

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Cullers, VanSlyke, Waldmann, Baker, Sevenker, Vogeler, and Cetak present. The Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agenda. Minutes of December 8, 2009 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, VanSlyke and Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson gave the Road Claims and Balances report for December noting \$33,189.55 for Accounts Payables and \$35,947.90 Payroll. The larger expenses were for motor grader tires, diesel, truck tires, motor grader repair, road signs, fuel and gravel. Due to the snow storm the road crew has logged approximately 200 hours overtime in the last 5 days. The Road Budget is near the half way mark and should be sufficient for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Chairman Sevenker and Road Supt. Meyer reported on their discussion with Greeley County at the Greeley County Board meeting on Dec. 22 regarding the repair/replacement of the bridge on the line between the two counties. Greeley County said they would not be able to provide funding for the shared bridge for at least the next 3 years. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to go forward with the bridge west of Randy Wadas to erect in spring of 2010, paying \$15,000 from this year's budget and the remaining \$46,000 from the FY 2010-2011 budget, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer will report at the next meeting.

Chairman Sevenker noted the Board's appreciation of the efforts of the Road Dept. during the recent blizzard. Meyer also recognized his crew for their efforts and expressed his appreciation for the assistance of the Sheriff's Dept.

Meyer reported: 2 machines are down, water pump and transmission leak; Cat to be fixed today; 95% of roads open at least one way; some areas in NE part of County and NW Ord area will have to be dug out and snow hauled away; chip spreader has clutch problem, hard to find parts due to age, cost 5 to 7 thousand dollars to repair, will need by next fall; will need to replace bridge NW of Arcadia with tubes when weather allows; some ditches cleaned before the snow; oil burner in shop may need to be replaced, is 25 years old, hard to get parts, burns more oil than a new one.

Weed Supt. Kaminski presented the 2009 Noxious Weed Infestation Report and 2009 Activity Report. He noted lower infestation for Musk Thistle and Leafy Spurge due in part to use of the 15 day notice and landowner cooperation. Following review, VanSlyke moved to approve the 2009 Infestation Report and the 2009 Activity Report, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Kaminski also presented the 2010 Noxious Weed Control Plan listing the goals and methods of control for 2010. Following review, Baker moved to approve the 2010 Noxious Weed Control Plan, the 2010 Board Roster and 2010 Budget Form, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Clark noted that he is working with Ord City Attorney Cullers to set up a meeting of the area Fire Depts. to discuss a Mutual Finance Organization in order to receive state aid. Ord Rural Fire Dept. President Keith Shellhase and Fire Chief Larry Copp were present for the discussion. Clark also noted that he has nothing to report regarding the levy error for the Ord Rural Fire District and that he cannot discuss the issue with the Fire District since they have contacted Attorney Egr regarding this matter.

Curie Mincer and Laurie Hansen of CNEDD will reschedule due to the road conditions caused by the blizzard.

Jerry Berggren reported on the public bid opening advertised and held on December 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. for the fire escape. Bids were received as follows: Tri-Valley Builders Inc. \$96,000; Greenland Construction \$107,966; Central Contracting Corp \$109,356. He recommended the low bidder, Tri Valley Builders Inc. of Grand Island and presented a letter regarding his considerations and a list of past projects completed by Tri Valley Builders Inc. The bids do not include interior work or masonry but do include 2 exterior doors, replacement of 3 windows and painting the metal. It was noted that the cost of steel was substantially more than estimated. Berggren noted that he plans to hire an independent consultant at his own expense to verify the remaining project estimates. The subcontractors are not known at this time, but the County can question Tri Valley's choice of subcontractors once they are known. If the County would choose to go with a subcontractor that charges more than Tri Valley's choice, the County would have to pay the difference. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to go with Tri Valley Builders Inc. for the Fire Escape Project at \$96,000, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker, left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Berggren will try to return by the January 12th meeting with Tri-Valley's list of subcontractors and thought the project may get started in mid February. Try-Valley has agreed to a completion date 120 days following the Notice to Proceed.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with all members present except Baker.

The December Claims, Fund Request and Resolution 09-19 transferring \$9314.50 from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund for payment to Berggren was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion was held regarding the County's Personnel Policy with regard to the need to clarify and define full-time and part-time positions and to revise the Drug Free Workplace Policy and provide the means to comply with it. Attorney Clark will provide a revised policy at the January 12th meeting for the Board's consideration.

The salaries for the elected officials for the 2011-2014 term were again discussed and will be on the agenda for the January 12 meeting. The salaries must be set by January 15th.

A revised letter of request from UNL Extension Educator Kayla Hinrichs requesting appointment of Vicki Bauer to the Extension Board was discussed. At the last meeting Hinrichs requested appointment of Kay Knapp to replace Lori Bush who had served 2 terms, however, VanSlyke felt the appointment should go to someone from the Arcadia area. Hinrichs was agreeable if a qualified person from the Arcadia was willing to serve. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to approve the appointment of Vicki Bauer to the Central IV Area Extension Board for a 3 year term, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Abstain due to relationship: VanSlyke.

Baker returned to the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Elevator grant Drawdown #5 in the amount of \$1071 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The list of County Holidays for 2010 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke left the meeting at 12:00 noon.

The Annual Report of Signatures and Seals required by the state was signed by the Supervisors present.

The Ord Quiz was designated as the official County Newspaper for 2010 on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

Notice of the mileage rate change from \$.55 to \$.50 per mile effective January 1st was noted.

Mail Folder items available for review: NDEQ grants, Wind Energy Consulting letter, Berggren Christmas Card, Chamber Newsletter, NPZA training event, MGT of America letter, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Region 3 Holiday Wishes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 29 meeting and an agenda for the January 12 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk