year.

Road Supt. Leth stated a letter has been sent to TSP regarding the drainage question at the new hospital site. It was determined that a solution to the problem could be addressed with the co-operation of the county and the hospital project engineers in the spring before construction begins to work on the potential drainage problem. Leth reported bridges near the Marty Petska farm and Larry White farm received a rating of less than three tons and the Department of Roads ordered them closed. When weather is permitting the Road Dept. will build a bypass by the bridge at the White farm and will do the necessary repairs by the Marty Petska farm to comply with the inspection and a new load limit rating performed before they can be reopened. Sevenker asked Leth to keep the Board informed on the progress of repairing or replacing the bridges. Leth stated he will be adding bridges to the 1 & 6 year plan that have not been on before. In other business Leth reported he will be purchasing new grader tires and new weight limit signs. To comply with safety regulations Leth reported the entire Road Dept. is enrolled in the NIRMA Safety Training to be held January 14 & 15th, 2009 at the Valley Co. Ag. Complex.

Board members discussed the road supt. application and references of Terry Wicht and his minimum request of \$45,000.00 per year, no action was taken. Sevenker stated that Brian Kolar asked if a decision was made on the hiring of a superintendent indicating he was still interested in the position. Sevenker will notify Kolar inviting him to attend a county board meeting to discuss terms of the position.

Larry Schrage, Valley Co. Hospital CEO gave a report on the construction plans for the new hospital, the financial update and volume statistics for the Valley Co. Health System. Schrage stated the Hospital Board proposed to increase the public transportation rates to be competitive with other area agencies. He announced that on January 13, 2009 a town hall meeting will be held to thank the community for their support of the new hospital. This meeting will include a video presentation of a virtual tour of the building design and drawings of the facility. Schrage reported that bond sales not be let out until the fall and that Marc Munford will come to a board meeting in January to give an update on the bond process. Discussion was held on the bid letting for the hospital construction and will give the local contractors a chance to participate in the bidding process.

Dave Williams, Airport Secretary was present to inform the board of the progress made at the Airport regarding the upgrade to the Ord facility due to the events of 911 making Ord a regional airport. He reported on the land acquisition, the lengthening and widening of the runway and the concrete work is done in to comply with FAA regulations. At this time the airport is available for daytime use only, lighting is to be installed in April. Williams stated that FAA paid for 95%, the State 2% and the County 3%. Williams reported funding from the FAA has now stopped making it fortunate the airport work is done.

Caleb Pollard, Economic Director gave the quarterly Visitors Bureau report. Pollard reported on the Award received for Loup River Valley Tourism Promotion; the tourism grant for placement of a billboard along Hwy 281; the second edition of ESCAPE travel guide; partnership with Garfield Co. that consists of sharing racks and advertising in NE Life Magazine. He spoke about the partnership of 17 county tourism committees called the Central Nebraska Tourism Coalition that promote Central Nebraska. The committees will attend sports and travel shows as well as brochure racks and websites to promote the region.

A recess was called at 10:55 a.m., the meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning and Zoning Director reported on the NACO meeting in December. Items she spoke about were cell phone towers, impact easements, wind towers and conservation easements. Glaubke reported terms of three members of the Planning & Zoning Commission are up and all have agreed to serve another term.

Sheriff Casey Hurlburt appeared to relate problems with the heating system in the jail. Sensors for the systems are being installed making the system more uniform. Sevenker spoke with Beckenhauer Const. about the heating problem; he offered to send a person here to do a study of the system in the building. It was determined the 30 day study in January when the temperatures vary would give a better idea of the problem with the system.

The Board acknowledged the NIRMA Safety training for Valley Co. employees to be held Jan. 14th & 15, 2009.

At 11:35 a.m. the Board moved to go into Board of Equalization on motion of VanSlyke seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Deputy Clerk and the Assessor were present. The TERC Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Valley County Board of Equalization regarding the Schauer property protest was acknowledged and reviewed. On motion by Vogeler, seconded by Baker to approve the tax list correction for Somerset Capital Group LTD in the amount of \$15.30 for personal property no longer in the County. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Baker, VanSlyke, Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann. Carried. No: none. Absent: none. On motion by Cullers, seconded by Waldmann to go out of Board of Equalization and into regular session. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, VanSlyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: None.

Discussion was held on the terms of Tourism Advisory Committee members ending Febr. 2009. No action taken.

Dues notices from Loup Basin RC&D Council in the amount of \$150.00 and Loup Rivers Scenic Byway in the amount of \$25.00 will be approved with the claims in January 2009.

The Board reviewed for filing a letter from the Nebraska Minority Justice Committee regarding non-discrimination and hiring and harassment policy, no action was taken.

On motion by Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. To adopt Resolution #08-36 designating the official depositories for funds of Valley County. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion to approve December claims, December fund request and adopt Resolution #08-37 to transfer funds in the amount of \$2,925.56 from Inheritance to the General Fund was made by Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cullers, Cetak, Waldmann, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion to set Public Hearing for Lease of County farm at 11:00 a.m. and Advertisement for Bids letting at 11:15 a.m. on January 27, 2009 for lease of County Farms was made by VanSlyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Yes: none. Absent: none

To approve the County Holiday Schedule for 2009 based on Nebr. Judicial Branch calendar on motion by VanSlyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Assessor Arnold explained the County Property Tax Notices for 2007 and the breakdown for each parcel in the Airport and Mortensen Additions.

After discussion regarding the County Recognition Dinner it was determined it would be held in February 2009. Helen Cullers will report at the next meeting the date and place for the dinner.

The Board reviewed the letter from Vincent Valentino in regard to Svoboda v. Valley Co. NEOC/EEOC claim stating the investigation was completed and evidence was submitted to and reviewed by the Commissioners.

There were no Committee reports.

Mail folder: DeAngelo Brother re: bid list, Chamber/Ec Dec. Newsletter, T2 Interchange, Beckenhauer Newsletter, NIRMA letter re: recommitment dividend, DEQ Notice Permit Issued, Christmas cards: Berggren Architects, JEO Consulting, Region 3.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene on January 13, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 30, 2008 meeting and an agenda for the January 27th, 2009 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned Deputy 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.

Dorrita L. Helm, Deputy Valley County Clerk