

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room by Chairman Collins. Roll call was taken with Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sevenker, Sintek and Cetak present. Notice of meeting was verified. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Sevenker, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Collins was appointed temporary Chairman to serve until the 2004 Chairman was elected on motion of Ash, seconded by Sevenker, Carried. Yes: Ash, Sevenker, Sintek, Cetak, Beran, Melia. No; none. Absent: none.

Collins nominated Sevenker for the Chairman position. Collins asked three times for further nominations and there were none. Collins moved that nominations cease and that Sevenker be unanimously appointed Chairman. There was no opposition.

Chairman Sevenker opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Ash nominated Collins, Melia seconded it. Sevenker asked three times for further nominations and there were none. Melia moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Collins. There was no opposition.

Collins moved, Beran seconded that the Chairman's salary remain at \$450 per month by Resolution 04-1. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Reading of the minutes of the December 30, meeting was dispensed with, said minutes were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt., Leth, reported receipt of a check from the Mortensen Foundation for work done by the County on the Mortensen Family Industrial Site. He noted that the City rates are higher and asked if the County rates should be updated. Following discussion, the Board asked Leth to present updated rates at the next meeting for their consideration. Leth's also reported: will attend Bridge Conference and Workshop in Kearney that will count as credit toward his Class A license; will not attend 2 week Bridge Inspection Certification School in April; discussed training someone in addition to Leth since hiring engineer costs \$50 to \$150 per bridge; cutting trees NW of Ed Hackel and will maintain tomorrow; Leth will attend Public Hearing at the Veterans' Club on State road between North Loup and Ord; price of steel has gone up which will affect cost of future projects, culverts, grader blades and other steel items.

Regarding the road vacation request of Robert Lutz, Resolution 04-02 was presented to direct the road study by resolution as required by statute. Resolution 04-02 was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Leth presented his report on Road No. 295 and Road No. 474, concluding that the roads could be vacated. He noted that H. Eugene Cook had questioned if vacating these roads would limit access to his mother's property but upon finding that access would not be denied, Cook did not oppose vacating the road. Leth also noted that Lutz's request to vacate included his agreement that a purchaser of the property could reopen the road. Resolution 04-3, setting the Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of Road No. 295 and Road No. 474 for February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: one. Absent: none. The complete legal description of said roads is contained in Leth's report and in Resolution 04-3, which documents are public record on file in the Clerk's Office.

Communications Consolidation Committee members Brian Kirby, Wayne Winterfeld, Larry Masin, Bob Sevenker, Allen Cetak and Dick Beran proposed that Region 26 handle all 911 calls, the Ord Police Dept. keep a dispatcher for local calls 4 days per week, the County Sheriff's Office handle local calls at night and 3 days per week (includes the weekend). The City would pay the County approximately \$7500 for this service. Initial set-up costs with Region 26 would be \$24,000 or \$10 per person. If Region 26 handles all calls the annual cost would be \$4.00 per person or about \$10,000. If Region 26 handles only 911 calls the cost goes down to \$1.00 per person or about \$2500 per year. An interlocal agreement would be needed and perhaps a Committee to oversee the plan and make sure it works. If the County Board agrees, this plan will be presented to the Ord City Council on the

19th. Following discussion, Sintek moved, Beran seconded the motion to support and cooperate with the Ord City Council on consolidation of communications and to proceed with an interlocal agreement. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski gave his annual report which includes a written 2003 Activity Report, 2003 Noxious Weed Infestation Report and 2004 Noxious Weed Control Plan. These reports will be sent to Lincoln and copies will be on file at the Clerk's Office. Following discussion, said reports were approved by the County Board on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director, presented the Economic Development Board's Quarterly Report. There will be further meetings regarding interest in hydroponic greenhouses and an ethanol plant; a ballot question is proposed to allow excess sales tax collections to be spent as intended; a grant application has been made to fund a part-time entrepreneur facilitator; a countywide survey is needed in 2004; a course is to be offered in April for existing business owners. Kunz also noted that there would be a cost of \$162.85 per organization for the intern applied for through the Nebraska Rural Initiative program and asked if the Board was still interested in participating. Ash moved, Collins seconded the motion to approve the payment of \$162.85 for the intern. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins. Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke reported that the Ord City Council has a new zoning map which includes their one mile jurisdiction. County jurisdiction can also be determined from the new map. Discussed spot annexation for purposes of tax increment financing and interlocal agreements to provide wellhead protection when jurisdiction is shared. A request for subdivision less than 10 acres for Bredthauers will be presented in February. Attended a public hearing on proposed Livestock Friendly legislation which most counties oppose. Will continue to monitor this legislation.

Sevenker reported that Cornerstone may begin operating this week and roofing began on Agland Electric's building today, both businesses are located on the Mortensen Family Industrial Site.

The Clerk presented the December Fee Report and the annual Ambulance report of fees collected on charges incurred prior to October, 1999.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Melia, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Treasurer were present.

Treasurer Suminski presented Vehicle Exemption Applications from Mid-Nebr. Individual Services, Inc., Heartland Assembly of God Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church, and St. Johns Lutheran Church. Ash moved, Cetak seconded approval of vehicle tax exemptions for the above named qualifying nonprofit organizations. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization, Cetak moved, Sintek seconded the return to regular session. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Suminski reported County Fund Balances for December and collections/disbursements for the first half of the fiscal year. She reminded the Board that so far this fiscal year it has not been necessary to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund in order to meet monthly expenses, however, she cautioned that as we near the fiscal year end it may become necessary even though we try hard to avoid it since the Inheritance Tax money cannot be replaced. She is continuing to monitor the Road Fund to protect the highway allocation. Resolution 04-04 was presented to authorize investment of county funds and designate official County depositories. Resolution 04-04 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Bill Abts of Ameritas Investment Corp. presented information on the County's current bonds and advised that bonds for capital improvements could be added without affecting the current levy.

The Signature and Seal Report required by the Secretary of State Notary Division was signed by each Board member as Supervisor and Weed Control Board.

Appointing a County Physician was discussed. Attorney Cullers read to the Board the applicable statute. Dr. Dan Stevens has held the position for several years but it was felt that since

he no longer has hospital privileges, another Doctor should be appointed. Chairman Sevenker will contact other Doctors to see if they would be willing to serve and report at the next meeting. Committee appointments were discussed and made by Chairman Sevenker as follows: Roads: Collins, Melia, Ash, Sintek; Building and Grounds: Sevenker, Cetak, Beran; Hospital: Sevenker, Ash, Collins; Bonds: Ash, Beran, Cetak; Claims: Melia, Beran, Collins; American Fund: Sevenker, Sintek. Discussion of Agency Representatives noted that there was no longer an Arens Trust Fund but resulted in no other changes: Region 26: Ash, Beran; Region III: Melia; Mid-Nebraska: Cetak; Mid Plains: Ash; Ag Land Valuation: Collins; Economic Development: Melia, Sevenker; Loup Basin Health Dept.: Sintek. Sevenker's term on the Economic Development Board will be up in February. It was moved by Melia, seconded by Cetak to reappoint Sevenker as County Rep. on the E. D. Board. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Jenette Lindsey was appointed to the Safety Committee to replace Claire Hansen and the other members, Leth, Kolar, and Arnold remain the same.

The request of Scott Brady, Extension Educator, to appoint Lori Bush to the Extension Board in place of Bev Smedra was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Charlie Cox, VSO, requested Floyd H. Kallhoff be appointed to finish the term of Fred Eugene Cox on the Valley County Service Committee. Beran moved, Collins seconded approval of said appointment. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

The appointment of non-voting area representatives to the Hospital Board was discussed. County Attorney Cullers said that he agreed with the concept but had some concerns. Statute gives authority to appoint Hospital Board members but does not address non-voting representatives. Such representatives would have no more authority than any audience member and he questioned whether the Board had authority to appoint someone outside the County. Cullers offered to request an Attorney General's Opinion and following discussion, the Chairman directed Cullers to do so.

Resolution 03-35 opposing the closing of the Hastings and Norfolk Regional Centers, which the Board had directed him to prepare at the last meeting, was presented for approval. Said Resolution was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported on the need for revision of the County's Personnel Policy and invited the Board to attend a January 20 meeting he has set up with the department heads to get everyone's input on needed changes. He will come back to the Board with the revisions for their review.

Mail Folder items were available for review: CNEDD Agenda and Minutes, Ord Chamber Newsletter, BCBS Newsletter, Dept. Labor Publication, Public Records & Open Meetings Seminar, Tonniges & Assoc. Open House.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 13 meeting and an agenda for the January 27 meeting are available 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 the 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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Beran reported that Jim Cannon, the architect for the Courthouse entrance ramp, was unable to attend due to road conditions but Cannon has talked to Nelson regarding the construction of the ramp and both Cannon and Nelson will try to attend the next Board meeting.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported January Claims and Balances for the Road Dept. and indicated the Road Budget is about where it should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Road Supt. Leth presented updated rental rates for County equipment which, following discussion, was approved by the Board on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Leth said the rent collected would show on his annual report.

Having attended the public hearing on the State road project between North Loup and Ord, Leth reported that most of the County's requests had been met. Due to probable increase in traffic, the Ashton road project that was postponed last year will need to be completed. Before the State project begins, Leth will receive their preliminary plan and the necessary road closings will come before the Board for approval.

Road Dept. has been cutting trees, pushing snow Sunday, Monday and going over all County roads today.

Leth presented the County's One and Six Year Plan, saying budget was the controlling factor in the plan. This year there are 3 oil projects totaling \$50,143, a carryover of \$11,000 for next year on asphalt, 3 culvert projects costing \$16,028 and miscellaneous projects costing \$3,000. Due to the increase in steel prices, culverts were bid with Custer County and purchased from this year's budget. Will not need to purchase grader blades this year. Did not feel carbide blades were that much better overall, cannot grade with them. Leth gave a brief description of each project in the Plan and following discussion, the Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan was set for March 9, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board acknowledged the NDOR letter regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

The Hospital Report was presented by Phil Lowe and Don Williamson. The usual written material was presented and discussed: Hospital Board agenda, minutes, and financial statistics. Williamson included a separate page that listed expense amounts paid to Quorum, Trimble, the hearing panel and legal services that are normally shown as part of contract services and supplies and other.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. Deputy Assessor, Pam Arnold, presented a Tax List Correction for Sack Lumber Company for items listed on their 2003 personal property schedule that are actually in Wilber, Nebraska. Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of the correction. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion to return to regular session. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented his written report of fees and activities for December. There was discussion of jail rates and the proposed closing of Regional Centers.

The Clerk presented IV-D reimbursement receipts and Lodging Tax receipts.

Custodian Don Severance appeared with a note from Dr. Julie Stevens indicating he could return to work. He is to see Dr. Mubin tomorrow and will get a report from him. Severance asked if he could return to work 32 hours per week, which qualifies for full benefits, beginning Febr. 1. Following discussion, Chairman Sevenker asked that Severance provide a report from Dr. Mubin and come back to the Board at the Febr. 10 meeting.

County Attorney Cullers reported the only duty of the County Physician is the care of County Jail inmates and that inmates can request their own doctor. Following discussion, Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion to appoint Dr. Bengston and Dr. Kanuri, the on-call physicians for the Ord Family Health Center, as Co-County Physicians. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Attorney Cullers will prepare a memorandum of appointment to be sent to each doctor.

Discussion was held on the CDBG grant application for a courthouse elevator regarding the fire marshall's requirement that an outside stairway and a sprinkler system be part of the elevator installation. Melia is to contact the fire marshall for clarification of the requirements and report back to the Board.

Chairman Sevenker notified the Board that he had received a note from Leth requesting the Public Hearing on the County's One and Six Year Plan be changed from March 9, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. as he found he had a conflict with the March date. Sintek moved, Ash seconded the motion to rescind their original motion reschedule the hearing for February 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. as requested by Leth. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

January claims were approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Expenditures Report as of December 31, 2003 was also reviewed.

Nancy Glaubke will report to the Board on the Public Hearing for Custer County Zoning Regulations.

Collins reported that County Government Day sponsored by the Ord Legion is to be held the morning of February 27, 2004 and asked that this topic be placed on the next agenda when he will have more information.

Discussion was held regarding placing public comment on the Board agenda on a regular basis, allowing members of the public to speak without having to be placed on the agenda in advance. Attorney Cullers and Chairman Sevenker are to draft a written policy for this and the issue is to be placed on the next agenda.

Cullers then gave his report, noting that he has met with County Officials and Dept. heads for input on updating the County Personnel Policy and that he hopes to have a draft for the Board later this spring. Cullers reported Child Support IV-D reimbursement of \$3165 for the third quarter. He will be in District Court for much of the next Board Meeting. The Multi-County Juvenile Services team has chosen to use the grant funds they received to present an assembly program at area schools similar to the Power Team presentation sponsored by the Ministerial Assoc., as this would be of equal benefit to all Counties involved.

Committee reports: Communications Consolidation, Sevenker reported that Ron Kerkman is to present a proposal for 911 communications to the city; Mid-Plains, Ash reported that last night's meeting was canceled and that he will bring printouts to the next Board meeting; Region III, Melia reported that they distribute block grant money to various programs like Mid-Plains and directors of those programs report to Region III.

Mail folder items: Chamber thank you for use of Courthouse, Region 26 meeting notice, Loup Basin RC&D, Community Action of Nebr., Dept. of Labor, D. Heineman Homeland Security, Karr Tuckpointing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 27 meeting and an agenda for the February 10 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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Garfield County Commissioners Jerry Mead and Virgil Swett appeared to propose that Max Leth, Valley County Road Supt., work part-time for Garfield County. They currently employ a Road Supt. one day per month to do the paperwork, by employing Leth, who holds a Class A license, they could receive additional highway allocation funds. It was agreed that Garfield County would meet with Leth and return to the Valley County Board with a proposal. Garfield County would not want to start until the new budget year and both Counties agreed an interlocal agreement would be needed.

Leth reported the cost of roadside seeding is about \$3000 per year and reimbursement money is no longer available. Proposed legislation that may impact the County: increase in excise tax and allotting 1/2 cent of motor vehicle tax to the highway trust fund. A bid of \$2970 received from Tillotson Enterprises for repair of the shop roof was discussed, the Board agreed the repairs were necessary. At Leth's request, the Board approved the sale of various surplus items: chain saws, cordless drill, spray booms, electrical accessories, truss bridge pieces, bridge stringers, old fence posts, old windmill. Snow removal at the Courthouse was discussed.

Planning & Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke, was unable to attend and will give her report at the next meeting. However, the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation for approval of the 1.361 acre subdivision for Paul Bredthauer was presented for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, said subdivision was approved as recommended by the Commission on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski reported January receipts and account balances, reminding the Board that it becomes more likely that a transfer of funds will be needed as we go into the last few months of the fiscal year. Suminski explained that after the initial payment date, the City will turn over collection of street assessments to the County. The County receives a commission on those collections. She proposed the County make their first street assessment payment to the City and pay the remainder through the Treasurer so the County could collect the commission. There would be some interest due but the County should gain about \$200. The Board agreed to the proposal. Suminski reported that delinquent tax sales will be held March 1 and she is expecting about 4 out state buyers. The Miscellaneous Receipts folder was available.

The Clerk's January Fee Report was presented.

Sevenker reminded the Board that County Government Day was to be held on February 24, the next Board meeting day, that he was to speak to the students at 8:45 a.m. in the District Courtroom and that any Board members who wished to could be present for that.

Jim Cannon, Ted Nelson and Bill Clamp were present to discuss the proposed ramp at the east Courthouse entrance. Cannon presented information regarding construction and the Board chose the plan that kept most of the existing sidewalk and retaining wall. Discussion included the slope, water runoff, a broom finish, removal of the inside doors, placement of the opener button, railing on the landing and the need to bid the project. When County Attorney Randy Cullers arrived it was determined that he will research the bidding requirements and that a drawing be sent to the Fire Marshall for his review. Cullers will also coordinate a meeting with the Fire Marshall to include himself, Cannon, Melia and other Board members.

Snow removal at the Courthouse was discussed, the conclusion being to continue to search for someone willing to do it, meanwhile get along as best we can.

The following items were discussed: Central District meeting at Kearney Ramada Inn on March 18, National Council on Compensation Ins. current experience rating worksheet for Valley County, Expenditures Summary Report for January, information on LB 1083 and the proposed closing of regional centers from Nebraska HHS and Gov. Johanns.

A Household Hazardous Waste Program Survey was discussed and answers were provided for the Clerk to fill out and return to Keep Nebraska Beautiful by March 1.

At this point, Attorney Cullers arrived and Custodian Don Severance addressed the Board regarding his return to work. He presented a note from Dr. Mubin. Following discussion, it was determined that Severance and Cullers would meet on Thursday to discuss options and will report to the Board at the next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to mark and return the card sent by Tillotson Enterprises regarding a roofing proposal to indicate that a decision has not been made at this time.

The request to allow the Farmers Market to set up on the west side of the Courthouse along 16th street from May 21 through Sept. was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash with the condition that the vendors agree to empty the County garbage cans if they are used for disposal of produce or other perishable items. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

An appreciation award was presented to Bill Misko for his service on the Hospital Board of Trustees. Misko thanked the County Board for their support and asked that they continue to support the Hospital Board.

Connie Felt appeared to ask if the County Physician appointment was meant to include the General Assistance Program as well as jail inmates. Following discussion, Ash moved to approve extending the appointment of the County Physician to include serving as the County Designated Health Care Professional for the purpose of the County General Assistance and Medical Assistance Program, subject to the agreement of the designated physicians. Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Attorney Cullers will contact the physicians as to their agreement.

Cullers presented Resolution 04-05, Public Comment Policy, for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, Ash moved to adopt Resolution 04-05, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia. No: Collins. Absent: none.

Cullers will report to Heidi Phillips with regard to Fire Marshall requirements as they relate to the elevator grant application.

Chairman Sevenker informed Cullers of the possible need for an interlocal agreement between Garfield and Valley Counties for the Road Supt. position and an interlocal agreement between Valley County and Ord City regarding the consolidation of communications. Sevenker also reported that Wayne Winterfeld, Ord City Mayor, would like to have a citizen on the Communication Consolidation Committee which currently consists of 2 representatives from the City Council, 2 from law enforcement and 2 from the County Board. Sevenker suggested that Larry Masin be asked to serve and the Board agreed.

Committee reports: Region 26, Dean Ash reported the resignation of Director Ron Kirkman, his last day will be February 28, most grants will be disbursed by then. Mid Plains, Ash presented material on Mid Plains listing the services offered and financial information. Region III, Dale Melia provided printed information on Region III describing the various agencies it funds, the services they provide and financial information. During fiscal year 2003 Region III funded services for 991 children and 6051 adults.

The Region 26 Agenda, Ord Chamber Newsletter, Rural News Bits, Flash Facts BCBS, Senator Nelson letter, DNEDD brochure, Loup Basin RC&D Grant Writers Workshop, Mid Continental Restoration Co. brochure, American Funds packet were available in the Mail Folder.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., and will reconvene on February 24, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 10 meeting and an agenda for the February 24 meeting are available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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The Chairman recognized Wes Allbright from the public comment sign up sheet. Allbright spoke concerning road conditions on the Sargent highway due to blowing snow. Discussion was held.

Due to a conflicting engagement, Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke gave her report at this time. Zoning Regulations have been adopted by Custer County and several differences between the two County's regulations were noted. She attended a meeting in Lincoln concerning well head protection, saying that the County's Zoning Regs do address this issue. She has learned that the Planning Commission Recommendation for a subdivision less than 10 acres must be signed by the Supervisor Chairman, attested by the Clerk and filed with the Register of Deeds. The Recommendation for the Bredthauer Subdivision of 1.361 acres, previously approved by the Supervisors, was presented for those signatures and the County Attorney will prepare an affidavit to bring us into compliance on those subdivisions already completed.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson presented the Road Claims & Balances. Fuel and culverts were the larger expenses this month and the budget looks good for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Road Supt. Leth asked the Board to approve holding a motor grader training course due to the number of new operators. Training is provided through UNL and consists of one day in the classroom plus 2 days when the instructors evaluate the roads and talk to the operators. The City of Ord would be invited as well as other Counties and a meal is usually provided. Collins moved, Beran seconded approval of having Leth contact Ord City and surrounding Counties for support in hosting a motor grader training course in May and to work out details regarding meals. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported: cutting trees, will begin maintaining again, LB1088 regarding vegetation in public right-of-ways was indefinitely postponed, discussed spaying to prevent regrowth, discussed sale of truss bridge.

At 9:30 a.m. the Public Hearing for the Valley County One and Six Year Road Plan was held. No one appeared to testify. Following discussion, it was decided that project C88-216B would be left in the plan and, as Leth requested, the tonnage on this bridge be lowered from 17 to 12 ton. The Affidavit certifying that a hearing was held and proper notice given was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 04-06 adopting the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented at the January 27, 2004 meeting was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Public Hearing was held on the abandonment of Roads No. 295 and 474 as requested by Robert Lutz. No one appeared to testify. Leth pointed out that the Lutz petition said if any of his property sold the roads could be reopened. Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion approving Resolution 04-07 to abandon and vacate said roads. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers left the meeting briefly to address County Government Day students in the District Courtroom.

Discussion was held regarding: snow removal on the Sargent highway, purchasing culverts now due to rising cost of steel, will wait to purchase sheet piling and if too costly will drop projects.

There was no Hospital report as their Board of Trustees meeting was postponed.

While awaiting the arrival of Custodian Severance, the letter from Lt. Gov. Heineman regarding the statewide wireless communications system was discussed.

Following discussion of the cost of heating and court appointed attorney fees, February claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Collins moved, Ash seconded approval of Resolution 04-08 authorizing a transfer

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from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund if needed to meet expenses after the Treasurer's books are closed. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Custodian Severance appeared. Attorney Cullers reported that he had met with Severance and based on clearance from Dr. Mubin and Dr. Julie, it would seem appropriate for Severance to return to work on March 1. This would allow notice to be given to Larry Marsh who has been serving as part-time Custodian. Cullers recommended that Severance work only when others are present in the Courthouse, week days 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. not nights or weekends and that Severance tell someone when he goes to the basement or the third floor and let them know when he returns. The Board agreed that Severance should return to work on March 1, 2004 and that Collins would notify Marsh.

Lodging tax receipts for December were \$754.72. It was noted that there were few disbursements and the Clerk was directed to ask a Visitor's Promotion Committee member attend the next meeting to discuss it.

The increase in charges for the Agland Board from \$50.00 to \$75.00 was noted.

Sevenker reported that John Prien had indicated he did not require County assistance with his drainage problem at this time.

Attorney Cullers reported regarding 2 proposed Interlocal agreements. One with Ord City regarding consolidation of communications and one with Garfield County regarding the position of Road Supt. The Garfield County Attorney has not yet been contacted by the Commissioners regarding this issue, but Cullers felt there would be no problem in working with Attorney Crandall on an agreement if Garfield County decides to go ahead with it. The Ord City Attorney has not had time to put together a draft for Cullers to review. Cullers advised that a review board be made a part of the agreement.

Cullers' general report included the following information. On behalf of Sheriff Ronzzo, who was attending a training seminar in North Platte, Cullers reported that the jail had passed inspection by the Jail Standards Board on Feb. 18 and that a rate of \$45 per day for housing out-of-county prisoners appeared to be in line with other jails. He also discussed the revision of the County Personnel Policy and recommended that it include a plan to help ensure that employment situations are handled objectively. Agland Electric has requested a letter of ownership and subordination, Cullers advised that the County not subordinate. He is looking into the bidding process for construction of the east entrance ramp but has not yet received the plans.

Three groups of high school students observed the Board meeting at various times throughout the morning and Chairman Sevenker introduced the Supervisors to each group explaining which precinct each represented.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 24 meeting and an agenda for the March 9 meeting are available in the County Clerk's Office.

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 the 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, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTES (Dorrita)

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Verification of Notice of meeting was given by publishing in the Ord Quiz and an agenda was posted in advance of said meeting. Board members acknowledged receipt of Notice of Meeting. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. Absent: None. No additions or corrections were made to the previous minutes and they were approved as published. Sevenker requested item #6A5. be added to the agenda. On motion by Sintek to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Beran. Motion carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: None. Absent: None.

Chairman Sevenker acknowledged Bill Brush from the public comment sign up sheet. Brush stated the Hospital needs to be removed from the political environment as soon as possible and spoke on the Medical Task Force analysis for future operations of the Hospital. Brush reported he attended a meeting held by area people interested in making the Valley Co. Hospital a Regional Private Not for Profit Corporation was very positive and stated before a transition can begin, a number of legal issues would need to be settled and strong interested individuals from the surrounding area could look into the issues and bring them to a close.

Road Supt. Max Leth was attending a continuing education class and unable to attend the meeting. Board members decided to wait for input from Leth about LB 1064 in regard to the overwidth survey. Discussion was held on not posting weight limits signs on Valley County roads at this time. Board acknowledged the bills LB507 on Inheritance Tax collections and LB1040 regarding motor vehicle sales tax collections were killed in committee.

Easement #03-208 application for the Nebraska Central Telephone Co. to lay a line out of Garfield Co. on the Haskell Creek Road to the Glen Nelson property was approved on motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Ash, Beran, Collins and Sintek. No: None. Absent: None. Discussion of irrigation pivots spraying on county roadways was tabled until the next meeting. Sevenker reported on the sale of County items at the last Wolf auction netted \$10,001.68.

Due to an emergency Sheriff Ronzzo sent a message indicating he would appear later in the meeting. No member of the Tourism committee was present the report was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported the Fund Balance report shows a negative balance in the Weed Fund for February, a claim will be submitted in March to correct the balance, Pledge Security, Tax Sale Certification of sold delinquent taxes in the amount of \$51,291.29 to five bidders and Tax Sale Certificates due for foreclosure. On motion by Collins to adopt Resolution #04-09 to direct the Co. Attorney to institute the foreclosure of Tax Sale Certificates for recovery of delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Assessments was seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None. County Clerk fee report for February was acknowledged.

Don Williamson CFO of the Valley County Hospital gave statistical reports, balance sheet report, statement of operations and expenses for the months of Nov. 03, Dec. 03 and Jan. 04. Williamson reported Quorum costs should be partially reimbursed and that legal fees are continuing to affect the bottom line. Phil Lowe reported Dr. Blake has signed a contract to practice here and the Hospital will not be recruiting anymore Doctor's or P.A.'s.

At 10:10 a.m. Ash moved, seconded by Cetak to go into Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins and Sintek. No: None. Absent: None. Assessor Deb Waits reported on the annual taxation of Government Entities for Property owned by the County not used for Public Purpose. Waits reported certified appraiser Larry Rexroth was here to help the Assessor with questions on property valuations. All residential and commercial properties are being reevaluated and notices will be sent. Board requested Waits set up a time to have Rexroth meet with the Supervisors at a future date.

At 10:20 a motion to go out of Board of Equalization was made by Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Collins and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None.

A motion to approve signing the Subgrant Special Conditions contract for the awarding of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant was made by Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins and Cetak. No: None. Absent: None.

Nebraska Dept. of HHS computation for reimbursement of direct costs was approved for signing on motion by Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia and Beran. No: None. Absent: None.

Cetak moved, seconded by Sintek to approve signing of the Flexible Benefit Plan Administrative Services Agreement with PayFlex. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran and Collins. No: None. Absent: None.

The summary of current expenditures report was discussed by members. County Farm rent payment receipts were acknowledged and discussion for determination of the numbers of acres on the county farms less the Mortensen Development for FSA will be done by the GIS system. Melia will report to the Board when the survey will take place and the results. A letter from Donna Matthew's from Gov. Mike Johanns regarding concern for Nebraska small towns and villages was noted.

At 10:30 a.m. Sheriff Ronzzo arrived to give his 2003 year end, January and February 2004 report. Ronzzo reported 251 prisoners were booked with an average stay of 6.3 days, the jail was vacant only two days during the year; board of prisoners costs were in line with other jails in the area, and a total of \$96,631.16 in fees were collected by the Sheriff's office in 2003. Discussion also took place between the Board and Ronzzo regarding the Homeland Security Grants, radios and communications. Ronzzo Deputized John Keck to patrol the Arcadia area with the Sheriff's office providing two tanks of gas per month. Ronzzo also indicated the grant for the purchase of two new radios and vests should go through very soon. An invoice for insuring the 2000 & 2001 Sheriff's patrol cars was discussed, as well as what will be done with the extra patrol car and procedures to transfer the vehicle for possible use by the Civil Defense Director. It was determined the car already has a considerable amount of hail damage and would not sell for much at a sale.

Co. Attorney Randy Cullers reported on the progress of the Interlocal Agreement for consolidation of the Communications between the City and the County. Culler's asked the Board for input on who may be a member of a Community Oversight Committee consisting of the Sheriff, Police Chief, two members of the City Council and County Board and at-large members to handle general discussion, complaints and make recommendations. Culler's also noted he had several questions on developing the agreement such as when compensation would be paid, term of the agreement, what would happen if an event occurred the Sheriff's office could not handle as well as other concerns in drawing up the agreement. Culler's also showed members plans for the courthouse ramp and is researching if a bidding process needs to be done.

Allen Cetak reported Mid-Nebr. Individual Services is now \$178,000.00 in the black and is building a new facility in Broken Bow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 9, 2004 and an agenda for the March 30, 2004 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

Dorrita L. Helm, Deputy Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 30, 2004 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and posted as usual. Chairman Sevenker asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting as published, none were offered and said minutes were approved as published. Collins moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Willis Plate was called for public comment, but was not present, so the next agenda item was called.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, presented the written monthly report of Road Claims and Balances noting some of the larger expenses. She indicated that the Road Budget appeared to be in good shape for the remainder of the fiscal year with \$59,373 for gravel, \$12,459 for fuel and \$326,850 overall.

Road Supt. Leth reported his approval of Easement 04-209 requested by Michael Jackson, said Easement was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Overwidth permits, weight limit signs and pivots spraying the roads were discussed. Leth indicated that Valley County does not issue overwidth permits because of the volume of agricultural traffic requiring permits. He did not put up weight limit signs since there was not a lot of shoulder break up in the County but, since Custer County did post weight limit signs, he is required to post weight restrictions ahead signs in advance of the Custer County line. County Attorney Cullers suggested that if a complaint is received regarding a pivot spraying the road Leth should document it, notify the landowner and the Sheriff and if the landowner does not respond, a criminal complaint can be issued. It was decided there was no need to publish a notice on this subject as State Statutes are public record.

Jay Knapp, Larry and Robyn Koelling and Luke Wolf were present to discuss water problems, one on the Knapp place and one on the John Prien place. Knapp requested that the County install a larger culvert and clean out a road ditch to help alleviate his water problem. He will pay for the culvert and haul the debris. The Board agreed to his request. Discussion was then held on the Prien property regarding County responsibility. It was determined that part of the solution was between the landowners and they would meet with Prien when he was next in the area to discuss the situation. The County would be willing to lower the ditch or move tubes once the landowners agreed on what they wanted done.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the road sign article provided by Dean Bresley and discussed maintenance costs and road sign requirements for enhanced 911 service.

Leth's general report included: new cell phone number; fairgrounds request for removal of block building from which County is keeping steel doors and conduit, also hauling dirt at fairgrounds; overwidth permit survey sent to NACO; minutes of public hearing held by the State on North Loup road are available; discussion on paving entrance to Mortensen Family Industrial Site, Board agreed Leth should draw up plans and figure quantities, but not let bids and the Economic Development Board will discuss it at their next meeting; Leth bought culverts before price of steel went up, this year bids are being taken for a quarter rather than a full year.

Chairman Sevenker called again for Willis Plate, but he was not present.

Ryan Simpson, Emergency Management Director and Assistant, Shawn Owen, presented a resolution by which the Board could approve the new Valley County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Beran moved to approve LEOP Resolution 04-10, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The State will provide copies of the new plan. Simpson also reported working on a Questionnaire regarding the Statewide Communications Alliance of Nebr. and noted that he did not feel it would benefit the County. He and Shawn will be conducting tornado drills for area schools as this is weather awareness week. A weather awareness class put on by the National Weather Service is to be held at the Ord Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. on April 13th. Discussion was held regarding enhanced 911 requirements and the use of the old Sheriff's patrol car by Simpson and Owen for storm watching.

At 10:10 a.m. Sintek moved to go into Board of Equalization, motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

The Tax Exempt Applications by Qualifying Organizations were discussed. The Assessor noted that no new applications were received this year. Max Kroger, GLVA President, was present to testify on their behalf. Following discussion, Melia moved to treat all applications the same as they were treated last year, Cetak seconded the motion. Motion carried by Chairmen's vote to break the tie. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Beran, Sevenker. No: Sintek, Collins, Ash. Absent: none.

Assessor Waits reported requesting and receiving a two day extension from the state for filing the abstract of the property assessment rolls. The abstract was completed and timely filed. She provided information on agland, commercial and residential property with regard to values and sales.

Ash moved to return to regular session and Beran seconded the motion at 10:45 a.m.. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Darrell Kaminski, Weed Supt., reported that BSAF Chemical Co. will no longer sell plateau to farmers. He said they can get it through the NRD and that he purchased extra last year so the County has a good supply. Renewal of the County's contract with Kaminski was discussed. Collins moved to renew the contract for another year and Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 04-11 authorizing various action by the County Board, the County Attorney and the Weed Supt. was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz notified the Board that the County did not qualify to apply for the CDBG Grant for funds to install an elevator in the Courthouse. The latest income survey showed the City of Ord did not meet the individual income criteria. She offered to help do a postcard survey for that one issue and if the new numbers allowed the County to qualify, an application could be submitted again in the fall. Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of participating in a postcard survey regarding the income of Ord residents. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital Admn., Phil Lowe and CFO, Don Williamson gave the monthly hospital report. Williamson noted that the census was down in most categories and they are looking at ways to reduce staff until it comes back up. He explained that a claim for \$17,437.06 had been turned in for ambulance expense because that was the amount of shortfall between the operating expense and revenue generated by the ambulance. Chairman Sevenker asked about CD's that were cashed in by the Hospital and Williamson indicated that in October and November CD's worth \$123,000 were cashed in but that the Hospital still has CD's worth \$571,945.85.

Connie Fread presented Resolution 04-12 by which the Board can approve the application of the Hospital for federal funds to help provide public transportation for persons in Valley County. Fread explained that the Senior Center, Ord City, Social Services and the Hospital all contribute to this effort. Melia moved to approve Resolution 04-12, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Tourism Committee member Don Vancura reported that the Committee is planning to meet on a regular basis, the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. He also said they are looking into working with RC&D tourism group and the Chamber on some projects. The maps that were planned are taking longer than thought so some funds being held to pay for this may be used for other projects in the meantime. Also discussed was the possibility of adding 2% to the current lodging tax for the purchase of a small building for tourism information. Vancura complimented the County on their snow removal efforts this winter.

A letter from the Nebr. Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice indicated that the jail had passed the Jail Standards inspection and noted that an inspection by the State Fire Marshal's office is yet to be conducted. Ronzzo reported that he will be attending training for 2 weeks next month in Grand Island and that a Homeland Security Grant was received for the purchase of 2 vests, a computer, and car equipment. When asked, Ronzzo indicated that he and the deputies fuel their cars at the County shop as much as possible. The use of the old patrol car by Emergency Management was discussed. A motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Ash to approve the use of the old 1995 patrol car by Simpson and Owen for storm watching, to keep only

liability insurance coverage on said vehicle and to look at any repairs needed on a case by case basis. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The claim of Cannon Moss Brygger & Assoc. and the receipt of reimbursement through General Assistance was acknowledged. March claims were approved on motion of Melia, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk reported that the General Fund would be short \$91, 809.57 based on the Treasurer's receipts for February and presented Resolution 04-13 for the Board's consideration. This resolution authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund following the Treasurer's final accounting of March receipts. Including March receipts would require a smaller transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund and the exact amount of the transfer would be reported to the Board at their next regular meeting. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve Resolution 04-13 and Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Items discussed included: BCBS forms for contact information and HIPAA privacy forms; U.S. Dept. of Commerce annual request for boundary changes, a postcard was signed indicating no boundary changes for Valley County; a copy of the NACO bylaws was made available; notice of the purchase of Omaha Life Insurance Co. by Fort Dearborn Life effective December 31, 2003; a motion was made by Beran seconded by Ash to approve the purchase of a copy of Courthouse blueprints through Berggren Architects for approximately \$30, motion carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Courthouse lawn care and an underground sprinkler system were discussed and it was determined that Attorney Cullers and Chairman Sevenker would draw up ads for both.

Changing the first May meeting date was discussed since it falls on election day. The first meeting in May was rescheduled from Tuesday the 11th to Monday the 10th on motion of Melia, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Attorney presented a draft of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ord and County of Valley for a partial consolidation of dispatch communications. The term would be year to year, it would begin 7 days after the equipment was installed and could be terminated by mutual agreement. Following discussion, it was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers also reported meeting with Jim Cannon, Ted Nelson, Don Faust, Paul Markowski, Rick McKenney, and Dick Beran regarding the proposed Courthouse ramp. Some changes were discussed with regard to drainage issues and Cannon is to draw up specifications and blueprints.

There were no committee reports.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 30 meeting and an agenda for the April 13 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia and Ash present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and posted. No additions or corrections were offered to the minutes of the March 30 meeting as published, and said minutes were approved as published. Sintek moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt., Max Leth approved the three requested easements as well as the four easement refunds. Following discussion, Easements 04-210 requested by Citizens Communications, 04-211 requested by Don Vancura and 04-212 requested by James Robertson were approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Easement refunds 03-194 Michael J. Schudel, 03-195 Walras Farms, 03-196 R. Dale Melia, and 03-197 Michael Usasz were also discussed and approved on motion of Sintek, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cetak, Beran, Collins. Abstain: Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported motor grading training is to be held in Valley County May 25, 26, 27. Leth will miss the Board meeting on the 25th as this session will be all day and lunch will be provided. Board members indicated they would take care of their own lunch if they attended the training session on the 25th. A new Garfield County worker, Ord City employees and Valley County employees are to participate in the training.

The project to lower culverts on the Jay Knapp property is complicated by telephone cables lying in existing culverts. Following discussion, it was agreed that Knapp should contact the phone company to have the cables lowered before the County begins work. Leth is to inform Knapp. Leth and Supervisor Sintek looked at the Prien property and determined that an old creek channel used to run where the tubes are now located. Moving these two tubes to the Koelling's driveway and deepening the ditch would help the problem and would be within the regulations. A motion approving this solution was made by Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth also reported: 3 high school students coming to Highway Dept. for job shadowing day; grass seed from NRD about same price as last year, 3 or 4 spots seeded before rain; finish backsloping a project started by Walras Farms; haul for fill on canal road; County hauling own gravel from Ulrichs; sign vandalism continues.

Supervisor Melia reported that Ken Bills of FSA did a GPS measurement of the County Farm, including the Mortensen Family Industrial Tract and the farmed portion. The maps showed 3.5 free acres, 10.8 acres in the Industrial Tract and 81.1 acres leased. It was determined that the free acres could be farmed by Knapp and Melia will talk to Pinkman regarding extending the drainage pipe under the old road approximately 54 feet. Commodity Credit Corp. billed the County \$30 for the GPS measurement.

Bethanne Kunz, ED Director, asked the Board to approve Resolution 04-14 which is required to participate in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program Special Project Awards. Ash moved to approve Resolution 04-14, Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz reported that Brian Zimmer is to serve a 10-week internship in Valley County this summer and will be helping the County better maintain their web site. Each of the seven participating groups will pay about \$168 for his services. Melia asked if Zimmer could help the RC&D office and Kunz said he could when finished with the participating groups. Kunz provided information on the Ord City Sales Tax Revenue Special Election issue appearing on the Primary ballot. If passed, the sales tax would remain the same but more of the revenue collected could be used for economic development and the city could use excess funds annually rather than waiting until 2017.

Treasurer Suminski reported on March fund balances. As required by Resolution 04-13, she reported a transfer of \$16,230.33 from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund to meet March expenses. Making the transfer after March tax collections were included lowered the amount required from \$91,809.57 to \$16,230.33. Handouts were provided showing the in lieu of tax collection from Loup Valley Rural Public Power of \$21,404.80 and the distribution breakdown.

The Clerk's report of March fees was acknowledged.



## Board of Supervisors Minutes (continued)

Custodian Don Severance appeared to report that, due to health considerations, he is planning to go on disability in June and would like to work part time, either custodial or lawn care duties. He can make up to \$810 per month on the disability program. He will continue full time until June and offered to resign if that is the Board's wish. The Board advised they are planning to advertise for bids on underground sprinklers and contracting lawn care and that they would discuss the situation and let Severance know their decision. Severance reported needing a new leaf blower at approximately \$200. The Board approved the proposed ads for lawn care and sprinklers and discussed various options for Courthouse custodial care.

State reimbursement of direct costs for the HHS Office in the amount of \$4,138.70 was noted and the Current Expenditures Report for March 31, 2004 listing the remaining budgets for all County Offices and Funds was discussed. When asked about the Election Commissioner budget, the Clerk reported that she had set up the Primary ballots on the computer and made Sample and Absent ballots to save costs.

A letter from David A. Yost expressing interest in serving on the Consolidation of Communications Committee was discussed, however, the Committee is already in place at this time.

County Attorney Randy Cullers was appearing in District Court, so Chairman Sevenker asked for Committee Reports. Supervisor Collins reported that he had attended the Agland Valuation Board meeting. He said that Valley County valuations were in line with the other counties and that no changes were needed. Greeley County pasture land was lowered.

County Attorney Cullers arrived and further discussion was held regarding custodial and lawn care. Cullers advised that the disability for which Severance qualifies is temporary at this time and that contracting for services would save the cost of benefits. The Board directed that the Courthouse care issue be put on the agenda for the first meeting in May and that the lawn care and sprinkler bids appear on the April 27 agenda. Cullers reported that he had received a revised blue print for the Courthouse ramp and advised the Board regarding the need to bid the project. It was determined that bids would be let and a completion date of October 15 would be included in the specs. Cullers will confirm the number of doors at the east entrance, inform Cannon of the decision to let bids and include specs on the blue prints.

Cullers informed the Board they are invited to a Juvenile Services meeting at the Hangout in Arcadia on April 27, 2004 at 12:30 p.m., lunch will be provided. He reminded the Board that the \$4032 the County received last year through the Multi-County Juvenile Services Plan was used for an assembly presentation at area schools. Cullers is looking at an alternative school program and developing a formal diversion program as ideas for future funds. He also mentioned that he would like to work with Leth to review a water drainage policy from Phelps County and develop a policy for Valley County.

The mail folder, containing newsletters from Community Action of Nebr., Rural News Bits, BCBS Flash Facts, Chuck Hagel 2003 Year End Report and Economic Trends, was available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 13 meeting and an agenda for the April 27 meeting are available 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 meeting agenda, 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 of 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, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present, Melia absent. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and posted and minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. Supervisor Melia arrived at 9:05 a.m. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. No one had signed up for public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported on Road Claims and Balances for April. She noted the larger expenditures and reported that the remaining gravel budget should be sufficient, the fuel budget will be tight, the overall budget looks okay and there is only one payment remaining on the John Deere motor grader.

Road Supt., Max Leth, presented his drawing and estimated cost of materials for the approach to the access road at the Mortensen Family Industrial Site. Leth requested that the engineers do the radius staking. The Board accepted Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz's offer to present the drawing to the Ord City Council at their next meeting for their approval of the use of sales tax funds to pay for it. Following City approval, the County can let bids for the project. Leth agreed to seed the drainage ditch to prevent the growth of weeds.

Easement 04-213 for James Jaeschke was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: purchase of asphalt from Jebro at 81.39, able to use state bid so county did not have to let bids; shop roof is sealed, no leaks during Saturdays rain; maintaining over all roads, fixing bad spots; hauled replacement tubes for Sargent road project #C88192B, work begins next week, will notify radio of closing of Sargent road for 4 or 5 days, detours will be marked; discussed possibility of fuel costs going over budget, okay if overall budget not over; will not need grader blades until fall; working on back slope on Arcadia canal road; road complaint from Comstock Post Office will be taken care of.

Weed Supt., Kaminski, reported that Salt Cedar is being considered for addition to the list of noxious weeds and presented a letter from the Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture asking if the county was for or against the proposal. Kaminski said this plant uses up to 200 gallons of water a day and that putting it on the noxious weeds list would help keep it out of the state. Ash moved, Cetak seconded approval of adding Salt Cedar to the noxious weed list. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Kaminski also reported that Plateau would be available but was not sure how the ordering and dispensing of it would be set up.

County Attorney Cullers and Kaminski reported that the state was continuing to monitor parcels of Valley County land on which noxious weed notices had been sent last year. Approximately one third of those who received notices last year either had not taken action or the action had not been effective so a notice will be required this year. If this notice is not effective, the state requires that a force spray notice be sent. Following discussion, it was determined that the Board has no choice since it is required by law. Cetak moved, Ash seconded the motion directing Cullers to compose a letter regarding the notices to be sent to landowners as required by law. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The Hospital report was given by Kara Fischer, President of the Hospital Board of Trustees, in the absence of Admin. Phil Lowe and CFO Don Williamson. The regular written report was presented and Fischer noted the areas of increase and loss. A survey of area nursing homes indicates that many are showing a decline in numbers, due in part to the impact of assisted living facilities. Expenses for attorney fees, Dr. Trimble and Quorum from July 2003 to March 2004 total \$443,000. The Hospital currently has \$573,000 in CDs, 2 of which are restricted (\$1000 & \$800). There are no liens against the CDs. If all financial obligations were taken care of, \$300,000 CDs would be left. Ten or twelve years ago, the Hospital had no CDs. Chairman Sevenker commented that both the County Board and the Hospital Board are concerned with and knowledgeable about

Hospital finances. Fischer reported that Don Chase had been replaced by John Ross of Wisconsin as the Quorum Representative. Due to the critical access designation of the Hospital, some of Quorum's fees are reimbursed and the rural clinic designation for Ord Family Health Center will also provide reimbursement. Fischer advised that the exam taken by Dr. Dan Stevens did not meet the requirements stated in the by-laws that all Hospital physicians must sign and abide by.

At 10:05 a.m., Sintek moved, Cetak seconded the motion to convene as Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Assessor Waits presented a Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Gary Hawley for Board approval. The property did not qualify for exemption because the house was not owned by Mr. Hawley prior to January 1, 2004 and he did not meet the age requirement. Beran moved to accept the rejection, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Board returned to regular session on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Director, Bethanne Kunz appeared for the Economic Development Board to explain that a CDBG grant they are working on required a letter of intent signed by the County and they were not aware that the County signature was required in time to request approval at the last County Board meeting. In order to meet the deadline, Chairman Sevenker signed the letter of intent pending Board approval. Kunz asked if the Board would approve the signing of the letter, saying it could be withdrawn if not approved. Melia moved to approve the signing of the letter of intent, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The Sheriff's written reports of Fees and Activities for March were presented in his absence. A letter from the Nebr. Commission on Law Enforcement acknowledging that the jail was in full compliance with the Minimum Jail Standards was also presented.

Clerk's report: quarterly report of ambulance fees collected on balances due prior to 1999, District Court IV-D reimbursement \$1195.39, Lodging Tax receipts \$747.79, expenditures \$675.00.

Custodian Severance reported that he was not eligible for disability since he is working full time and that he continues to be weak on the right side but is getting along okay. He suggested that he and Barb Nordhues contract with the County for Courthouse and lawn care. Chairman Sevenker said that lawn care and sprinkler bids were on the agenda. Severance said he still planned to stay on full time through May. Sevenker advised him not to do anything he felt he was unable to do.

Lawn care bids were received from Collier's Lawn Care and Loup Valley KLawn. Neither bidder was present. Collier's bid included weekly mowing, bagged and hauled, \$85 per week; four-step fertilizer \$210 per application; fall leaf clean up \$175 per clean up; tree pruning \$30 per hour. KLawn's bid included only fertilizing and weed control at four applications without grub control for \$1000, with grub control \$1140. Following discussion, the bid from Collier's Lawn Care was accepted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Collins abstained. Cullers advised contract not needed, independent contractor has own liability insurance.

Underground sprinkler bids were received from Fox-1, Inc., Buller Landscaping and Turf Pro. Carl Buller and Adam Kunz were present. Fox-1, Inc. bid \$7200, Buller Landscaping bid \$9944.40 and Turf Pro bid \$6495.00. Following discussion, the bid from Turf Pro was accepted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Sintek, Ash, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz advised installation could be completed by the end of May.

Paul Markowski was present for discussion of choosing a natural gas supplier. Following discussion, Ash moved and Cetak seconded the choice of ACE fixed/blend option. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Establishing a grant fund was discussed. Clerk Lindsey said the State Auditor's Office advised that a fund could be established and money received into it during this fiscal year without amending

the budget. Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of Resolution 04-15 establishing Grant Fund #2500. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the five county joint agreement to seek grant funding for the development of Juvenile Services. It is substantially the same as the one signed in 2002. Ash moved to approve said memorandum, Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Taking bids for construction of a ramp at the east Courthouse entrance was discussed. Cullers advised that the County could pay for materials each month but labor could be paid upon completion so performance bonds would not be needed. Insurance coverage is required in the bid specs and Alan Anderson and the underwriter felt that builders risk insurance would not be necessary. Request for bids will be in this weeks Quiz to be opened by the Building and Grounds Committee at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2004, prior to the regular meeting.

Cullers also reported: that he is working on an Affidavit for the Board to sign to correct a discrepancy in the approval of several real estate subdivisions; will figure adjustment of rent for County Farm for 2003 and 2004, when rental of the farm is rebid, it will be based on 81.1 acres; the tax appeal hearing for Keowns is scheduled for Sept. 2 in Kearney; discussed cost of secure housing for juvenile prisoners.

Ash reported on Mid Plains meeting regarding drug and alcohol counseling and Sintek reported on the current fund balance from Nebr. Community Foundation.

Mail folder items were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on Monday, May 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 27 meeting and an agenda for the May 10 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 10, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room in regular session. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak and Sevenker present, Sintek absent. The Clerk verified that meeting notice had been published and posted and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Collins moved, Cetak seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Public comment: Jane Zadina thanked the Board for the Wozab funds for the planting project at the nursing home. Trying Our Best 4-H Club, volunteers and nursing home residents participate in the project. Bethanne Kunz presented a proposed flyer suggested by Jeff Yost of Nebraska Community Foundation to show the impact Wozab Foundation funds have had in the county.

Road Supt., Max Leth, approved proposed easement refunds for Lawrence Welniak 03-198, Peterson Farms, Inc. 03-199, Larry O. White 03-200 and Eldon Foth 03-201. Collins moved to approve refunds for said easements, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Leth's report included: received prints for the North Loup/Ord state road project including revisions made following the town hall meeting, project scheduled for 2007; will overlay Sargent road bridge today or tomorrow, then open road; Ashton road maintenance and shoulder work, removed trees in ROW, badly rutted south of Highway 22 due to truck traffic; bridge west of Elyria near Larry Kolar needs to be replaced or posted for lower tonnage, Board advised Leth meet with Jensen and Walahoski regarding project; received Board approval to pay for shop roof repair out of building and grounds budget if funds are available; Leth to discuss spraying of road ditches with Weed Supt., Kaminski; received approval of Ord City Council to have Gilmore draw up specs and stake the access road at the Mortensen Family Industrial Site, Leth to meet with Mayor Winterfeld as to who will let the bids; two-tiered Highway Supt. system will be delayed a year, resulting in delay of projected \$4500 incentive; Wheeler County to send 2 people for motor grader training May 25, 26, 27; fuel budget hurt by high gas bids of 1.83 and 1.765; seeded waterway at Cornerstone, Leth to check with Pheasants Forever or NRD for seed to plant triangle piece and 100' ROW, as it will not be farmed.

Planning and Zoning Admn., Glaubke, presented four requests for subdivisions of less than 10 acres and recommendations of approval for each from the Valley County Area Planning Commission. Following discussion of each subdivision and based on the Planning Commission recommendations, Ash moved, Beran seconded approval of a subdivision of 4.068 acres requested by Kevin Knapp, a subdivision of 8.33 acres for Cory and Joy Miller, and a Subdivision of 8 acres requested by Jeremy VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The subdivision of 4.64 acres requested by Dale Melia was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Abstain: Melia. Absent: Sintek.

Glaubke reported that LB1086 to create a task force on Initiative 300 and LB1008 regarding the appeal of a conditional use permit were not passed. Regulation of wells was discussed.

Treasurer Suminski gave April fund balances. General fund is up but highway incentive funds will come out of General to Road Fund before fiscal year end. Printouts and charts were provided showing tax breakdowns. Additional security was pledged due to amount of tax collections and a security was replaced by First Nebraska Bank. Discussed purchase of tax sale properties.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Beran, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. Arnold explained that Martin Leasing, C/O CBIZ Property Tax Solutions asked for a correction of their personal property tax schedule for equipment no longer on lease. The Assessor's Office found that a power washer leased by J & J Sanitation was no longer on lease in 1993. A correction of \$33.42, was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran,

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Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Collins moved to return to regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Monthly fee reports for the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Custodian Don Severance appeared to discuss working part-time beginning June 1. He said he could not earn more than \$11,048 per year, and thought it would take about 20 hours each week to care for the building. Attorney Cullers said Don's doctor, Dr. Mubin, had shared his concerns for Don's welfare and advised that Dr. Julie Stevens, his primary physician, be consulted. Discussion included: checking restrooms daily, no outside work, what hours or days to work, hourly wage or contract, work only during hours Courthouse is open for business, and does not qualify for benefits. A decision is to be made at the next meeting.

Chairman Sevenker reported under the Courthouse care topic that Kunz had advised him the underground sprinkler should be put on a separate meter costing approximately \$400. Sewer tax is based on the current meter and a separate one would save about \$150 per year. Ash moved, Cetak seconded the motion approving the purchase and installation of a separate meter for the underground sprinkler system. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Ellen Davis of CNCS spoke regarding THRIVES, a transitional housing program for the homeless sponsored by CNCS. They are renewing their grant and asked the Board to sign a Memorandum of Endorsement supporting the program. Ash moved, Melia seconded approval of the Memorandum. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

One bid was received for the Courthouse ramp and was opened at 8:45 a.m. by the Building and Grounds Committee as noted in the bid advertisement. Bidder, Ted Nelson, was present and discussion was held regarding removing the old wood doors at the east entrance, installing a new single door, the type of door and opener to install. Phil Runyan will do the railing work. Ash moved to accept the bid of \$28,211 plus the additional \$2853.75 for a new automatic door and storefront, Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Upgrading the door opener will be discussed at a later date.

While awaiting the arrival of Weed Supt. Kaminski, the Clerk reported that Bethanne Kunz had advised that agenda item #9D, the conditions letter for the RBEG grant, should be rescheduled to the May 25 meeting when more information will be available.

Bond certificate for Ron Wolf, Twin Loup Recl. Dist. Mgr., was approved on motion of Melia, second by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

A claim from the State of Nebraska was presented for damage to a State vehicle. The vehicle was parked at the Courthouse when a dumpster was blown into it by heavy winds. The claim was turned in to the County's liability insurance carrier and will be on the next agenda for their reply.

Darrell Kaminski, County Weed Supt. was present for the Weed Program Evaluation presented by Ag Inspection Specialist, Ron Bouska. Bouska handed out a sheet with information on what is evaluated and a sheet giving Valley County's evaluation score of 2582 points out of 3400. Bouska said Valley County has cleaned up a lot of land and is doing a good job. He also said the state is rewriting the weed control plan to give more guidance to Weed Supt. and County Boards. Chairman Sevenker recognized Kaminski for passing the test as a Certified Manager of Invasive Plants and said there are only 7 others in the state who have earned this certificate.

Buffalo County's request regarding a proposed change in Veteran's benefits based on the type of discharge received was discussed. Sevenker indicated that Valley County VSO, Charlie Cox is to attend a meeting in North Platte this week and asked that this item be delayed until the next meeting.

The Summary Report of Current Expenditures showing the remaining budget for each fund, was discussed. Beran, Collins and Cetak are to meet at 8:30 a.m. prior to the regular Board meeting on May 25, 2004 to discuss the Building and Grounds budget with regard to the change from a full-time to a part-time maintenance person and contracted lawn care.

Each Board member received a copy of the audit report from McDermott and Miller.

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County Attorney Cullers confirmed with the Board how complaints of pivots spraying a roadway are to be handled. Complaints received by Road or Sheriff Dept. are documented and if not taken care of after repeated requests or if complaints continue can be prosecuted.

Mail folder items were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 13 meeting and an agenda for the May 27 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present. Notice of meeting was verified and minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Five persons signed up for public comment listing the Hospital Board as their topic, Stefan Baker also listed County Road. Marty Petska felt both Hospital Board and County Board had made decisions best for whole county not one issue or group and asked that current members be reappointed or applications taken. Nancy Glaubke pointed out the loss of the Administrator and two key Board members made appointments very important, urging the Board to reappoint Fischer and thanking Bossen for a good job. Jayma Brown asked that the continuity of the Board be preserved, saying that recent state surveys and investigations have found no major defects or noncompliance by the Hospital and the facility is in good standing. Stefan Baker asked the Supervisors to deny tax dollars to the hospital for a new boiler, water heater and roof repair because they have money set aside for these expenses. He also asked them to do something about an access dispute on private property which he said was a civil matter but a hospital issue carryover. Larry Koelling said the Hospital Board of Trustees had violated that trust by not following the recommendations of the task force and had created the financial losses.

Road Supt., Leth was absent as he was hosting motor grader training. Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson gave the report of Road claims and balances for May: fuel is over budget due to high gas prices, but overall there is \$177,017 left in the budget for this fiscal year. Shop roof repair bill was paid out of the Road Budget misc. capital outlay since it was not budgeted in Building and Grounds and there did not appear to be sufficient funds. Simpson confirmed that Leth had given his okay for approval of Easements 04-214 Cook & Cook Inc. and 04-215 Alvin W. Vavra. Collins moved to approve both Easements, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion, the agreement with the State for the County to tie out and remonument land monuments for maintenance work on Highway 70 from reference post 114 to 119 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Williamson, CEO discussed with the Board the hospital financial and statistical reports for April. Discussion also included: Quorum's paying it's own way, Williamson indicated some savings have been realized and Medicare reimbursements should begin to show up, 30 days after the audit scheduled for August he could give a better estimate; if all bills were paid, there would be a balance of \$82,000 in CDs and there are \$1,800,000 in accounts receivables. He also explained that the \$239,000 budgeted for capital expenditures referred to by Stefan Baker is kept in an interest bearing account and it is to the hospital's advantage to leave it there if possible. A rate increase is being discussed due to higher operating costs.

Sheriff Larry Ronzso reported attending jail administration training and said that consolidation of communications between the County and City of Ord is waiting for the 911 system hookup at Region 26. The Sheriff's report of April Fees and Activities were presented to the Board.

At 10:12 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Assessor were present. The tax correction for Marlin Leasing, approved at the last meeting, was signed by Chairman Sevenker. The Findings and Order of TERC, that no adjustments were required in the matter of the equalization of assessments of real property within Valley County for tax year 2004, was presented. Waits reported that revised valuation notices will be sent out June 1, 2004. Discussion was held on scheduling property valuation protest hearings. Ash moved, Cetak seconded



the motion to hear property valuation protests on regular meeting dates June 8 and 29, changing the time for convening the Board of Equalization to 11:00 a.m. for those meetings and a third date on June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Motion was made by Ash to go back into regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins. Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported that the Hospital Bond will be paid off in October, 2004 and the Airport Bond will be paid off in September, 2006.

Courthouse custodial care discussion was delayed until the return of the County Attorney.

Following discussion, Resolution 04-16 to clarify the definition of eligible veteran concerning State of Nebraska veterans' benefits was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Alan Anderson reported that the State's claim for damages to a DMV vehicle was denied by the County's insurance company, EMC. The County need take no further action on the claim unless something more is received. He also informed the Board that the liability insurance renewal date was May 17 and that he expected a substantial increase due to the workmans comp portion. This item is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Bethanne Kunz reported on the RBEG grant that the County would not be required to pay any of the matching funds and that at this point is the County needs to sign the letter of intent and the obligation of funds. The grant funds are to be used to hire a staff person so portions of the conditions letter that refer to property do not apply. Following discussion, Ash moved and Cetak seconded approval of signing the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions (form RD 1942-46) and the Request for Obligation of Funds (form FmHA 1940-1). Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding Hospital Board members Kara Fischer and Dick Bossen whose terms are up. Fischer is willing to serve another term, Bossen is willing to serve until a replacement is named. Following discussion, Melia moved, Beran seconded the reappointment of Kara Fischer to the Hospital Board for another 6 year term. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Following further discussion regarding the application process, Collins moved that applications for the Hospital Board of Trustees position be taken until June 24, that previous applicants must reapply and that the County Board decision be made at the June 29 meeting. Motion seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk was directed to advertise accordingly. Sintek moved that Bossen continue to serve until a replacement is appointed, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Connie Fread, Nurse Manager of Outpatient and Transportation, asked the Board to help fund the purchase of a new van. They currently have 2, the older one is a 1992 Ford Club Wagon which they are not comfortable using out of town. In Ord donations are taken and outside Ord a fee schedule was started last November. To contract with Social Services as a provider, a fee schedule is required. Purchase of a new van would free up the old one to be used by Nursing Home residents. The van would cost \$28,573.50, Federal money would pay 83% and the County is asked to pay the remaining \$4857.50. The Foundation has not yet been approached. Melia moved to use \$4857.50 from Inheritance Tax Fund to purchase the van, Beran seconded the motion. Further discussion was held regarding asking the Foundation to contribute and Fread agreed to take the request to the Foundation at their next meeting on the 16th of June and come back to the County on the 29th. Motion did not carry. Yes: none. No: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Absent: none.

Use of the Courthouse lobby for the County Republican Convention on June 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and for the Democratic Convention on June 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk will see that doors are unlocked and relocked on these nights.

Informational items noted: CNEDD meeting on May 24th, Lodging Tax receipts of \$744.95 and the request for funds for RC&D Household Hazardous Waste Collection in October.

Bond for Dale Zadina, Ord Rural Fire Dist. #2 Treasurer, approved on motion of Melia, second by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Collins. Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers and Custodian Don Severance were present for discussion of Courthouse custodial care. Cullers presented a letter from Dr. Mubin. Following discussion, it was agreed that Don Severance would no longer perform custodial duties after June 1, 2004 due to medical concerns expressed by Dr. Mubin and other observations made by Courthouse personnel and Board members. Chairman Sevenker reported that underground sprinkler installation is to start this week. After further discussion, Ash moved, Collins seconded, to advertise for applications for part-time janitorial services, to be taken until 9:00 a.m. June 8, to be considered at the June 8 Board meeting. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

May claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers' report included:

- Resolution 04-17 to correct Resolution 04-07 which contained an incorrect legal description for the Lutz road closing. Resolution 04-17 was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.
- weed notices were almost completed and he had received approval from the State to offer the biological control program to more than just one landowner.
- on the road issue referred to by Stefan Baker, based on information gathered by Sheriff Ronzco and Road Supt. Leth, it is a private property dispute, a civil matter and not County Board business.

There were no Committee Reports and the following Mail Folder items were available for review: Region 26 Agenda, CNCS Newsletters, Community Action of Nebr., Nebr. Engineer, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 11:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 25 meeting and an agenda for the June 8 meeting are available 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 the 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

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, and Cetak present, Sintek absent. Chairman Sevenker asked that the record show Sintek's absence as excused since he had notified the Chairman in advance. The Clerk verified notice of meeting was published and posted. No additions or corrections were offered to the minutes of the previous meeting so they were approved as published. On motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak, the agenda was amended to add New Business item 8-I, the declaration of President Bush and Governor Johanns designating Friday, June 11, 2004 a Federal and State holiday to honor former President Ronald Reagan and adopted as amended. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Kerry Petska appeared under Public Comment regarding a property access issue raised by Stefan Baker at the last Board meeting. Petska said that Dr. Dan was agreeable to the road when Petska was renting his land and that his corral does not block access to anyone's property. He has had no problems with his neighbors in the 24 years he has lived there and was not aware of a problem until Baker's comments at the last meeting. He urged Dr. Dan to talk to him if there is a problem and said communication is the key to getting along.

Supervisor Sintek arrived at 9:10 a.m..

Road Supt. Leth's General Report included: requests from Don Psota and Jake Bredthauer regarding two roads that he is certain were abandoned by the County more than 30 years ago, but is unable to locate a record of the abandonment, neither road is necessary for access as other access points are available, County Attorney Cullers advised that people should appear before the Board with road requests and that he did not think it was necessary for Leth to spend any more time searching for abandonment records, the Board agreed; plat of the Mortensen Family Industrial Site received from Gilmore & Assoc. but not specifications for driveway sufficient to let bids; discussion of alternative sites for mix strip to replace one lost in development of the Industrial Site; Road project C8822A on the Ashton highway is in progress; counter has been placed on the Sargent road and the road looks good; motor grader training went well, 23 attended.

Discussed notice from Frontier that it would cost \$5700 to relocate their telephone plant to allow replacement of culvert under Jay Knapp's driveway as requested by Knapp. Attorney Cullers will write a letter to Frontier with a copy to Knapp to indicate that the relocation costs are not the responsibility of the County.

Gravel bids will be accepted up to the hour of 9:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004 on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. In addition to the Class A road gravel, 47B gravel, sand and rock are listed in the Notice to Bidders.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported on May receipts and fund balances. To meet the requirements for receiving highway allocation funds, a transfer from General Fund to Road Fund will be made in June. Hopefully, June revenue added to what remains in the General Fund will be sufficient for June expenses so that Inheritance Tax money will not be required.

Clerk Lindsey presented the May fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of District Court.

Item 7-A, the purchase of a hospital van, is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

No written applications for Courthouse Custodial care were received. Robert Donaldson appeared to say he was interested in the position but asked for more information. Following discussion, it was decided to advertise for someone 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at \$12.50 per hour. No snow removal or lawn care would be required. The Clerk is to coordinate the ordering of supplies and other items through the Building & Grounds budget until a custodian is hired. Sheriff Ronzso asked about purchasing an air conditioner for his office and the Board approved the request.

Resolution 04-18, accepting the terms of the RBEG grant applied for through the County by the County Economic Development, was approved on motion of Melia, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The BCBS rate increase of 8% was discussed. Discussion included raising the deductible and how much of the higher deductible the County could afford to reimburse. The Clerk was directed to place the BCBS Subgroup Application for 2004-2005 on the agenda for the next meeting and to provide information on the amount of deductible reimbursement paid by the County over the past several years.

The request of Jennifer Grooms for use of the Courthouse lawn for Relay for Life on June 20, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to noon was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers presented the plat of the Mortensen Family Industrial Site 1st Subdivision received from Gilmore & Assoc.. There are 2 original mylars requiring County approval signatures, one to be returned, and two photocopies for County use. Leth and Cullers agreed that the maps appear to be correct. Ash moved to approve the plat map, Melia seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on the following New Business items included: it is not necessary to approve the Bond for North Loup Village; Governor's press release indicates Homeland Security grants of \$611,200 were received by Region 26 but there was not a breakdown of how it was used or in which County; Expenditures Summary report through May was reviewed; the Lodging Tax Workshop notice was forwarded to Judi Welniak, County Tourism Committee.

County Officials office budgets for 2004-2005 fiscal year were discussed and an informal discussion session was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 15 for officials, department heads and 3 or 4 Board members.

The declaration of June 11, 2004 as a Federal and State holiday by President Bush and Governor Johannis to honor former President Reagan was discussed. A motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Sintek to keep the Valley County Courthouse open. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:00 a.m., Ash moved, Beran seconded the motion to move into Board of Equalization. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

Marvin and Carolyn Lukesh were present for the hearing of their property valuation protests on 5 properties: parcel 880026166 valued at \$2095, parcel 880026194 valued at \$4665, parcel 880026383 valued at \$5200, parcel 880026327 valued at \$8975, parcel 880011662 valued at \$14,135. The Lukesh's testified that the first 4 parcels (Protests 1-4) were on swamp ground and an old dump site and would be difficult to build on. They also testified that parcel number 880011662 (Protest 5) was valued too high. The Assessor recommended no change in the valuations unless a survey map indicated square footage of lots had changed due to proximity to Loup River and no change in the homesite value which is based upon appraiser sales studies and uniform throughout the County. Following discussion, it was moved by Ash, seconded by Collins to table Protests 1-5 to allow time for an inspection of the property and to hear any similar protests so that consistent decisions can be made. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 6 was filed by Eugene D. Swenson on parcel number 880024899 valued at \$5850 land and \$74,860 buildings. No one was present to testify. The protest form indicated the valuation increase was too much at one time and asked that it be cut in half and the second half added next year. Assessor has done walk through of home and recommends no change in valuation based on sales study for 2004. The property was purchased for \$80,000 in June, 2002. Melia moved, Cetak seconded the motion to leave the value as it is, no cause for action. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 7 was filed by Dean Vancura on parcel number 880024395 valued at \$11,755 land and \$114,400 buildings. No one was present to testify. The protest form compared this property with the Zulkoski property valued at \$80,000 and the Bosworth property valued at \$59,000 and noted 50% central air and the condition of paint, eaves, gutter and insulation. The Assessor noted a correction needed on year built from 1917 to 1907. Melia moved, Collins seconded the motion of no cause for action. Upon further discussion, the Assessor asked that the protest be tabled to allow time for walk through and to contact appraiser for advice on quality rating.

Melia then withdrew the motion of no cause for action and Collins withdrew his second. Melia moved to table protest 7 filed by Dean Vancura pending Assessor walk through of the property and Collins seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

The valuation notices for County owned, taxable property were reviewed. The Assessor noted that the raise in valuation was based on new ag values and it was noted that the valuation on the County farm property will be adjusted now that the Mortensen Family Industrial Site has been officially platted.

The Assessor presented Notice of Valuation Change by the Valley County Board of Equalization forms for the following property owners: First National Bank in Ord, Wm. A. & Eleanor J. Lueck, Steven R. Foth (Trust), Duane Rieck, Lena J. Osentowski (Trust), Anthony M. McCarville, Cedar Valley Ranch, G & R Service, Bill Neel, Duane E. & Mary E. Ash, Rita Eppenbach, Deetta J. Petska, Roger W. Wallace, Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., Wayne L. & Christine K. Hruza, Steve Bruha, William F. & Nancy D. Vogeler, Shawn D. & Sara S. Koelling, Wayne L. & Lois E. Zlomke (Trust), Allen J. & Linda L. Cetak. Changes include the addition or removal of fixtures, change of land classification or computer error and since they were not discovered or reported until after March 20, 2004, they must be approved by the Board of Equalization. Following discussion, Sintek moved and Ash seconded approval of sending the valuation changes as presented by the Assessor. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Sintek moved to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers addressed the issue of hiring a part time custodian or contracting with someone. There are advantages and disadvantages for both methods. Contracting gives the County less control but eliminates retirement, insurance and matching tax withholdings. Discussed a 3 month review, which would be in line with the County's probationary period for new hires.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene as Board of Equalization on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. to hear property valuation protests and in regular session on Tuesday June 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 10 meeting and an agenda for the June 15, and June 24 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
SITTING AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors, sitting as Board of Equalization, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 15, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room for the purpose of hearing property valuation protests. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran and Cetak present. Collins and Sintek were absent. Notice of meeting was verified. The agenda was adopted on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Collins, Sintek. Assessor Debra Waits and Clerk Jenette Lindsey were present.

Protest #8, Donald Luedtke, parcel number 880026859 valued at \$31,770 was first on the agenda. Donald Luedtke was present and testified that information he had given on his protest form concerning the sale price was in error and was for a different property, no improvements had been made and any tax increase would be passed on to the renter. Assessor Waits recommended no change as she had done a walk through of the property today and found that the information on the property listing in the office was correct. There is no heating or cooling upstairs and no insulation. Luedtke purchased the property in 2001 for \$32,000. Following discussion of the criteria used to establish the new valuations, it was decided to postpone a decision on this property until further protests were heard.

Protest #9, Wilma I. & Sylvester Joe Micek, parcel number 880021266 valued at \$62,360 was heard. Wilma Micek was present and testified that this property was comparable to a house nearby which had been owned by her sister, now lived in by Gary Walker. This house has a few more square feet and the valuation on it went from \$47,000 to \$49,000 while the Micek home went from \$54,875 to \$62,360. Waits felt this may be due to the depreciation rate change from 50% for homes built in 1971 to 41% for those built in 1972. Following discussion, it was decided to postpone a decision until arrangements can be made to meet with Appraiser Larry Rexroth who assisted Waits in establishing land values and depreciation tables.

Protests #10 & 11, Carole J. Shuck, parcel number 880033075 valued at \$1230, parcel number 880034762 valued at \$3745 were heard, no one was present to testify. This property is located in Arcadia Village. Supervisor Ash had inspected it and reported that it is swampland with limited or no access and could not be built on. Board noted that owners were agreeable to a smaller increase and felt that consideration should be given to condition and access. Waits indicated that all of Arcadia Village is in the same pricing neighborhood. It was decided to postpone a decision on this property until the entire Board was present.

Protest #12, Ronald & Penny Beran, parcel number 880021539 valued at \$58,465 was heard, no one was present to testify. Waits had done a walk through of the property on Sunday, noting a downstairs bath had been added and the heating system upgraded to a heat pump. Following discussion of comparable properties, Ash moved that the new assessed value be left as it is, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Collins, Sintek.

Protest #13, Ronnie A. Drudik, parcel number 880025144 valued at \$128,820 was heard, Ronnie and Tonna Drudik were present to testify. Drudik's testified that the only improvement made to their home was to redo the deck and they did not feel it would sell for as much as it was now valued at. Waits did a walk through inspection of the home Sunday and found that the office records were correct except for a heating system change to a heat pump. Discussion was held regarding the quality rating and Waits said there is a \$20 per square foot difference in 1997 pricing and 2004 pricing. Waits recommended postponing action on this property pending a review with Appraiser Larry Rexroth regarding the quality rating assigned to the home.

Following discussion, it was decided to invite Rexroth to meet with the Board at 6:30 p.m. on July 8, 2004 prior to the protest hearings scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening. The Assessor will contact him and inform the Clerk of the date and time so that it can be advertised.

Melia moved, Beran seconded a motion to postpone action on the following properties pending further review: #8 Donald Luedtke, #9 Wilma I. & Sylvester Joe Micek, #10 & 11 Carole J. Shuck and #13 Ronnie A. Drudik. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Collins, Sintek.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m., to reconvene as Board of Supervisors on June 29, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m.. Complete minutes of the June 15 Board of Equalization meeting and an agenda for the June 29 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, and Sevenker present. Notice of meeting was verified and the minutes from the regular June 13th meeting and the special Board of Equalization meeting on June 15th were approved as published in the Quiz. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. No one appeared for public comment.

Road Claims & Balances report was given by Supt. Leth. The larger expenses were for gravel, fuel and purchase of a 1993 truck. Leth's general report included: attended annual meeting in Valentine; making 2 winrows now for maintenance and project C8820A on Ashton road, additional winrow will go to Loup City road then 2 more for maintenance; starting project C88216B, move fence and build shoofly, Board wants truss bridge salvaged; continue to haul gravel; discussed Jay Knapp project, County Attorney Cullers contacted Frontier and they would pay the \$5700 cost to secure their line if County elects to work on the bridge, no plans to do so at this time, Board asks Leth to figure cost of lowering culvert; discussion of water on road east of Jay Knapp.

Clerk reported the statement from Gilmore and Associates for paving design for Mortensen Family Industrial Site access road has been faxed to City Clerk, Sandy Kruml for consideration by the Sales Tax Committee. Following discussion, Attorney Cullers read a proposed ad for taking bids on the project, setting the deadline for receiving bids at 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2004 and opening bids at 9:15 a.m. on August 10, 2004. It was noted that the specifications should indicate that the City will have final approval of the bidder. Sintek moved, Beran seconded approval of the notice as read by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Gravel bids were opened at 9:30 a.m. as scheduled. Ulrich Gravel was the only bidder: at bin \$4.65 per cubic yard, cubic yard mile 19¢ truck charge, 47B at pit \$5.00 per yard, rock at pit \$10.50 per yard, sand at pit \$3.00 per yard, price for minimum haul 95¢, 5% fuel surcharge added on each ticket if price of fuel goes above \$1.80 per gallon. Motion to accept the bid was made by Beran, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Scott Ulrich was present to sign the contract.

Sheriff Ronzso presented May Fees and Activities Report and traffic for the Comstock Festival was discussed. Letter regarding possible need to repay a portion of the COPS grant was discussed. County Attorney Cullers reported he had been in contact with them some months ago but had not heard anything until this letter. He said there had been a change in personnel and he would check on it. Motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Ash authorizing the repayment of \$2907.21 in grant overpayment from the Misc. General portion of the budget if required prior to the next Board meeting. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski presented the estimates of State Aid to Counties for fiscal year 2004-2005 and a comparison table for State Aid for prior years indicating a significant drop in funds. The Legislature has again appropriated no funds to the County Property Tax Relief Program for the new fiscal year which also represents a significant loss to the County. As a result of the requirement to match 50% of the Highway Incentive funds from the state, \$210,000 will need to be transferred from Inheritance Tax Fund to Road Fund. Accountant Chuck Abel was present to explain that since it is not possible to carry the Inheritance Tax money as cash reserve it must be budgeted to spend. A portion of the Inheritance Tax Fund is budgeted to transfer to other funds as needed. Abel will go over the figures with the Board as soon as totals for the 2003-2004 fiscal year are available, probably the last July meeting. Suminski also reported a good response from the delinquent letters sent out in June and that the Misc. Receipt information was available in the red folder.

Hospital Board President, Kara Fischer, reported that interim CEO Robert Ohlen started work on Thursday. Majority of medical staff issues have been resolved with Julie Stevens withdrawing her



hearing process. She noted that the staff is committed to rebuilding the Hospital finances and have considered ways to cut the budget and increase revenue, such as staff scheduling and employees taking on dual rolls. They are examining revenue by department and looking at reimbursement options as well as checking to make sure charges are comparable with other similar institutions. Out patient services provided by visiting physicians are a good source of revenue. The obstetric department is being renovated and will open in late July or August. The Ericson Clinic will open July 5th, North Loup Clinic has changed hours and Burwell Clinic has increased to 4 days. Quorum will present 8 or 10 resumes for the Hospital Boards consideration in the search for a full time CEO, will probably take 4-6 months to complete the search. Once a permanent CEO is found they can go ahead with strategic planning. Dr. Studley starts August 1.

Alan Anderson presented a comparison of last years Liability Insurance costs and this years costs which indicated that workers' compensation was much higher this year. Last year the County paid \$74,915.00, this year it is \$90,256.00. He also mentioned a request from the Hospital to check into the County providing insurance for the EMT's and the ambulance, but found that while there may be some savings in insurance premiums, the County would have to pay the salaries for the EMT's so the matter was dropped.

In the interest of time, the BCBS Subgroup Application will be discussed later in the meeting.

Bethanne Kunz explained the CDBG application requiring a public hearing at today's meeting is not going to be submitted until this fall due to time constraints, so the hearing is not needed.

A letter received by the Economic Development board, Mayor Winterfeld and the Ord City Council from Mike Johnson of Johnson Fabrications was discussed. Chairman Sevenker read portions of the letter which indicated Johnson Fabrications had considered constructing a manufacturing facility in Ord but decided not to due to the Hospital and truck parking issues. Gene McCoy, Tom Kruml and Wayne Winterfeld said it appeared that Johnson Fabrications was not a legitimate company. Kruml presented a chronology of events from Mr. Johnson's initial contact through the efforts of the Economic Development Board to contact Mr. Johnson or to find evidence of the existence of Johnson Fabrications. No contact could be made nor evidence of existence found.

Connie Fread presented her request for County funds to help purchase a van for the Hospital. The Foundation has approved \$1619.00, the City Council suggested she apply for Mortensen Funds, which if granted, would leave \$1619.00 for the County to fund. Sintek moved to approve the request for \$1619.00 to purchase a van for the hospital, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The van would be purchased in October, a decision will be made later as to where to budget the County funds.

Karissa Hagedorn of USDA Rural Development presented a check for \$50,000 to the County, which is the RBEG awarded for expanding established businesses and creating and retaining jobs. She congratulated the Board for seeing the needs and finding ways to meet them. The Board acknowledged that Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz, was to be congratulated on her efforts to obtain the grant.

Tourism Committee member July Welniak reported that their funds have been spent on local events like the Elyria Pumpkin Festival, advertisement in Nebraska Life magazine and brochures. They are considering a county-wide map with events advertised on the back and locations marked. She indicated that the Chamber's request for funds was delayed because funds are given on a fiscal year basis and Evelyn Sharp Days had already been funded for this fiscal year. A claim for funds for Evelyn Sharp Days has been turned in for July. Chairman Sevenker noted that timing can make it difficult for the applicants to plan their events if they aren't sure of the funding. Roland Cronk, RC&D Tourism Committee commented that lodging tax dollars are for the purpose of advertising community events in order to draw tourists to the area. He said a seminar was given by RC&D to educate people on the regulations governing how the money can be spent and asked if the County was aware of the use made of the allotted funds. Welniak said the application requires that they list how the money is to be used. The Board felt more of the funds should be spent.

Custodian applications were discussed. Sintek suggested snow removal be added to custodial duties. Chairman Sevenker appointed Building and Grounds Committee, Chaired by Collins, to meet with the applicants on July 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room. Collins will contact the applicants.

Applications for the Hospital Board member were discussed. Sevenker reported request to extend deadline for applications and that Bossen agreed to continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. Sevenker read a list of the applicants: John H. Campbell, Paul C. Lamb, Gerald Schmitt, Paul C. Lambert, Roger C. Lansman, William Brush. A motion was made by Melia, seconded by Cetak to extend the application deadline for 2 weeks until the July 13th meeting. Discussion was held regarding interviewing applicants in public and use of executive session. Melia amended his motion to set a deadline for applications as close of business on July 9th and Cetak seconded the amended motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Board of Equalization was convened at 11:30 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Protests of those present were heard first.

Protest #22, Joe D. Hanson, parcel number 880031332 valued at \$101,420. Hansen was present and testified his home had no finished basement and listed some comparable properties. He had a \$14,000 raise in 2003 and felt the additional raise this year was too much. Assessor noted a \$20 per square foot raise in the new Marshall Swift pricing and suggested postponing action until she could do a walk through. Square footage may have been over estimated due to angles of the property. Board agreed to delay action on this property.

Protest #25, Darleen Severance, parcel number 880029540 valued at \$63,960. Severance was present and testified that no improvements have been made, no paved street or curbing and no alley access. Assessor asked that protest be tabled pending clarification of quality of home with appraiser Rexroth. Board agreed to delay action, indicating it could be addressed again at the July 8 meeting which Rexroth is to attend.

Protest #26, Larry & Barbara Freouf, parcel number 880020321 valued at \$42,925. Larry & Barbara Freouf were present and testified that this is a commercial building, no improvements, not great location, resale possibility not good. Assessor indicates pricing index changed from \$20 to \$30.50. Motion was made by Ash, seconded by Sintek to leave property at last years value, \$36,115 total value.. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #28, Wade & Diane Bundy, parcel number 880025305 valued at \$35,050. Wade Bundy was present and testified that an increase of 40% is excessive, new roof & gutters after hailstorm, garage in bad condition, foundation is bad, needs windows. He requested a total value of \$30,417. Motion was made by Melia, seconded by Ash to leave land at value set by Assessor and lower the building value to \$21,585 for a total value of \$30,500. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #14, Dale Naprstek, parcel number 880015554 valued at \$91,515. No one appeared to testify. Written testimony indicates noxious weeds, prairie dog problem, poorest quality land on ag value chart. Assessor testified that the FSA map shows land use and classification are correct. Motion made by Cetak, seconded by Ash to leave value at \$91,515, as set by Assessor. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #15, Vince Herrick, parcel number 880028889. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates not livable, no water hookup. Motion by Collins, seconded by Ash to set value of \$1.00 per square foot for house, due to it's condition and leave land at value set by Assessor for a total value of \$33,225. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #16, Geneva D. Edghill, parcel number 880025998 valued at \$6395. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates land too steep to be usable. Assessor indicates property

purchased in 1987 for \$6500. Motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek to leave at \$6395 as set by Assessor. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #17, Gary & Eileen Bruha, parcel number 880025452 valued at \$24,580. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates property was on the market for over a year at \$25,500 and was purchased for \$15,000. Needs shingles, maintenance on foundation, siding, doors and windows. Motion made by Melia, seconded by Beran to leave land at \$7315 as valued by Assessor and set the total value at \$20,000, leaving value of \$12,685 on the buildings. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #18, Virginia Sawdey, parcel number 880025347 valued at \$64,955. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates fixed income does not allow for needed improvements: bathroom, windows, sills, carpets, painting. Motion made by Ash, seconded by Cetak to leave at the newly assessed value based on comparable properties. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #19, Dale & LeAnn Beran, parcel number 880021294 valued at \$15,420. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates house is being torn down, pictures were provided. Motion was made by Ash, seconded by Collins to set a flat value of \$5.00 on the building, since it must be valued as of January 1, 2004, for a total value of \$6585. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #20, Dennis H. Rice, parcel number 880029547 valued at \$36,210. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates only partial basement, uneven floors, foundation poor condition, garage pole barn construction, south porch unfinished. Assessor walk through update calculates value at \$32,585. Motion by Ash, seconded by Sintek to accept Assessor recommendation of \$32,585. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #21, Dennis H. Rice, parcel number 880029330 valued at \$3180. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates vacant lot, no potential for building due to drainage creek crossing lot and poor access to street. Motion by Sintek, seconded by Ash to set flat value of \$100 due to creek. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #23, Roger Wallace, parcel number 880003934 valued at \$188,165. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates grain bin removed in fall 2003, associated 3.0 acres converted to irrigated cropland. Assessor testified land use update from FSA map comes to \$171,430. Supervisor Ash confirmed grain bin is gone. Motion by Cetak, seconded by Ash to set total value at \$171,430. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #24, Robin Dahlsten, parcel number 880036627 valued at \$6985. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates house not safe to live in, upstairs needs rewiring, roof is bad, has been empty for 15 years and requested building valuation be lowered from \$6540 to \$4195. Motion made by Sintek, seconded by Cetak to accept owners requested building valuation, making the total \$4640. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #27, Robert S. & Allison A. Todsén, parcel number 880022477 valued at \$76,155. No one appeared. Written testimony indicates house is 1½ stories not 2, 3 bedroom not 4 and compared it to Wes Ulrich and Allen Cetak houses. Assessor asked to delay action for clarification of proper classification with appraiser Rexroth as to the number of stories and Board agreed.

Motion made by Cetak seconded by Ash to go out of Board of Equalization at 1:05 p.m. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. Chairman Sevenker called a short recess and the meeting reconvened at 1:13 p.m..

The Subgroup Application for NACO with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance was discussed. Premiums will be raised 8% this year after a 12% increase last year. Following discussion, the motion was made by Collins, seconded by Ash to continue the health insurance at the \$500 deductible rate with County reimbursement of \$200 through December and effective January 1, 2004 go to the \$1000 deductible with no County reimbursement. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia,

Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The County will absorb the premium increase and continue the reimbursement policy for 6 months in order to give employees notice of the change. Motion was made by Ash, seconded by Sintek to amend the eligibility requirement portion of the insurance agreement to match the County's Personnel Policy. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

The request of VSO Charles Cox to reappoint Paul Waltman of North Loup to another 5 year term on the Valley County Veterans Service Committee was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Collins. Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The request for funding of South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$912.00 for fiscal year 2004-2005 was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

A letter from USDA requesting the County sign a base acreage reduction form for the County Farm was discussed. Collins moved, Beran seconded approval for Chairman Sevenker to sign the form. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

June claims and balances were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers presented Resolution 04-19 which, if signed, would indicate formal approval by the Board of the Mortensen Family Industrial Site, 1st Subdivision plat map as submitted at the June 8, 2004 meeting. Motion of approval was made by Ash, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers and Weed Supt. Kaminski discussed with the Board the issue of follow-up action on noxious weed notices. Individual tracts were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m., to reconvene on July 8, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. as Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing property valuation protests and July 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and at 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 13th and June 15th meetings and an agenda for the July 8th and July 13th meetings 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

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met as Board of Equalization on July 8, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in their Courthouse meeting room for the purpose of hearing Property Valuation Protests. Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak were present, notice of meeting was verified.

Appraiser Larry Rexroth, retained by the County to help establish the 2004 valuations, was present to discuss this process and answer questions.

Board took the following action on protests:

Protest 46, John Edghill, Ash moved to set the total value at \$19,000, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 57, Lawrence A & Judi K Welniak, moved by Collins, seconded by Sintek to set value of \$27,000 on the house and leave land as assessed. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 27, Robert S & Allison A Todsén, motion by Sintek, seconded by Ash to value house as 1½ story rather than 2 story. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 40, Kim & Virginia Farnstrom, Sintek moved, Beran seconded the motion to accept the Assessor's recommendation of \$74,600 valuation on the house and no change on the land. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 9, Wilma I & Sylvester Joe Micek, moved by Melia, seconded by Cetak to lower by half the raise in value for the house, leaving the land as assessed. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 52, Gary & Wendy Bronson, moved by Ash, seconded by Collins to accept Assessor's recommendation of changing the neighborhood coding which would lower the value to \$2325. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 53, Gary & Wendy Bronson, moved by Collins, seconded by Cetak to change condition of house from good to average. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 54, Leonard Andersen, moved by Ash, seconded by Melia to lower land value to \$7560 and building to \$3450. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 64, Beverly Miller, Trustee, Sandhills Properties, Sintek moved to accept Assessor's recommendation to set value of \$3500 as requested by protester, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protests 62 & 63, Beverly Miller, Trustee, Sandhills Properties, Beran moved, Collins seconded motion to approve protesters request as recommended by Assessor. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 66, Shawn & Sara Koelling, Sintek moved, Cetak seconded the motion to value 1 acre as building site and the remainder as ag land. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 29, Ruby Fish, moved by Beran, seconded by Melia to accept property owner's request as approved by Assessor. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 30, Daniel J Waldmann, motion by Collins, seconded by Cetak to leave building value as set by Assessor. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 31, Bradley L Lowe, Collins moved to set the value at \$16,500 as requested by owner, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 13, Ronnie A Drudik, motion by Collins, seconded by Beran to approve Assessor recommendation to leave land at \$7655 and adjust building to \$95,345 for total of \$103,000 requested by owner. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 32, Laurel Wolf, motion by Ash, seconded by Cetak to accept Assessor recommendation to change date built to 1922 making the total value \$21,860. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 33, Charlene H Lola, motion by Melia, seconded by Sintek to leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Melia, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 34, Wesley Rickard, motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak to use last years value on building, this years value on land. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 35, Rick Koch & Tim Stethem, motion by Ash, seconded by Cetak to set building value of \$1355, land at \$5860. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 36, Paul & Barbara Markowski, motion by Cetak, seconded by Sintek to leave at last year's value. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 37, Wayne & Joann Hunt, motion by Melia, seconded by Collins to accept Assessor recommendation of \$1290 on the land and \$18,630 on improvements. Carried. Yes: Melia, Collins, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 38, Wayne Hunt, motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak to accept Assessor recommendation of \$5500 on improvements, \$925 on land. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 39, Wayne Hunt, motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak, to accept Assessor recommendation of \$5655 on improvements and \$460 on land. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 41, James L Duda, motion by Sintek, seconded by Melia to set value at \$178,175 based on FSA land use map. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 42, James L Duda, motion by Ash, seconded by Beran to set value at \$146, 415 based on FSA land use map. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protests 43 & 44, James L Duda, motion by Sintek, seconded by Melia to leave as assessed for grassland. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 45, Hubert D & Twilla V Bowley, motion by Beran, seconded by Melia to set total value of property at \$69,000, leaving land at \$5900. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 47, Alan Edghill, motion by Melia, seconded by Sintek to leave at 2004 assessment. Carried. Yes: Melia, Sintek, Cetak, Beran, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 48, Alan Edghill, motion by Melia, seconded by Collins to accept Assessor recommendation of \$13900 for improvements and \$15,610 for land. Carried. Yes: Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 49, Alan & Jana Edghill, motion by Ash, seconded by Sintek to set a total property value of \$83,000. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 50, Troy & Danielle Warner, motion by Beran, seconded by Cetak to set total value at \$70,000. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 51, Robert & Wilma John, motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak to set house value at \$6585 and leave land at \$3675. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 55, Phillip L Shepherd, motion by Sintek, seconded by Melia to accept Assessor recommendation of \$4440 for improvements and \$880 for land, total \$5320. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 56, Christine K Hruza, motion by Beran, seconded by Sintek to set total value at \$60,000. Carried. Beran, Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 58, Rick Simpson, motion by Cetak, seconded by Beran to set value as requested by owner for total of \$18,290. Carried. yes: Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 59, Roland R Barnes, motion by Sintek, seconded by Cetak to set a total value of \$57,000. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 60, Daryl Jorgensen, motion by Beran, seconded by Sintek to accept Assessor recommendation to set improvement value at \$5510 and land at \$685 for total of \$6195. Carried. Yes: Beran, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 61, Eldon Lukesh, motion by Ash, seconded by Beran to set total value of \$60,500. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 65, James R Hansen, motion by Melia, seconded by Ash to set value at \$1500. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 67, Tom & Lori Hoevet, motion by Ash, seconded by Beran to set a total value of \$22,000. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 68, Jeffrey J Dimmitt, motion by Beran, seconded by Sintek to approve Assessor recommendation to set total value of \$35,740. Carried. Yes: Beran, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 69, Dale & LeAnn Beran, motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek to accept Assessor recommendation of total value of \$18,695. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 70, Bernard G. Keown, motion by Cetak, seconded by Melia to leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Marvin & Carolyn Lukesh, motion by Melia, seconded by Cetak to table Protests 1-4 until July 13 meeting and to leave Protest 5 as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 7, Dean Vancura, motion by Melia, seconded by Ash to leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 8, Donald Luedtke, motion by Ash, seconded by Melia to leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 10 & 11, Carole J Shuck, motion by Cetak, seconded by Melia to leave both properties as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek. No: Ash. Absent: none.

Protest 22, Joe D Hanson, motion by Sintek, seconded by Collins to set total property value at \$80,000. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 25, Darleen F Severance, motion by Ash, seconded by Melia to leave land as valued for 2004 and lower the raise in value of the improvements by half to \$51,205 for total value of \$57,505. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

A complete record of testimony and values is on record at the Clerk's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 11:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 8 meeting and an agenda for the July 13 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order in their Courthouse meeting room at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. Notice of meeting was verified and Chairman Sevenker noted Mr. Allen Humphreys was tape recording the meeting. The June 29th minutes were approved on motion of Beran, second by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda was adopted on motion of Sintek, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Public comment by Lavern Oseka included government corruption, property taxes and noxious weeds. Some of his suggestions were capping property tax, no fringe benefits for government employees, combine Counties into districts, income based land valuation, flat tax for education.

Road Supt. Leth reported cost for culverts has risen \$1.00 per foot. Although usually purchased quarterly, he has enough for current projects so will wait and see what the price does. Received complaints on pivots spraying roads, per County policy he will turn them over to County Attorney. Highway allocation estimates show Valley County should receive \$576,106. Project 216 is started and 202A to begin tomorrow. Maintaining required in canyons due to rain. Sevenker reported a call from Marvin Rice regarding access to a cemetery by Vinton School and Ash reported a cemetery near Bruha's needs cleaned up. Discussion was held regarding road mapping done by the County for 911 addressing for Region 26, Ash felt that the work done by the County was correct but will need to be updated.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admn., presented a report for the past fiscal year breaking out the number of permits issued by each entity, the purpose of each, information on those issued in previous years and requests for variances and rezoning. She reported that zoning permit application forms will soon be available on the County Website. Glaubke recommends continuing to pay the retainer for Orville Starr to provide expert advice when needed. David Yost and Jean Hawley, new additions to the Planning Commission, have been very good. At Glaubke's request, Marv Scheideler and Sara Andreesen were reappointed to a 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment on motion of Sintek, second by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke advised Sintek that a letter he had received from Greeley County regarding zoning was probably due to a request for a special permit on property close to his.

Treasurer Suminski reported on fund balances for June and the first 6 months of 2004, noting that she is required to publish a fund balance report every 6 months. Discussion was held regarding installation of a drop box for use by the handicapped and for after hours when the east entrance ramp is installed. Board said ramp project is to begin in August and suggested she look into cost of putting opening in the wall as well as a free standing drop box and report back.

Clerk Lindsey submitted fee report for June and Ambulance report of outstanding bills prior to 1999.

Gary Streeks, BCBS representative was present for discussion of the County's health insurance renewal. BCBS health insurance premiums went up 8% this year after a 12% increase last year. At the last meeting, the Board decided to go to the \$1000 deductible with no County reimbursement as of January 1, but to continue the \$500 deductible with reimbursement until the end of the year to allow employees time to make any necessary adjustments. However, it was determined that with the 8% increase it would cost the County about \$9000 extra to stay at the \$500 deductible for 6 months. Approximately \$7500 could still be saved by going to the \$1000 deductible in August. Therefore, this item was put on the agenda for further discussion. Streeks informed the Board that the NACO/BCBS agreement requires 75% employee participation which could be affected if employees were offered the choice of higher salaries in lieu of insurance coverage. He also noted that pre-existing conditions would come into play for a person opting out of group insurance to get their own and Federal law requires a person who is age-eligible for Medicare and qualifies for a group plan cannot choose Medicare as their primary provider. He added that for those employees who do not meet the 2004 deductible, any applicable amounts from the 4th quarter will be carried over and applied to the 2005 deductible. BCBS has contracted with 100% of Nebraska hospitals and 95% of Nebraska doctors as preferred providers who discount



their services. Following discussion, Sintek moved, seconded by Collins to go to the \$1000 deductible effective August 16, 2004 and to provide deductible reimbursement of \$500 through December, 2004, no reimbursement provided thereafter. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Streeks provided information regarding the new preauthorization program for COX-2 drugs such as Celebrex, Vioxx and Bextra as well as some coverage changes due to the new master contract between NACO and BCBS.

Applications for Hospital Board were received from Theresa Petska and Dennis Greenland and an application from Ronald Florea was received shortly after the extended deadline. Supervisor Ash spoke in favor of Greenland. Chairman recognized Willis Platte, who noted that the concern now is to get the hospital on a good financial basis and felt a good business person would be the best choice. Following discussion, Ash moved to appoint Dennis Greenland to replace Dick Bossen on the Hospital Board of Trustees effective July 21 and Collins seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker thanked all the applicants. He noted that the County Board does not take their responsibility lightly, that he felt a good decision was made and hopes things proceed smoothly. He directed applications to be kept on file for use if there is an opening in the future.

Vicki Bauer, Loup Basin RC&D, presented a request for Valley County's contribution to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held in October. Valley County's portion would be \$1000. Board felt it was a worthwhile project and the public appreciated it. Beran moved, Melia seconded approval of the \$1000 in support of the project. Carried. Yes: Beran, melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Beran to approve VSO Charles Cox's request to appoint Bruce Ohme to finish the term of Duane Ash on the Veterans Service Committee, term to expire July 1, 2006. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The following fund requests were discussed and approved. Region III request is same as last year, \$7,394.93, paid quarterly at \$1848.73 and approved on motion of Melia, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The assessment of Region 26 for Valley County increased from \$28,563.52 annually to \$40,833.22, paid quarterly at \$10,208.31 and was approved on motion of Ash, second by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Ash, County representative to Region 26, explained some of the increase is due to hiring a person to oversee Homeland Security, a secretary for the new Director and the inclusion of Ord. He felt that the service received is worth the cost. Valley County's share for Nebraska State Probation District 17 is \$2170.31, almost the same as last year and was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding information sent by Larry Dix, Executive Director of NACO, regarding Special Designated Liquor Licenses, summarizing the basic statutory provisions and providing guidance for officials and applicants in understanding the requirements.

Attorney Cullers explained the letter regarding state IV-D reimbursement payments. These payments are based on the study done by Maximus and are meant to supplement, not supplant other funds used to carry out IV-D programs.

The Management Discussion and Analysis letter is a new requirement for the County audit. The Board will be required to write this letter and a sample was provided.

Discussion was held regarding County surplus property. Melia will contact Wolf Auction.

A budget meeting for the offices and entities submitting budgets to the County Board was scheduled for August 9, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Collins reported for the Building and Grounds Committee, which included Cetak and Beran, concerning their interviews with the custodian applicants. Collins said they planned to offer the position to Becky Braithwaite of Arcadia on a 3 month trial basis. It would require 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at \$12.50 per hour. Snow removal would be included in the duties but more hours would be allowed for it. Collins moved to approve the hiring of Braithwaite, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker thanked all the applicants.

At 11:17a.m, Ash moved to go into Board of Equalization, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Deputy Assessor and Clerk were present.

Protest 95, Joseph & Elaine Novotny. Joe Novotny present, testified protesting building, not land and increase excessive. Assessor information indicates property purchased in 2003 for \$50,000. Appraiser Rexroth says same process applied to all commercial properties. Sintek moved to approve the 2004 assessed value, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 88, Novotny Farms Inc, Jim & Joe Novotny present, testified protest on buildings not land, house currently rented, some outbuildings will be torn down in the future. Collins moved to set improvements value at \$18,000, leaving land at 2004 assessment, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 75, Wayne R & Thelma J Cook, Thelma present, testified home built in 1976, a cap home (sent in pieces & put together), she is on a fixed income. Assessor notes information received would adjust value to \$51,520. Ash moved to leave land as assessed and set improvements value at \$51,500, seconded by Sintek. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 76, Ron & Yvonne Bredthauer, Ron present, testified location does not have paved street or alley access. Per review, Assessor adjusts house to \$5,135 and land \$6595. Rexroth agrees paving and other amenities are a factor and advises adjusting on front foot basis. Motion made by Cetak to set land at \$1000 and follow Assessor recommendation on house, Ash seconded the motion. Following further discussion, motion did not carry. Yes: Cetak. Abstain: Ash. No: Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek. Absent: none. Collins moved to leave land as assessed at \$6595 to be adjusted by Assessor next year and set value of \$1500 on house, second by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Ash, Beran, Sintek. No: Cetak. Absent: none.

Protest 77, Ron & Yvonne Bredthauer, Ron present, testified street to be paved next year. Based on review, Assessor revised value of improvements to \$6125. Sintek moved to approve Assessor revised value on improvements and \$3290 on land, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 90, Mark & Orilla Orent, Mark present, testified access is from alley. Assessor review indicates data appears to be correct. Cetak moved to leave land as assessed for 2004, lower improvement value to owner request, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 91, Mark & Orilla Orent, Mark present, discussion regarding comparable properties owned by Sedlacek and Peterson. Assessor indicated comparables have less lot size and basements are not finished. Discussion of income approach analysis, Rexroth indicates not enough data but is used as part of process. Melia moved to approve the 2004 assessed value, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 74, Jayme J Skibinski & Dawn C Robertson-Skibinski, both present, testified personal property included in purchase price of house. Assessor notes indicate 2004 valuation is below statutory guidelines and year built appears to be correct. Sintek moved to lower total property value from \$113,485 to \$100,000, seconded by Beran. Carried. Sinek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protests 80, 81 & 82, Dennis & Carolyn Hurlbert. Discussion of river bottom property in east Ord, no building capabilities. Rexroth advised can be assessed on acre or square foot basis whichever gives fairest value. Properties in different subdivisions, which affects valuation even though connected and owned by same person. Melia moved to approve owner requested land values of \$5525 on protest 82 and \$2025 on protest 81, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on protest 80 included splitting out home site and ag land. Melia moved to approve as assessed for 2004, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protests 1,2,3 & 4, Marvin & Carolyn Lukesh. Discussion comparing to Hurlbert property. Melia moved to set value as requested by owner for all four properties, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: none.

Protests 71,72 & 73, Dean Miska. Written testimony for 71, property needs extensive repair, basement leaks. Per review, Assessor recommends downgrade condition and reinstate 1997 BOE 35% adjustment on

land. Collins moved to approve value recommended by Assessor, Sintek seconded. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Written testimony on 72, many repairs needed. Per review, Assessor recommends correct to 1½ story, downgrade condition for improvement value of \$9565 and \$5850 on land. Melia moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Written testimony on 73, cheap siding, shingles need repair. Melia moved to approve owner requested valuation, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins. Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 78, Phyllis Albert. Written testimony, increase too big. Assessor recommends adjust condition and age of garage for total value of \$49,045. Melia moved approve recommendation of Assessor, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 79, Dean R Lybarger. Written testimony, value lowered per 2002 protest. Per 2004 review, Assessor recommends downgrading condition for a \$4535 improvement value, lot value of \$925. Melia moved to approve 2004 value as recommended by Assessor, Cetak seconded. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 83, Kris Jorgensen. Written testimony, patio in bad shape, 2 bathrooms not 3, unfinished basement. Per exterior inspection Assessor recommends revise quality, change to 1½ story for improvement value of \$34,160, lot \$895. Melia moved to approve as recommended by Assessor, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Melia, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 84, Brooke D Manceaux. Written testimony, no improvements since purchase. Assessor review sets total of \$43,925, lot \$7030, improvements \$36895. Melia moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 85, Jean Fogelberg. Written testimony, no improvements made, 3 bedroom homes selling for \$17,000, housing market in Ord bad. Per exterior review and purchase price, Assessor feels assessment is reasonable. Melia moved to approve 2004 assessment, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Melia, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 86, Norma J Ackles. Written testimony, lots not level, large trees to remove before suitable for building. Assessor recommends lot \$6580, improvements \$250. Melia moved, Beran seconded to approve as Assessor recommends. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Collins. Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 87, Brent Sell, Sara K Meier, Jolene Greenland. Written testimony, no improvements or buildings added. Per exterior inspection Assessor feels assessment is reasonable. Beran moved, Melia seconded approve 2004 assessed value. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Abstain: Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 89, Lonnie & Salina Jensen. Written testimony, house needs resided. Assessor recommends appraiser opinion on quality. Sintek moved, Beran seconded approve improvement value requested by owner, lot value as assessed. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Collins, Cetak, Ash Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 92, Melissa L Tompkins. Written testimony, no changes made on property to improve worth. Ash moved, Melia seconded leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 93, Ted Nelson. Written testimony, leafy spurge. Assessor indicates land use appears to be correct. Sintek moved, Cetak seconded leave as assessed for 2004. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 94, Ted Nelson. Written testimony, very few improvements on house & buildings. Assessor indicates assessed value appears to be reasonable. Sintek moved, Cetak seconded to approve 2004 assessed value. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest 96, Eric C Knutson. Written testimony, no improvements since last assessment. Assessor feels assessment is reasonable based on information listed and market sales. Melia moved, Cetak seconded to approve 2004 assessment. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #97, Dennis D Philbrick. Written testimony indicates 2/3 of property is steep bank, flood plain or city alley. Assessor recommends revising land to reflect 2/3 of lot as limited value. Melia moved, seconded

by Beran to approve land value as revised and buildings as assessed for 2004. Carried. Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #98, Monte E Hansen. Written testimony indicates in process of renovating garage into house. Assessor recommendation to accept owner's request. Cetak moved, seconded by Collins to set total property value at \$70,000. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The following Notice of Valuation Change by the Valley County Board of Equalization forms presented by the Assessor were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Melia: Stone Land & Livestock Co. Inc., Betty June & Dennis Dearthmont (2), Roger W Wallace & Mara L Rasure (3), Dale & Letitia A Naprstek, Earl A & Ruth L Leininger. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Cetak left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Deputy Assessor, Arnold, reported request of Steve Wolf to waive 2004 property tax on old REA quonset building, Wolf did not appear. Collins moved, Sintek seconded statute requires this property to be taxed and Board has no authority to waive it. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Ash, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The following Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption forms were presented by the Assessor and approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Melia: Jerald & Karen Neemann Sr., income statement not filed by June 30 deadline; Eugene & Norma Holden, requirement to occupy from January 1 through August 15, 2004 not met; Maynard & Margaret Schudel, required income statement not filed; Bernice Turek, house sold June 9, 2004 so failed to meet requirement to occupy from January 1 through August 15. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Melia, Beran, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption due to filing after the June 30 deadline and request for extension of deadline for Marian Gentry was presented. Collins moved to extend the deadline to allow acceptance of the Homestead Exemption for Marian Gentry, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

At 2:00 p.m., Sintek moved to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

County Attorney Cullers reported that he had spoken to Jay Knapp regarding the bridge and the problem with the phone line. Chairman Sevenker informed Cullers of the question of access to a rural cemetery and Cullers will look into the County's responsibility.

Mail folder items available for review: Johnson Company (boiler service), BCBS Newsletter, Partnership for Rural Nebr. Newsletter, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Review.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, July 27, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 13 meeting and an agenda for the July 27 meeting are available 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 subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak and Collins present, Sevenker absent. Vice-Chairman Collins conducted the meeting. Minutes of the July 13 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. No one had signed up for public comment.

Secretary Simpson reported July Road claims and balances: payroll \$31,349.01, accounts payable \$31,349.01, some larger expenses were culverts, asphalt and gravel.

Discussion was held regarding the culvert project for Jay Knapp that involves relocating a phone line. Sintek and Leth will look at it and report back to the Board. Leth reported: making another windrow now for use on Ashton road and Loup City road, another 1 1/2 rows to be made for winter mix; will paint in fall after armour coating; truss bridge is out and will be hauled today, trying to get permission to take directly to fairgrounds; presented and discussed traffic count map from state for Valley County roads; discussion of state's 1 and 6 year plan for Valley County; received call from Garfield County Commissioner Jerry Mead regarding hiring Leth to provide part-time Highway Supt. services for Garfield County, referred topic to County Attorney Cullers. Cullers advised an interlocal agreement is needed and Garfield County, as requesting party, should present agreement for Valley County approval. Discussed cost of hauling our own gravel as opposed to paying to have it hauled.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented his fees and activities report for June. He reported that, as of today, there are 13 prisoners in the jail, 3 over the limit. The new consolidated communication system is in use. There are lots of bugs to be worked out, the Sheriff's new radios are not yet in place but the city upgrades are all in place. Ronzzo reported the breakdown of the 1997 patrol car, which has over 195,000 miles on it and will cost \$1100 to repair. The Kansas auction where the other 2 cars were purchased is holding a vehicle for him until tomorrow which would have under 50,000 miles and cost \$12,000. Following discussion, the Board felt that since 2 patrol cars had been purchased recently it would be better to repair the old one and try to get by another year. Moved by Ash, seconded by Melia to repair the old patrol car and not include this \$12,000 in the budget. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Clerk of District Court fees and fines report was presented and IV-D reimbursement of \$1749.20 District Court, \$3953.94 Co. Attorney, and \$540.88 Medical Co. Attorney was reported.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented his preliminary report regarding the County budget. The overall cash balance is up, but that includes use of Inheritance Tax funds. The preliminary valuations from the Assessor's Office indicate that the same tax rate would bring in more dollars. He will report further at the budget meeting on August 8, after he has entered the budget requests and subdivision levy requests are available.

Lodging Tax received for May was \$665.96. The Clerk reported that more than \$600 was paid out in July, but was not included on the spreadsheet given to the Board.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. billing for fiscal year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$4647, based on \$1.00 per capita, was presented and approved on motion of Cetak, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

July claims were approved on motion of Melia, second by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The following agenda items were discussed: letter from Kinder Morgan regarding \$2.00 per month increased customer charge due to litigation; letter from Nebr. HHS regarding Mental Health Board Training, Melia advised that Region III will continue to provide this service to participating Counties; Gov. Johanns' response to Keith County regarding mandated valuation increases.

The Board of Equalization portion of the agenda was reached early and, since it was not anticipated that anyone would appear to testify concerning the matters before it, the Board of

Equalization was convened at 9:55 a.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Cetak, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Assessor and Clerk were present. Minutes of the special Board of Equalization meeting held on July 8, for the purpose of hearing property valuation protests were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Discussion was held regarding the Keown's 2003 TERC appeal. Assessor Waits recommends confessing judgment on the appeal since some of the information used in setting the value was outdated and it was likely that TERC would decide in favor of the Keowns. Waits indicated that the information used to set the 2004 assessed value was current and would be more likely to be supported by TERC. Attorney Cullers had the paperwork ready to confess judgment if the Board approved. Following discussion, Melia moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation to confess judgment on the Keown's 2003 TERC appeal, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash. No: Sintek, Cetak. Absent: Sevenker.

Tax List Corrections were presented for Joseph W. and Patricia Miller, who purchased a mobile home to replace one that was sold and for the Cass Construction business which has been sold. Both were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Beran moved to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The County Attorney had no further report than what had been said throughout the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Collins, reporting for the Building & Grounds Committee, explained that upon offering the custodial position to Braithwaite as approved at the last meeting, it was discovered that she could only work after 5:30 p.m.. Since the Board wanted the custodian to be on duty some portion of the business day, the offer was withdrawn and the position was offered to Rolland Cronk. Cronk began working on July 16. Cetak moved to approve the hiring of Rolland Cronk as the Courthouse Custodian, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Mail folder items available for review: Loup Basin RC&D, Nebr. Crime Commission-Grant Writing Training, Notice of new Pierce County Commissioner, Community Action of Nebr., Liquor Control Commission, Nebr. Workforce Development.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 9, at 8:00 p.m. in special session for the purpose of discussing budget and levy requests, and on Tuesday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 27 meeting and an agenda for the August 10 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors to discuss budget and subdivision levy requests was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Beran, Melia, Ash, Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek and Collins present. Notice of meeting was verified. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Williamson spoke regarding the Ambulance budget and their request for \$25,000 to help pay workers comp for the EMTs. The cost went up due to new carrier mistakenly listing ambulance as 911 responder instead of transport ambulance and they are in the process of appealing this designation. It was suggested that if the EMTs were on the County payroll, the workers comp would be around \$5000. Following discussion, the Board felt there was time to wait to see if the appeal of the 911 designation would result in a better rate. The \$40,000 request is meant to cover any shortfall between ambulance revenue and operating costs and is only a guess.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, provided a summary of fund balances as of June 30, 2003, receipts, disbursements and ending balance for the last fiscal year, the projected receipts and disbursements for the new fiscal year and the resulting projected balances. He noted that the County continues to spend more than is taken in and that the Inheritance Tax Fund is what keeps the cash balance up. Although it will not affect the levy as it is outside the lid, no assessment will be needed for the Hospital Bond's last payment in October, any shortfall can be made up from Hospital Operations. State aid to road will be about the same as last year. Last year the County assessed the maximum amount allowed. The only way to gain anything is to quit giving the subdivisions a portion of the levy. Abel also advised that the Board be optimistic in setting a budget amount for the Grant Fund as it is not an assessed fund so does not count against the lid and is only used to disburse grant money that is received. The Clerk noted that \$50,000 has already been awarded to Ord Economic Development who is planning to apply for \$25,000 this fall and RC&D has approached the County regarding \$50,000 grant they are applying for. There is also the possibility of a grant for an elevator in the Courthouse.

Don Blaha was present to discuss the Airport Authority request. He pointed out that if their request continues to be cut, in three years their cash reserve will be gone. The Airport receives income of \$15,000 hangar rent, \$4000 land rent. There are 2 years left on the bond.

Dan Spilinek spoke regarding the Loup Valley Ag Society subdivision request noting they want to put a roof over the bleachers at a cost of \$30,00.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski was present and noted his request for a \$600 raise for the year and offering to cut the \$3000 budgeted for weed control as it has never been used.

Supervisor Sintek reported that Ron Wolf, Manager of Twin Loups Reclamation Dist. spoke to him regarding their subdivision request and that it has remained the same for several years. Once some water rights issues are settled, they will no longer request funds from the County.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported the need for some plumbing work and replacement or repair of some fixtures as well as his concern for the boiler. He also recommended that the County look into increasing the lodging tax to collect an additional 2% which can be used for "brick & mortar" requests such as the Ag Society roof over their bleachers.

The County Attorney, Sheriff, and Road Supt. were present for discussion of their office budgets. County Attorney discussion included witness fees, rent, heat & utilities. Treasurer reported the officials and department heads had agreed on a \$50 per month raise for employees. Sheriff discussed request for new vehicle, Board asked that the \$12,725 vehicle request be cut to \$2500 to cover possible repair of the old car. Road Supt. said he is still one employee short, 1 grader payment left, need to replace a truck and pickup, budgeted for a \$50 per month raise for employees and he will wait to order culverts in hopes the price will come down.

There was further discussion of the subdivision levy requests and the timeline for completion of the budget setting process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 9, 2004, meeting and an agenda for the August 10 meeting are available 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 subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the meeting agenda, 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, County Clerk



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 in their courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak present, Ash was absent. Chairman reported that the absence was excused. Meeting notice was verified and the minutes of the July 27th meeting were approved as published. Collins moved to adopt the agenda, Sintek seconded. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash. No one had signed up for Public Comment.

Road Supt. Leth showed pictures of a trench, reportedly dug by Greeley County, across the access drive to the historical bridge east of North Loup. There were no warning signs to mark the trench. County Attorney Cullers will look into it. Starting project C8821A on Loup City road; delaying project C88205B, Bernard Anderson bridge replacement, due to cost of culverts; project C8822A on Ashton road is completed, will seed shoulders; Springdale road to be spot patched and armour coated; traffic count for Godstock from Thursday to Monday was 5842 cars, the other festival counts are in the 20 thousands; Garfield County still interested in sharing Leth's services, awaiting interlocal agreement from Garfield County Attorney; state approved the 1 & 6 Year Plan.

At 9:25 a.m., bids for paving the access road into the Mortensen Family Industrial Site were opened. The only bidder was Beaumont-Ries Construction, Inc.. Their bid was read by the Clerk, the total cost being \$29,016.00. Collins moved to accept the bid of Beaumont-Ries Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$29,016.00 for presentation to the City of Ord to approve for payment from City Sales Tax, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash. Leth said there will be some additional cost for engineering fees to have Gilmore & Assoc. do the stakings and grades for the project and the Clerk was directed to include this information in a cover letter to the City of Ord when the bid is sent to them for payment approval.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported he has been working from 7:00 a.m. to noon each day and has given a good general cleaning to the restrooms, District Court, law library, jury room and judges chambers and plans to maintain them on a regular schedule. Due to fire hazard concerns, six boxes of old paint, oil, grease, 3 cans of old duplicating fluid from the School Supt. office, lawn equipment and an old engine are being moved to the County Shop for storage. Board agreed that he could use persons required to perform public service through the Probation Office to help with tasks such as weeding or hauling old records upstairs for storage. Cronk suggested that, rather than drilling into the plaster to display the U.S. and Nebraska flags in the alcoves on either side of the east Courthouse entrance, pole stands and a rope barrier be used. He asked about lawn care and noted that it appeared there was a spot that was missed by the underground sprinklers. Board said lawn care was contracted out and one sprinkler head was left out pending construction of the entrance ramp. Cronk expressed concern regarding the courthouse boiler and said he had contacted Wadas for operating and maintenance instructions. He is starting a maintenance record for the window air conditioners, 4 have been cleaned and inspected, would like to do the rest next year. Third floor concerns include: jury room has no water in shower, stool not flushing correctly, peeling ceiling paint; judge's chamber has broken toilet seat, needs paint, tub drain does not seal, tub unsightly; attorney's room toilet base is broken, will try to tighten pipe to stop leak; restroom stool is working but is broken around bottom, will try to recaulk and clean up urinals but need to replace. Other concerns are: steps on west side of courthouse have cracks in side wall foundation; County jail plumbing crawl space, has 25 gallon bucket to catch leaks, needs to be fixed. Chairmen Sevenker mentioned new outdoor faucet installed on west side needs to be drained and shut off for winter. The Board asked Cronk to establish a priority list and call a plumber for the leak in the crawl space. Further discussion included snow removal equipment, use of road employees to help haul things out of the basement on a rainy day, door leading to shaft padlocked for safety, record storage room padlocked with key left in Clerk's office, contact Building Committee regarding throwing things away and Don Severance regarding location of water shut off valves, pick up sticks and trash from lawn each Friday.

Chairman Sevenker recognized Dean Bresley, who was not on the agenda. Bresley presented a check for \$500 to the County from Clean Country in appreciation of the County's past financial support. The Board thanked Bresley for his recognition of the County's support.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report, noting that General is low but collections in August should pick up and that \$38,345.29 was received in the Inheritance Tax Fund. The Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report was presented showing \$7,084.86 collected and 11 remaining unsatisfied. Both the Board and the Treasurer complimented the Sheriff's collection effort. Suminski reported there were none to strike at this time. She also noted that Bill Clamp advised a drop box could be put in the new east entrance door which will be installed as part of the entrance ramp construction project and she will get cost figures.

Monthly fee reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Budget discussion included the possibility of contracting asphalt or bidding a route. The Assessor's request for a person to help with appraisal work and a vehicle for use in doing pick up work was discussed. The Board agreed to \$10,000 budgeted as contract for reappraisal in the Misc. General budget and suggested that her office share the old Sheriff's car that Ryan Simpson uses for Civil Defense. Each budget request was looked at and the following action was taken: County Board meeting expense from \$3000 to \$2000, Election Commissioner printing & publishing from \$10,000 to \$5000, Sheriff cut \$12,725 from capital outlay/auto and increase car repair/parts by \$2500, Ambulance workers comp from \$25,000 to \$5000, ambulance costs from \$40,000 to \$35,000, Surveyor cut contracted services from \$5000 to \$3000, Misc. General insurance deductible reimbursement from \$15,000 to \$10,000, contractual services from \$5000 to \$2500, District Court costs from \$15,000 to \$13,000, contract for reappraisal from \$26,000 to \$10,000, unemployment payments from \$10,000 to \$7000, Road cap outlay/pickup from 19,600 to \$12,600, cap outlay/trucks from \$35,000 to \$25,000, County Relief emergency assistance cut \$1000, client services/rent-fuel from \$2000 to \$1000, client services/health-med from \$2500 to \$2000, Weed control cut \$3000. The new Grant Fund was set at \$500,000. No tax dollars are collected for this fund, it is only used to receipt and disburse any grants awarded to the County.

Following discussion, it was determined that the budget hearing date and the subdivision levy requests will be considered at the next meeting. The Board acknowledged the letter from Connie Fread in which she informed them that a van for the hospital will not be purchased at this time, but she will contact the County again in the fall.

A free building inspection offer from Karr Tuckpointing was discussed and the Clerk was directed to schedule an inspection. Cronk is to direct them to any problem areas.

A letter from the Ord Chamber noting their application for Lodging Tax funds was reviewed.

Clerk's request that the Board set a policy for County Inventories regarding the type and dollar amount of items required to be listed was discussed. Attorney Cullers is to draft a policy for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Attorney Cullers presented a draft document for the Board's consideration regarding handling privacy complaints and inquiries according to HIPPA regulations. Along with the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between the Clerk of District Court and HHS/Child Support Enforcement Service, HHS is requiring information regarding the County's policy for handling complaints.

In discussing pivot complaints, Cullers noted that most people respond well to notification that their pivot is spraying a road.

Cullers will discuss access to the historical bridge with Greeley County Attorney.

Mail folder items, CNCS Newsletter and CIS Risk Group letter, were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday August 31, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 10 meeting and an agenda for the August 31 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

## Valley County Board of Supervisors Minutes

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Sevenker at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Publishing and posting of the notice of meeting was verified by the Clerk and the minutes of the August 9th budget meeting and the August 10th regular meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Chairman Sevenker noted that the roll had not yet been taken and instructed the Clerk to do so. Roll was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak and Sevenker present, Sintek absent (excused by Chairman). There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson reported August claims and balances. The larger expenses were fuel, pavement marking paint, asphalt and gravel. Road Fund balance is \$264,990.51.

Road Supt., Leth noted that the Loup City road was in bad condition and would need to be repaired this year, he asked for approval to move his budget request for a new pickup to the asphalt line item to allow for funding to repair it and the Board agreed. Discussion was held regarding trees on right of way. County Attorney Cullers indicated that it is the landowners obligation to remove trees that are an obstruction and that the County needs to set a policy. Leth reported that the Ord City Council approved the bid for paving the access road to the Mortensen Family Industrial Site. The contractor is to start work the week of Sept. 13 and the road will be closed from 14 to 30 days. The County will provide a detour on the side of the existing road during that time. The old truss bridge was sold for \$2600. Discussion was held on an Interlocal Agreement with Garfield County to hire Supt. Leth on a part-time, hourly basis so they could qualify for State and Federal match money. Valley County would continue to pay Leth's wages and benefits and Garfield County would pay Valley County for the hours Leth worked for them. Leth would not oversee any Garfield County employees, but serve as a consultant. The proposed agreement could be canceled by either party upon 45 days notice. Discussion was held on number of hours, pay per hour, mileage, and phone expense reimbursement. The draft agreement was sent to the Garfield County Board and their Attorney. Cullers will contact Sevenker or Collins regarding any suggested revisions.

Leth okayed easement 04-216 for Bernard Petska and it was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Sheriff Ronzzo is on vacation, his written fees and activities reports for July were reviewed.

Kara Fischer, Hospital Board Pres. reported as follows: Dr. Studley began August 1; renovation of OB room is to be finished in October; candidates for CEO position will be interviewed by the Hospital Board of Trustees, meet all physicians and assistants and tour the facility; efforts made to cut costs include restructuring schedules to cut overtime and outside help and cutting expenses in each department; Quorum is helping with CEO search and rate increase decisions and will help with strategic planning once a permanent CEO is in place; September 12 is the Hospital's 40th anniversary celebration. The written report provided by the Hospital was included in the meeting information mailed to the Supervisors for their review.

Discussion was held regarding the Ord Trail dedication ceremony, Evelyn Sharp Days and the Hospital anniversary open house all to be held on Sept. 12. An invitation to the Supervisors to attend the Trail dedication, which appears later on the agenda, was noted at this time.

At 10:00 a.m. the Supervisors moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Waits introduced Chad Martensen, a registered appraiser from Petersburg, Nebraska, who will be licensed in December. Discussion was held regarding employing him to update rural properties. Discussion included: whether to measure all buildings or only new construction and obvious additions; need to measure homes; dividing the County into tiers of 3 or 4 townships and updating 1 tier each year to spread out the cost; if it's necessary to hire a person with special training or if a person with general knowledge could do it; to be effective for the 2005 tax year, update must be completed by March. Martensen proposed measuring all buildings (except

those with obviously no value), walk through homes when allowed, take photos, make site maps and various other updates to the current cards at a cost of \$60 per parcel. If the Board did not wish to have everything measured the cost could come down to \$50 per parcel. There are approximately 1009 parcels in the county, with about 200 of those in the first tier. In addition to the reappraisal, Assessor Waits requested \$5000 for Larry Rexroth to do the sales studies, noting that her staff would do the data entry. Noting the importance of having current records from which to establish property valuations, the Board agreed to return \$5000 to the Misc. General budget under the Contract for Appraisal line item. No decision was made on Martensen's proposal at this time.

The following Tax List Corrections, all due to business closings, were presented and approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins: #3623 Carsons IGA Enterprises in the amount of \$97.38, #3624 Carsons IGA Inc. in the amount of \$2.70 and #3625 Lana's Floral in the amount of \$.28. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Cetak, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

There being no further business before the BOE, Collins moved, Ash seconded the return to regular session. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director, gave the quarterly report for the Valley County Economic Development Board. The internship of Brian Zimmer was very successful and they plan to apply again next summer. Information regarding the ethanol production business will be provided at a meeting Oct. 6 at 7:00 p.m.. A recent survey indicates Valley County does not meet the individual low-to-moderate income status required to apply for an elevator grant so another survey may be done. Also discussed were the Sales Tax Fund, the Re-Use Fund, a USDA grant received to hire a part-time business development coordinator, Nancy Glaubke; website regarding alumni recruitment; entrepreneurship in the schools; 2005 housing grant for down payment assistance; low interest loans, design assistance for storefronts; Leadership Quest has 21 participants; a start-up business course and boot camp for existing businesses; new business has shown interest in the area.

To expedite the procedure of requesting funds from the USDA/RBEG awarded to the County for Economic Development, Kunz asked the Board to consider authorizing her to sign the initial request to USDA. The request is a report of expenses incurred and request for reimbursement. Since the funds are sent to the County and accessed through the claims process, the Board would continue to have approval of the spending of the grant dollars. Bethanne Kunz was authorized to sign the request to USDA for reimbursement of expenses on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Clerk Jenette Lindsey reported on possible changes in election procedures in 2006 due to the Federal HAVA legislation requirement for handicap accessible voting and noted that McDermott and Miller performed the county audit August 23-25. She also requested direction from the Board regarding items left in the School Supt. Office as she had begun sorting through them. It was suggested that the Ord Township Library be contacted regarding books. Sheriff Ronzso is willing to allow prisoners to volunteer to help haul what needs to be thrown away and Probation Officer Gidley could be asked about those required to do community service work. The Clerk will set up a time to meet with Sevenker and Collins to view the items and provide instruction for their disposal.

The Chairman recognized Vicki Bauer. Bauer spoke on behalf of the RC&D on a preproposal they submitted for a grant requiring a government entity sponsor. The preproposal was verbally approved by Chairman Sevenker due to lack of time to get on the last meeting agenda. If the preproposal is approved, the application will be due by November 15, 2004 and will require the Chairman's signature. The grant is through the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund and is for the purpose of providing video conference, computer and educational opportunities for citizens in central Nebraska. A copy of the preproposal was provided giving more project detail. The Household Hazardous Waste collection was also discussed.

Accountant Chuck Abel appeared for budget discussion. The request for reappraisal funding was again discussed and the Board directed that \$5000 be added to the Contract for Reappraisal in the Misc. General portion of the General Fund. Subdivision levy requests were discussed and allowed as follows: Twin Loups Reclamation District \$31,392 General Fund; Valley County Airport

Authority \$30,000 General Fund, \$36,000 Bond; Loup Valley Agricultural Society \$20,400 General Fund, \$25,000 Capital Construction; Ord Fire District \$14,977 General Fund; North Loup Fire District \$16,000 General Fund, \$4000 Sinking Fund; Arcadia Fire District \$8000 General Fund, \$2,000 Sinking Fund. The County will again retain a portion of the township levy authority and will make up the difference between what was requested and what was allowed. The exact amounts will be determined by the accountant, based on the allowed levy limits. Resolution 04-20, approving the allocation of levy authority for each subdivision, and Resolution 04-21, regarding reimbursement to the townships, were adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Melia, Ash, Beran, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek. It was moved by Cetak, seconded by Melia to set the budget hearing for the Sept. 14, 2004 meeting at 11:00 a.m.. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Melia, Beran, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Resolution 04-22, outlining the policy of Valley County regarding inventory of personal property in the possession of County Officials, was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The Household Hazardous Waste Agreement was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Collins moved to approve August claims, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

County Inventories were signed and approved on motion of Ash, second by Melia. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The County's Privacy Complaints and Inquiries Policy, presented by County Attorney Cullers, was considered in conjunction with the Cooperative Agreement between the Clerk of the District Court and Nebraska HHS/Child Support Enforcement. Both were approved on motion of Beran, second by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The Coordination Agreement between the State and County regarding use of grant funds administered by NEMA for homeland security was considered. The agreement provides that before any funds are released, the County must agree to the stated conditions in order to provide a means to coordinate local projects to provide a framework for a larger statewide strategy. Region 26 awaits the signing of these agreements by the various member Counties in order to receive designated grant funds. The Coordination Agreement was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Lodging Tax receipts of \$2,058.76 for June and August expenses of \$4259.00 were reviewed and the Central District meeting in Kearney on Sept. 16 was noted.

County Attorney Cullers reported that the Keowns have filed an appeal of their 2004 property valuation with TERC. Deb Keown has requested a meeting with the Board and Cullers will set up a time for himself, Collins and Sevenker to meet with them.

A diversion program and a public defender were discussed.

Collins indicated the need to discuss making the public restrooms handicap accessible and reported that Custodian Cronk had made good progress in cleaning the basement and some plumbing repairs had been made on the third floor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 31 meeting and an agenda for the Sept. 14 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 14, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, and Beran present. Melia (excused) and Ash were absent. Clerk verified the notice of meeting. Minutes of the August 31, 2004 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, second by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia, Ash. The Chairman asked for Public Comment.

Gene McCoy, President of KNLV Radio station, addressed the Board regarding his concerns over the lack of information they are able to get from Region 26 and the County Sheriff when there is an emergency such as a fire or an accident. McCoy felt that getting information to the public can be helpful in those situations. Lynn Jeffries of Burwell had called to thank McCoy for getting the word out about yesterday's fire which resulted in 100 people coming out to help. Following discussion, the Clerk was directed to invite the Region 26 Director to the next County Board meeting for a response and McCoy was thanked for bringing the issue to the Board's attention.

Road Supt., Max Leth, gave his okay for approval of the easement application of Rollie Staab as well as Staab's refund for an easement granted last year. Following discussion, the application for Easement #04-217 was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia, Ash.

Supervisor Ash arrived at 9:10 a.m.. Since he is the County's Region 26 representative, McCoy was asked to repeat his concerns. Ash pointed out the number of calls that are handled each month by the Region 26 dispatcher and mentioned a hearing process that is in place to address complaints. He said he would talk to the director regarding McCoy's concerns.

Easement refund 03-202, also for Rollie Staab, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Leth's general report began with a discussion of the proposed Interlocal Agreement for his part time services to Garfield County. Garfield County Commissioner, Jerry Mead was present. Mead felt \$45.00 per hour would be fair; suggested that mileage be paid to drive to and from Burwell, a Garfield County vehicle could be used within the County; thought hours should remain flexible; Garfield County only has 3 bridges and they are on computer, so inspections should not be a problem. The two County Attorney's will get together and draw up a new draft.

Leth's report included: ordering GPS receiver through the State for \$200, Board approved; Surface Transportation Program meeting for District 4 on Oct. 28 at St. Paul library; armour coating yesterday and today; Loup City road will be completed this year; entire Springdale road is completed; unaware of 3 to 7 per cent increase in cost of oil and grease, so budget did not reflect this; Ulrichs add surcharge for hauling gravel after a certain point, have been hauling with our trucks.

Commissioner Mead indicated there are no time constraints on the Interlocal Agreement as their current Road Supt. has agreed to stay until no longer needed.

At 9:30 a.m. the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Application for Holding Ponds for a Class II Intensive Cattle Feeding Lot filed by Peterson Farms was held as advertised. The proposed holding ponds would be located in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 17, Range 14 of Valley County, Nebraska. Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke and Dale Peterson, owner, were present. Glaubke presented the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval, including the factual findings on which the recommendation was based and said the Bureau of Reclamation is okay with the plans. Peterson indicated this was being done to meet DEQ and County Zoning requirements. No one else appeared to testify. Sintek moved to approve the application for holding ponds filed by Peterson Farms based on the factual findings listed on the written recommendation of the Planning Commission, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia.

The request of Dale Melia for Subdivision of 3.55 acres located in Lot 3 in the NE ¼ of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 15 West of the 6th P.M., Valley County, Nebraska was discussed.



Glaubke presented the Planning Commissions written recommendation of approval along with survey and plat maps showing the area. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant Melia's subdivision request, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Beran. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Glaubke reported that Elyria and North Loup have signed Interlocal Agreements with the County but Arcadia has some budget concerns and is still considering it. She will present them for Board signatures as soon as Arcadia has made their decision.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported on receipts for the month, indicating that General Fund and Road Fund are okay for now and that \$10,263.48 was collected this month in Inheritance Tax. She also reported an increase in pledged security from First Nebraska Bank in Arcadia as funds had been moved from Norfolk to First Nebraska Bank to take advantage of 3.35% interest. The Treasurer's Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented the monthly fee report for her office listing amounts collected for office functions such as motor vehicles, recordings, and marriage licenses as well as the portion of those fees paid to the state and county.

Motion was made by Cetak, seconded by Ash to move into Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m.. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Also present was Appraiser Chad Martensen. Assessor Waits presented the 2004 Update Plan of Assessment and explained that a 5 year plan for assessing the county was required in 2001 and every 5 years thereafter and a supplement is required every year. Discussion was held regarding the budgeting of \$15,000 to hire Martensen to update the rural properties, Appraiser Larry Rexroth to do the depreciation tables and dividing the county into tiers and updating a tier each year. Sintek suggested beginning with area closest to Ord as most growth has occurred there. Martensen would measure each house and inspect interior where allowed, measure newly constructed outbuildings, eliminate old buildings that are of no use, set value for those buildings that changed usage, take pictures of homes and new improvements for \$50 per parcel. He would provide his own vehicle and gas, the Assessor's digital camera would be used for the pictures. Martensen indicated the parcel count would be higher in the Ord area than in the northern tier they had planned to start with which may make it hard to meet the March deadline required to use the reappraised values for the 2005 tax year. Sintek felt the Ord area was the place to start even if they had to leave out some parcels to meet the deadline. Martensen presented letters of recommendation from Cherry County Assessor and Boone County Assessor.

At 10:30 a.m., Sintek moved to return to regular session, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported: jury room toilets repaired in time for 3 day trial; faucet in lower level ladies room replaced; third floor urinals recaulked; Blaha reviewed jail plumbing, awaiting his conclusions; old coal room cleaned out; all air conditioners cleaned and filters installed; request approval of \$150 for 2 flag stands for lower lobby display, Board advised use Building and Grounds funds; plans to display pictures of first two Courthouses; ladies auxiliary contributed toward flags, using U.S. flag from School Supt. Office; friendship quilt from elementary school on display in lower lobby; discuss handicap accessible restrooms, Rolland to check requirements and report. Sevenker said marble slabs, presumably from the Courthouse, had been used to line a flower bed. He felt flower bed should be removed and marble salvaged. Cronk will check with Tom Gidley if there is someone assigned to community service that could help with the project. Cronk also reported: no women's restroom on third floor, possibility of converting men's to both; tried to start boiler, would not run, meet with building and grounds committee to discuss daily checking of boiler; Wadas investigating new technology for heating and cooling system in Courthouse; flying POW flag for National POW recognition week; furniture stored in lobby to be sold on Wolf auction Sept. 22; 15 surplus boxes of tractor feed green bar paper, Suminski will check with area schools; \$696.57 from equipment auction should go into building and grounds, but is not possible to do that.

Chairman Sevenker reported the Lodging Tax Committee's meeting scheduled for last night was postponed, so will postpone discussion until a later date.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented the figures for the County's budget for fiscal year 2004-2005. Valuation has increased from \$285,406,087 to \$311,898,685. The levied amount for this fiscal year is \$1,266,283.00, the rate is .405992. The hospital bond will be paid off this year, the budget for hospital operating and maintenance remains at \$25,000 as usual. Abel reviewed the budget form: fund summaries, including cash reserves; restricted funds and exceptions; lid limit, budgeted disbursements; and levy limit. At 11:00 a.m. the Budget Hearing was held, no one appeared to testify. Resolution 04-23, allowing a 1% increase in the budget, was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia. Resolution 04-24, adopting the 2004-2005 budget, was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Beran, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash. No: none. Absent: Melia. The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 11:15 a.m., no one appeared to testify. Resolution 04-25, allowing the property tax request for this year to be different than last year, was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Yes: Ash, Collins, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Ash moved to approve the Girl Scouts' request to use the Courthouse steps on Oct. 17 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia.

The October 20 meeting on the Downtown Master Plan was noted and Attorney Cullers discussed the letter regarding the Juvenile Services Grant Team meeting. The meeting is to discuss how this years grant funds should be spent. The goal is to help keep kids out of trouble, last year funds were spent on area school assemblies. They would like to hire a youth coordinator who could apply for grants for things like a diversion program. Board members are invited to attend the meeting.

Attorney Cullers was in District Court for the early portion of the Board meeting, so discussion of the Garfield/Valley County Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. Cullers will meet with Garfield County Attorney, Dale Crandall, and draw up a new draft agreement. He is to contact Collins or Sevenker with any questions. Cullers met with James Knapp regarding adjusting the rent for the County Farm since a portion is now the Mortensen Industrial Site. Measurements are now available and show 81.1 acres planted, 10.8 acres development site and 3.5 acres can be planted at the renters risk, as they can be used for development without compensation to the renter. Knapp has been paying an estimated amount and adjustments need to be made now that measurements are available. The 2003 year was to be reduced by \$428 per acre removed from the farm site and the 2004 year by \$150 per acre removed. Water rights were also discussed, Cullers is to check with the irrigation district to see what's been used. The contract will be renegotiated in 2005.

Discussion was held regarding a County policy for water drainage, cleaning road ditches and trimming trees. Cullers felt that after he had drafted a policy, a copy should be sent to each Board member to be discussed with their constituents and that a public hearing should be held to receive comments prior to adopting any policy.

Cullers reported that on Sept. 28, the next Board meeting day, he is scheduled to be in Garfield County Court in the morning and Loup County Court in the afternoon. He will try to schedule his Garfield County Court appointment for late morning so he can make his report to the Board before going to court. If that is not possible, he may miss the meeting.

Ash reported that he met with Custer and Greeley Counties regarding the road numbering system for Region 26. He said there may be a problem with Valley County's numbering as it appears it does not match up with the other two counties. Region 26 is checking into it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 14 meeting and an agenda for the September 28 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 28, 2004, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. The Clerk verified meeting notice had been published and posted as usual and minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker asked for public comment and Willis Platte spoke regarding the fact that the Hospital finances were in the black last month which he felt indicated they were headed in the right direction.

Sandy Simpson, Road Secretary, reported on Road claims and balances, noting the largest expenses were for fuel, asphalt, and gravel. She also reported that the Sheriff's Office and the Road Dept. split the cost of a new copier, each paying \$450. When asked how many miles of road were asphalted for the \$10,000 spent this month, Leth reported that asphalt was used on 2 1/2 miles of the Springdale road, 6 miles of the Loup City road and that half of a windrow remains for winter use. Simpson indicated \$19,000 worth of asphalt bills remain to be paid.

Leth reported that fuel prices continue to rise and even though he raised this year's budget it will probably still fall short. The Certification to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and the Road & Bridge Contracts Report, to certify that County roads meet the minimum standards, was presented for Board approval. They were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Leth also reported on LBs concerning counties padding their budgets, the 6 year reauthorization of T21, and the 2 tier highway superintendent system. Leth is planning to attend a meeting held by the Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture on emergency response planning and encouraged Board members to attend. Sheriff Larry Ronzso mentioned that he and his deputies were attending this meeting and volunteered to get in touch with Emergency Manager Ryan Simpson regarding the meeting. The Road Dept. continues to haul gravel with County trucks. Leth asked the Board to set a date for grader blade bids and it was moved by Sintek, seconded by Ash to set the bid letting for the October 26, 2004 meeting at 9:15 a.m.. Discussion was held regarding the carbide blades, Leth is not in favor of them. The last time blades were bid was April 8, 2003. Board advised buying whole load rather than half. Leth asked for Board direction regarding the cutting of trees on road right of way. Following discussion, Collins moved that the County continue to cut trees, especially at intersections, but not remove them from the property, the landowner must haul them away. Motion was seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Board advised that Leth contact the landowner and give him the option of removing or trimming the trees himself or hauling away what is removed or trimmed by the County. Leth agreed to remove a tree branch overhanging the sidewalk at the Courthouse and Collins reported a road problem north of Jerry Collier's hill.

Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, appeared to discuss the concern of Gene McCoy, President of KNLV Radio, regarding emergency information provided to the media. Beland said that Region 26 serves 11 counties and that on the day in question there were 3 fires and many calls were coming in, there was not time to give out information. The dispatcher's first responsibility is to the 911 caller and the responders and unless instructed to do so by the fire chief or sheriff in charge of the emergency, they cannot give out information to the public or media, since what they have is only partial information and may be misleading. She suggested calling her office or the local official's office to get information rather than the dispatchers dealing with emergency response. McCoy stressed again that the radio can be helpful in an emergency by providing information to the public and mentioned the call from Burwell thanking him for his help in getting people out to help fight the fire. Beland indicated that Jeffries had called her after reading about his call in the paper and said that he had called McCoy to express his thanks to the volunteers but that there were too many and some did get

in the way. Dean Ash, Valley County Rep. on Region 26 Board, said that this item is on their meeting agenda for tonight and perhaps a procedure can be developed. He indicated that they want to work with the media and recognize their value in getting needed information to the public. Sheriff Ronzzo said that his office also recognized the importance of the media and would inform them of any information that would benefit public safety.

On behalf of the County, Chairman Sevenker recognized Dick Bossen for his years of service on the Hospital Board, from 1990 to 2004, and presented him with a gift of appreciation. Bossen thanked the County Board for their past support and indicated that our hospital is a good facility, a big asset to the County and needs strong support.

The Hospital report was given by Walt Brownlee, the new Interim Administrator, as Kara Fischer, Hospital Board Chairman, was unable to attend. Brownlee said he has been a hospital administrator for 33 years and has seen many changes. He feels our hospital is doing as well as can be expected and sees a good future for it due to the number of physicians, physician assistants and the number of clinics served in the surrounding area. Next month all insurance is renewed so financials may not be as positive. Need to look at expanding services to draw more revenue. OB remodel is complete and we have 2 doctors to do deliveries. He has visited all clinics, some repair and painting needed in North Loup, all are in good shape. After interviewing 3 candidates for the CEO position, it was offered to one but he decided he wanted to serve in a larger hospital so there will be another round of interviews.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. A Tax List Correction for Ord Bowl was presented. The business was sold and the 2004 taxes accelerated. The Correction was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Sintek moved to move back into regular session, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Nancy Glaubke, presented the Interlocal Agreement for the Valley County Area Planning Commission between Valley County, North Loup Village, Arcadia Village and Elyria Village for county approval. Arcadia had questioned the expense, but had made the decision to continue so all of the villages have approved the agreement. Collins moved, Beran seconded approval of said Interlocal Agreement. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke reported on the 2004 Nebraska Rural Institute in McCook that she attended which included a visit to the Heartland Cattle Co., a vineyard, organic produce farm, fish farm and an ethanol plant.

The Sheriff's written report of August fees and activities was reviewed. Ronzzo noted that Deputy Dunn attended training on how to handle the hazardous materials involved in meth labs.

Discussion was held regarding the upgrade to a Stanley door opener on the new east entrance door, the settling of the existing steps at the east entrance requiring additional cost to allow for those steps to be replaced at a later date without disturbing the new ramp, permission for the dirt on the south side of the old flower bed to be removed by the workers this morning with their skid loader while the area is open and accessible, and the cost of changing from an aluminum framed door to a bronze framed door. Following discussion, Beran moved and Ash seconded approval of the added costs of an estimated \$200 for the door opener upgrade, the unknown added cost to address the settling of the existing steps and the dirt removal, and the additional \$338.75 for the bronze metal framing and glass on the door. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Board agreed that rock could be used to replace the flower bed and Beran volunteered to contact Sam Pishna regarding the cost of removing 2 trees on the Courthouse lawn that appear to be dying. The Board requested a cost estimate on each tree separately.

Receipt of the completed County Budget Document was noted.

The Clerk reported that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program material had been reviewed by County Emergency Manager Simpson and that he is considering applying for a grant for weather radios for public facilities as noted in the material. Application deadline is in February 2005.

Lodging Tax receipts and disbursements were reviewed. Sevenker reported attending the Lodging Tax Committee meeting last night and said the Committee felt they had followed the State directive to distribute the funds fairly throughout the County. They felt that the funds awarded to the County Fair Board should be counted toward the City of Ord's portion. Discussion was held regarding the amount of funds collected that are not spent.

A letter from NACO regarding the increase in fees charged by the company that administers the County's Section 125 plan was discussed. It was determined that this item should be put on the agenda again in November to give NACO an opportunity to find another administrator. The increase will take effect beginning with the new plan year, which for Valley County is February, 2005.

Following discussion of the list of claims and balances, the September claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Collins, Melia, Beran, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Attorney had no report and there were no Committee reports. When asked, Attorney Cullers responded that the agreement between Garfield and Valley Counties for the part-time services of Leth is in progress. It was noted that meetings tonight include: Region 26, Economic Development and RC&D.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Region 26 agenda, Loup Basin RC&D, Community Action, EMC Loss Control Insights.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 28 meeting and an agenda for the October 12 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Beran, Melia, Ash, Collins, Sintek, and Cetak present and meeting notice was verified. The Clerk noted that an error was made in publishing the Sept. claims and that they will be published correctly in the Quiz this week. Following discussion, Ash moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2004 meeting as published last week and the claims as they appear in this week's Quiz. The motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Road Supt., Leth informed the Board that Easement 04-217, granted to Rollie Staab in Sept., was found to be unnecessary since he was able to use existing pipe and no trenching was needed. On motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek a refund of Easement 04-217 was granted. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No; none. Absent: none.

Leth reported on a meeting he attended regarding Ag Emergency Preparedness and presented an informational book for the Board's review. It was suggested that Planning & Zoning should be the first step in implementing a program and Leth will discuss the issue with Planning & Zoning Admin. Glaubke.

The Road Dept. continues to haul gravel and maintain roads. Highway striping is to begin today and will take about three days. The industrial site entrance is open, however, the delineator posts have already been hit and will need to be replaced. Leth felt there was sufficient turning radius for trucks to avoid the posts. The County's billable time for work on the entrance has been turned in to Bethanne Kunz. The County and Ord City worked together to remove a large tree on the northeast Courthouse lawn. The sidewalk was broken in 3 places during the process, but the Road Dept. can replace the broken parts next spring if the Board directs. The tree was found to be hollow 5 to 6 feet up so was in danger of falling. The branches were chipped and sent to the school for use on the play ground. The tree on the north west side of the Courthouse was removed by Sam Pishna. Discussion was held regarding some mix up in communications concerning the tree removal. Leth invited Board members to inspect the new paint and carpet in his office. A draft copy of a letter prepared by Attorney Cullers to send to landowners regarding tree trimming on road right of way was discussed as well as the spraying of intersections. The Board felt that a reference to the County loading trees or limbs into the landowner's truck should be removed. They felt that trees or limbs could be left on the roadside for the landowner to remove for a short period, maybe 10 days, after which the County would have to clear the roadside and move them onto the landowner's property. The intersection by the Ord Animal Clinic was discussed and Leth is to talk to the City and State regarding trees blocking the view at this intersection.

Bethanne Kunz, Economic Development Director, reported that a new income survey is to be conducted. It will be a postcard so should be simple to fill out. It is hoped that by getting information out to the public regarding the need for this survey, the response will be good. This survey is necessary because percentage of income levels are part of the requirements to apply for various grants. For example, the County was unable to apply for CDBG funds to help put an elevator in the Courthouse because the low to moderate income percentage did not meet the requirements. Kunz also reported that Chairman Sevenker spoke to the Leadership Quest participants again this year regarding County Supervisor duties, the election process, and some of the problems facing an aging Courthouse. Discussion was held regarding the need to involve the public in Courthouse building issues and possible solutions. Many of the participants indicated that they were not aware of what the County Board did.

Custodian Rolland Cronk, reporting on handicap accessible restrooms on the first floor, indicated that the best solution may be to make the evidence room into an accessible unisex restroom. This would likely be less expensive than meeting the standards in both the mens and ladies current restrooms. Supervisor Beran is to contact Jim Cannon regarding the cost of drawing up plans. Cronk said a new transformer was put in and the boiler was working. He asked about getting a timer for the weekends, but the Board did not feel it was needed. An electrician is needed for an outlet on the west steps. The Board advised that Augustyn is familiar with the Courthouse wiring. Cronk is looking for a community group interested in decorating the Courthouse lobby for Christmas. The Board suggested checking with Kunz, as the Chamber usually uses this area for their Christmas promotions.

Supervisor Cetak left the meeting.

Following discussion of the landscaping around the ramp area, it was moved by Melia, seconded by Beran to authorize Collins to have Colliers purchase sod and install it this fall. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Abstain: Collins. Absent: Cetak.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 10:20 a.m. on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the Tax List Correction for Keown as mandated by the State, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Resolution 04-26, setting the levies, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The contract presented by Chad Martinsen for his appraisal work was discussed. Attorney Cullers suggested adding to paragraph 1, part 1, that the work will be done in accordance with state laws and requirements and in paragraph 5, part 1, that an effort will be made to return to those residences where no one is home before existing information is used. Waits questioned whether she should be named the interpreter of the contract as listed in paragraph 7, part 1, but the Board felt this was okay. She also felt that Martinsen should be present for the informal interviews mentioned in paragraph 15, part 2. At the Board's request, Cullers will include in his comments to Martinsen the need for progress reports as the work proceeds. Waits asked Board direction on taxing new construction found in the appraisal, if it should be taxed retroactive to date of construction or begin on discovery. The Board advised begin taxing when discovered. Sintek felt Martinsen should present a plan before he begins then update the Board at the halfway point and again toward the end of the project. The contract was approved, with the suggested changes, on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins. Supervisor Collins left the meeting during the above discussion.

The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

Chairman Sevenker recognized Connie Fread, who requested Board approval of Resolution 04-28. By this resolution, the Board indicates that the Hospital is capable of providing public transportation for persons in Valley County, which is a requirement to apply for Nebraska Public Transportation Act funds. These funds are then used to help purchase the vans used by the Hospital. Resolution 04-28 was approved on motion of Beran, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Beran, Ash, Melia, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

The September fee reports for County Clerk, District Court and the quarterly report of outstanding ambulance fees were reviewed.

The Summary Report of September Expenditures and receipts for the surplus property sold were noted.

Treasurer Suminski reported on collections for September, noting that the General Fund balance is okay for now. The final payment on the Hospital Bond will be made this month. The Airport Bond will be paid off in 2006. An additional \$50,000 of pledged security from First Nebraska Bank in Arcadia was presented.

Some of the landscaping issues were discussed earlier. The Girl Scouts were unable to attend the meeting, but Custodian Rolland Cronk will provide a hose for their use in watering the flower bed. The ramp is basically completed except for painting the railing. A bill may be submitted this month. The wrong size door was sent so installation will have to await the arrival of the correct sized door. Following short discussion, Melia moved, Ash seconded the motion that Beran contact Pishna to remove the tree stump on the north east side of the Courthouse.

The Countywide Cost Allocation Plan developed by Maximus, for determining reimbursement to the County for child support enforcement services provided by the County Attorney and District Court, was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

Resolution 04-27, whereby the Clerk sought Board approval to reimburse the District Court employee acting as bailiff when circumstances warranted it, was approved on motion of Melia, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Melia, Ash, Beran, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Collins.

The following informational items were reviewed: the Certificate of Liability Insurance for Wadas Inc., the Clerk will keep on file; the "HD410 Home Ownership Finance" training on Nov. 15-18, the Clerk will check with Bethanne; the annual NACO Conference registration forms need to be turned in to the Clerk by October 19 as the check is due by November 5; County Government day is scheduled for November 30, 2004.

Attorney Cullers had no report. The Board informed him of their requested changes in the letter regarding trees on the road right of way and he was asked to research the possibility of the Chairman voting.



There were no committee reports. The mail folder items available for review were: Wozab Fund thank you from Arcadia United Methodist Church, Article on intern Brian Zimmer, CNEDD Annual Meeting, Rural News Bits, Tyler Technologies, Inc., Nebr. Workforce Development, 2004 Governor's Summit on Workforce Development.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on October 6, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:30 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 12 meeting and an agenda for the October 26 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met on October 26, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Beran, Melia, Ash, Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, and Collins present. Notice of meeting was verified by the Clerk. The minutes of the October 12 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported on October claims and balances. Road Dept. claims totaled \$98,372.19, with payroll at \$32,061.70 and vendors \$66,310.49. The larger vendor amounts were fuel, asphalt, gravel and the final payment on the John Deere grader.

Ash reported a road complaint north of Raymond Franzen's place, that the crown was too high. Leth will look at it. Leth reported that they were hand patching oil roads and should be done tomorrow. Road striping is complete. He has started bridge inspections. Diesel fuel is costing \$1.64 for off highway and \$1.96 for highway and has taken a third of the amount budgeted for the year. He recommends delaying some grading until spring to see how the fuel holds out. He is currently checking out an oil problem with his pickup and the blue Dodge pickup. An earlier complaint of drainage problems on the old state highway north of Bob Lutz will require removal of existing culvert and installation of tubes. Leth recommends waiting to see if the price of culverts goes down.

At 9:15 a.m. the grader blade bids were opened. Representatives from Nebr. Machinery, Midwest Service and Presco were in attendance. The total bid of each company for curved double bevel blades as noted in the specifications were: Nebr. Machinery \$14,839.40, BARCO \$16,099.40, Presco \$15,947.20, Midwest \$17,450.90 and B's \$16,182.00. Sintek moved to accept the low bid of Nebraska Machinery at \$14,839.40, motion seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Concerns over the radius of the proposed curve on the road out of North Loup was discussed. Leth will call the state engineer in charge of the project.

Kara Fischer, President of the Hospital Board of Trustees, gave the Hospital report. Due to present circumstances, the Board of Trustees had asked Don Chase of Quorum to put together a 3 year projection of Hospital finances, which he gave at their last meeting. He indicated that he was very conservative in the factors used to make the projections. Two new doctors (one of which is here, the other to come soon) and rate increases were figured in. Expenses and supplies were figured based on nationwide averages. The projection was positive, showing a loss in fiscal year 2005, a slight gain in 2006 and a larger gain in 2007. Fischer also addressed a circulating rumor regarding a missing million dollars. She spoke with the Hospital auditors to confirm that there had been no illegal activity found in their recent audit and no missing million dollars. The public can call the Hospital Board or herself to verify any rumor. The OB and delivery room is completed and 2 babies were born last week. An open house will be held for the renovated facilities. A new Hospital CEO has been hired, Neelam Bhardway. She is to start on December 1, 2004. She has 20 years experience in administrative health care and finances. Fischer noted that this is the only CEO hired by the Hospital since Phil Lowe resigned and that the others were interim CEO's found by Quorum. Brownlee will remain for a day or two after Bhardway starts to show her around.

Sheriff Larry Ronzso presented his written fee and activities reports for September. When informed that the current evidence room may be converted into a unisex, handicapped accessible restroom, he asked if part of it could be set up as a laundry for the jail. He said it would save money. The evidence room could be moved to the third floor.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported that the last payment was made this month on the Hospital Bond. Since the Bond Fund was short, the Hospital Operating and Maintenance Fund was used to make up the difference of \$6321.25. The Hospital O&M Fund is part of the County budget and has been generally set at \$25,000. This fund and the Bond are the only tax money provided to the Hospital. Suminski reported that there would continue to be delinquent tax collections that would include dollars for the Hospital Bond Fund and asked the Board where they wanted this money to go. Following discussion, it was decided that any funds collected should go into the Hospital O&M until

the \$6321.25 was made up. Any collections above this amount are to be held until next year, when a decision would be made as to where they should go. Suminski also reported on delinquent taxes sold to tax sale companies. She then informed the Board that Timothy Lowenstein, the Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials representative to the National Association will be speaking at the NACO Conference in Lincoln on Thurs., Dec. 9 on the advantages of belonging to the National Assoc., but would be willing to speak at a Board meeting if none of them were planning to attend the Conference. Most of the Board is signed up to attend the Conference. She also mentioned that various insurance representatives would like to present information to County employees during work time, that most of the County Officials were not in favor of using work time for this purpose and asked the Board's feelings on the matter. The Board felt sufficient insurance choices are already offered.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk and Appraiser Chad Martinsen were present.

A statement made by Mable Dobrovsky in a letter to Valley County residents regarding a reevaluation of rural dwellings being for the sole purpose of raising taxes was addressed by Chairman Sevenker. He noted that all real estate transactions have to be reported to the state and that the state requires property valuations be set at 92% to 100 % of market value for residential property and 74% to 80% for ag property. If the County does not meet the valuation requirements, the State will come in and increase them. In order to treat all taxpayers equally, the records on which the valuations are based have to be current and accurate and this requires a periodic review of the properties. The city and village updates are complete. The review of rural property is being conducted over a period of time due to budget constraints. This Board has always been conservative and conscientious. In talking to County Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, Sevenker found that it is difficult to compare levies from one county to another because different factors are present in each county. He felt that no county is operated more economically.

The appraisal agreement with Chad Martinsen was discussed. Martinsen felt that the County modifications presented at their last meeting would require more time on his part, therefore, he asked for \$5.00 more per parcel. Martinsen had presented a new draft of the agreement, which included the County modifications and the higher fee of \$55 per parcel, to Attorney Cullers. Cullers pointed out each of the modifications in the agreement. Following discussion, Ash moved to accept the Contract for Property Listing with Chad Martinsen/Martinsen Appraisal at \$55 per parcel and Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. The Board asked that Martinsen begin with Ord Township and continue until the \$10,000 appraisal budget for this year is spent. At 10:40 a.m., Supervisor Melia left the meeting.

At 10:45 Beran moved to return to regular session, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Assessor Waits presented a preliminary draft of tax rates for 2004/2005 as part of agenda item 8A, the Clerk's levy printout including other county certifications. She said there appeared to be no major increases and that she would have the final draft by mid November.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the copy of the Courthouse blueprints from Berggren Architects for \$58.42 and the letter from NACO regarding their endorsement of First Concord Benefits Group of Lincoln as the new Section 125 Administrator.

The contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to act as County Surveyor was discussed. The contract addendum was read, whereby JEO agreed to seek County Board approval prior to providing any services for the Office of Valley County Surveyor. A billing statement from JEO for \$465.00 was received by the County for surveying work they had done on the County's behalf without seeking prior approval of the Board. Chairman Sevenker reported that he called Dale Sall, the JEO representative who signed the agreement, and that he agreed that County approval should have been sought prior to the work being done and that he would send a letter of explanation. No letter had been received to date. David Ziska, an Engineer with JEO, was present on another matter and had been asked by his company to explain that the work that was billed was in connection with a

survey for Elaine Hill. It was found that construction of a culvert had destroyed a section corner marker and JEO had to reset it. They felt this was a County Surveyor responsibility, however, if it was determined that the Village of Arcadia had constructed the culvert, the County could ask the Village for reimbursement. County Attorney Cullers advised that, in his opinion, JEO had not fulfilled their agreement so the County was not under obligation to pay the billed amount until the situation was resolved.

David Ziska, JEO representative, presented information regarding the Ord Downtown Master Plan. Ideas for renovation of the downtown streets, sidewalks, utilities and beautification plans were discussed. A presentation had been made to the City Council who wanted the County's reaction to the plan since the Courthouse is a major part of the downtown area. Following discussion, the Board agreed that renovation was needed and that cost would be a major factor in approval of a plan. Estimated costs of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per side for sidewalk construction on 3 sides of the Courthouse were discussed. The Board felt that they could not offer approval until more definite information was available on costs and funding. They felt that planning should continue. Sevenker will relay the Board's feelings to Mayor Winterfeld.

County Attorney Cullers has a scheduled Court appearance, so asked to give his report early. He reported that he had not been able to meet with County Weed Supt. Kaminski as he has been in the field. However, all Board members had received the letter from the State Dept. of Agriculture and he asked for their direction on how to proceed. The letter had set two deadlines for the County, November 6 to provide evidence that landowners had been advised in writing requesting noxious weed control this fall and November 12 to provide evidence to NDA that effective enforcement action has been implemented. Following discussion, it was decided that Chairman Sevenker will call Mitch Coffin with the State Dept. and explain that Kaminski will be on the November 9 meeting agenda.

Cullers noted that the lease amounts for the County Farm still need to be adjusted and that he had reviewed a letter the Clerk received from the Dept. of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, offering an invitation to participate in a voluntary compliance assistance program. He felt that the County was in good shape with regard to compliance.

A letter from John L. Batty, M.D. regarding the EPA order lowering the acceptable levels of arsenic in public water was reviewed. The Board felt that the County was not involved in public water issues and that this would be more appropriate for the City.

October claims and balances were discussed, noting that 75% of the ramp cost was paid this month. Some concerns with the operation of the automatic door were discussed and have been referred to Bill Clamp. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the October claims, Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Melia.

Following items were received: letter on NACo/ESRI Technology Foundation GIS Grant Series, State reimbursement of \$85.54 for County Attorney IV-D Medical, Lodging Tax August receipts of \$364.41 and October pay outs of \$1350. Mail Folder items were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 26 meeting and an agenda for the November 9 meeting are available 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 the 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, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, November 9, 2004. Chairman Sevenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak and Sevenker present. Ash and Sintek were absent, excused by Sevenker. Minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved as printed in the Quiz on motion of Beran, seconded by Melia. Carried. Yes: Beran, Melia, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek. Melia moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Melia, Cetak, Collins, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek. There was no public comment.

Road Supt., Leth gave his approval of both requested easements, Don Petska 04-218 and Citizens Communications 04-219. Following short discussion, Easements 04-218 and 04-219 were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Collins, Beran, Melia, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Leth reported highway striping cost about \$478.11 per mile. Cost of the paint is up, but overall striping costs have not gone up much for the last few years. He also reported: working on cleaning up the bull pen; cost to replace nose piece on snow plow is \$480 and will take 6 weeks to get it; continuing to maintain roads; about 1/3 of bridges have been inspected; cost of replacing motorgrader tires is \$826 each, but they are worth it as the tread lasts longer and they get fewer flats.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski and County Attorney, Randy Cullers reported on the status of the weed inspection reports as requested by the Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture. In their opinion, the property owners have been cooperative and are in compliance for the 2004 season. The warm, wet fall has caused more growth, but this will be part of the 2005 cycle. Attorney Cullers will send a summary letter of action taken on each parcel to the Dept..

Supervisor Melia needed to leave early, so agenda items requiring a vote were heard first.

The need for a safety switch for the boiler was discussed and it was decided that for \$200 plus labor it was a good idea to have one. Collins moved, Cetak seconded, to approve the purchase and installation of a safety switch on the Courthouse boiler. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Discussion was held regarding landscaping on the east side of the ramp. It was decided to contact the Fire Marshall to see if it meets the necessary requirements before landscaping is completed. The Clerk is to contact him. Sevenker reported that the city already has approved handicap parking space near the ramp, they just haven't painted them yet.

Collins reported that Custodian Cronk indicated the snow blower needs repair. Collins will get an estimate on the cost.

A timer for the outside lights on the west Courthouse entrance was discussed and approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Attorney Cullers presented a memorandum regarding adjustments to the farm rent due to Valley County for the Mortensen land following the development of the Mortensen Family Industrial Tract. According to the memorandum, 10.8 acres were developed, for which the tenant was to be paid \$428.00 per acre for 2003. For 2004, the rent was to be reduced by \$150.00 per acre for the 10.8 acres and an additional 3.5 acres referred to as the "at risk" acres that could also be developed. The final calculations show the remaining rent due for 2004 is \$4907.60. Cullers also indicated that for the remainder of the term of this lease, the County has agreed to pay the water assessment on the developed acres which amounts to \$414.70 for 2004. Future lease agreements will call for the tenant to pay the entire water assessment. Melia moved to approve the rental figures as presented in the memorandum and Beran seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Sintek.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski was unable to attend the meeting. Her October Fund Report and certification of the delivery of 40 Distress Warrants to the Sheriff were reviewed. Also available for review was the miscellaneous receipts folder.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey presented her fee report for October. When asked if there were any glitches in the General Election held on November 2, she replied that she had made an error in the ESU #10 Valley County Representative race and ballots were not given to those voters in the class 1 school districts. The ESU #10 office is aware of the error and she is in the process of contacting the candidates to let them know. There are 120 votes separating the two candidates and 351 voters registered within the class 1 school districts. At this time, she is awaiting a call from the Secretary of State's Office for advice on how to proceed.

Assessor, Deb Waits was also unable to attend this meeting. Since there were no action items to come before the Board of Equalization and the Assessor was not present, the Board remained in regular session to review the informational items presented: a copy of the notice sent to taxpayers regarding the appraisal project set to begin this month, Property Tax Directive 04-5 from the Nebr. Dept. of Property Assessment & Taxation to be added to the manual, and notice from the Nebr. Auditor of Public Accounts that the 2004-2005 budgets for Arcadia Township and North Loup Fire District 3 were received after the deadline

Attorney Cullers reported that statutory procedure will need to be followed in cleaning out the evidence room. He has met with Sheriff Ronzco and they are considering a room on the third floor. Ronzco would like to have shelves and baskets for organization and locks for security. Some items will need to be returned to the owners, some will need to be destroyed others can be sold. Proceeds from sold items must go to the general school fund.

The letter from NACO regarding their endorsement of First Concord Benefits Group as the new Section 125 Administrator was reviewed as well as the notice that November 15 was the cut-off date for cancellation of reservations for the NACO Conference in December. The Board indicated that reservations for the nights of December 7 and 8 should be sufficient. Also noted was the receipt of the 2004 Boiler Inspection Certificates and the letter from Nebr. DEQ regarding the Revised Application for Construction for Peterson Farms. The Clerk reported that Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke, has received a copy of this notice and indicated there is no change in the location.

Committee reports were inadvertently left off the agenda, however, Sevenker reported that Supervisor Ash had indicated that it may cost the county as much as \$30,000 for street mapping through Region 26 for the enhanced 911 service. Cetak reported some difficulties with the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Director and Melia reported that Region III may be receiving additional funds from tobacco money.

The following items were available for review in the mail folder: Ord Chamber Newsletter, Rural News Bits, MAXIMUS letter, The Nebr. Professional, American Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 9 meeting and an agenda for the November 26 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on November 30, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. The delayed start was due to County Government Day. Students from Ord, North Loup Scotia, and Arcadia met in the District Courtroom where they heard several speakers, including the County Board Chairman. The students were divided into groups to visit each County Office and sit in on the Board meeting.

Roll call was taken with Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak and Sevenker present. Notice of meeting was verified and the minutes of the Nov. 9 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. No public comment was offered.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the claims and balances report for November. The major expenses were fuel, tires, highway striping, and gravel. The fuel and gravel budgets are low, the parts budget is in good shape.

A road complaint received from the Comstock Postmaster has been taken care of. He reported that the County's annual reports to the State had been received and were in good order. A County truck was ticketed for "spilling the load" while hauling gravel, which is said to mean water running out of the back of the truck. The truck weight was okay. Fencing on County farm ground rented by James Knapp was discussed. The Board advised Leth that Knapp should come before the Board with any fencing proposal. Leth has received a request to clear trees out of the Y on the Sargent Road, as they could be a hazard. Following discussion, it was moved by Collins, seconded by Ash to authorize Leth to clean up the triangle on the Sargent Y. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Melia, Beran, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Williamson, Hospital CFO, gave the Hospital report. He briefly discussed the monthly financials and statistics. There was a slight increase in swing bed and it is hoped that the updated obstetrical unit will result in greater use. Nursing home numbers are down and homecare numbers improved. Increased expenses were due in part to a raise in Workers Comp. He then discussed the recently completed audit. There is a small improvement in the current assets and a decrease in the interest bearing accounts due to paying legal fees. He noted that the Hospital Foundation financial statement must now be included in the Hospital's audit. The report estimating the Medicaid reimbursement at \$313,000 was filed last week and, if approved, should be received early next year. The Hospital continues to look at ways to increase revenue and decrease expenditures. The new Administrator, Neelam Bhardwaj, will begin work tomorrow.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened to hear the report of Appraiser Chad Martensen on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: none. Martensen reported that all was going well with his work in Ord Township. Discussion was held regarding valuing old buildings that are no longer used for their intended purpose. Martensen suggested that if they were in good enough repair to be used for storage, their condition could be downgraded from average to fair to get more depreciation and if they were not usable at all they could be dropped. He said he would like to be done with Ord Township by the middle of February so that the Assessor's Office would have time to make any changes and preliminary hearings could be held. Following Martensen's report, the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Custodian, Rolland Cronk, reported that he had contacted Karr Tuckpointing and they are behind but plan to come eventually to provide an estimate on the Courthouse. His report continued as follows: water heater in dispatch room repaired, Wadas had to unclog a drain petcock in the boiler, timer switch is on order, looking for way to test ph level in boiler tank, discovered heating register in back of District Courtroom on west side has been disconnected for sometime, timer for lights on west Courthouse entrance installed and working, discovered light above lavatory on north wall in ladies restroom not wired correctly and will have Augustyn look at it, the Chamber is not planning to use the Courthouse lobby for their Christmas promotion this year so will need to look

elsewhere for decorating, snow removal was begun at 5:00 a.m. Monday morning and took until 10:00 a.m., the larger snow blower has been fixed. Chairman Sevenker provided a copy of the 2001 estimate from Karr Tuckpointing which totaled \$133,000. Cronk was advised to contact the City of Ord regarding the possibility of using a shed by the bowling alley for storage of County snowblowing equipment. The suggestion of providing Cronk with a key to the County shop was also discussed.

Sheriff, Larry Ronzzo, presented his Fee and Activities Reports for October. Discussion was held regarding his use of the old jail area on the third floor for an evidence room if the current room on the first floor is converted into a handicap accessible restroom. Also discussed was the need to organize the storage areas and the law library.

Lodging Tax receipts for September were \$522.50 and the expenses for November were \$250.00. Attorney Cullers reported that he had spoken to Quattrocchi's, as the County's largest provider of hotel rooms, regarding the possibility of an additional tax that is allowed for construction purposes to benefit tourism. Cullers said that, while they were not against it, they felt that there needed to be more direct benefit realized to justify the current tax as well as any additional tax before they could support it.

The following informational items were noted: mileage reimbursement increase from 37.5 cents to 40.5 cents effective January 2005, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Report, the summary of October expenses and the NACO Conference on December 7, 8 and 9.

The list of November Claims and Balances was reviewed and the November Claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Beran, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The December payroll date was moved up to December 21 on motion of Ash, seconded by Beran. Carried. Yes: Ash, Beran, Melia, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

A request from Loup Basin RC&D regarding the County's interest in the proposed development of an information technology center was discussed. The County agreed that it was a good idea and a motion was made by Ash, seconded by Melia to support the proposal. Carried. Yes: Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney, Randy Cullers, reported that he had spoken to Tom Krueger, the project manager for the survey billed to the County without prior notification. Krueger indicated that the County should have been notified, but that the establishment of a corner came up during a private survey and it was not convenient to stop and seek County approval before the work was done. He questioned whether the Village of Arcadia might be responsible for the removal of the corner marker during the installation of a culvert sometime in the past. Krueger provided a copy of a contract agreement for County approval, however, Cullers noted that it was not substantially different from the one we have and that the problem is that JEO is not meeting the terms of the contract. Dale Sall, the person with JEO who signed the contract with us, has been out for medical reasons and Cullers hopes to talk to him on his return. Cullers recommends that the bill for the survey in question remain unpaid until the matter is settled.

Cullers reported that he has been contacted regarding the COPS Grant for which the County was required to repay a small portion. It appears that a final report is needed and he will follow up on that to be sure it gets done.

Supervisor Ash, the County's Representative on the Region 26 Council, presented figures on how the cost to each County is determined based on population, valuation and usage. The figures also gave the budget breakdown for Region 26 and their revenue for fiscal year 04-05. Ash explained that a 5 year bond was taken out to pay the cost of hiring GeoComm to help in mapping the County for the enhanced 911 requirements and the computation of each County's share for the first year was illustrated. Valley County's share of this cost for the first year is to be \$6,486.14 in addition to their regular assessment, which this year was \$40,833.22. Ash also noted that Dean Meeks had been hired with an \$80,000 grant to help with the mapping.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Steve Todsens snow removal; Metal Roofing Specialists, Inc.; Central Nebr. Community Services; Michael J Pommer, CPA; Chamber



Newsletter; NPAIT; Nebr. DEQ Grants; Nebr. Game & Parks CD; Nebr. Machinery Invitation Dec. 8; McPherson Co. Courthouse Auction.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 30 meeting and agenda for the December 14 meeting are available 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 the 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

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia and Ash present, Beran's absence was excused. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and posted and minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. The meeting agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Beran. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth found no problem with Easement refunds 03-205 for Loup Valleys Rural PPD. and 03-206 for Mike Winkelbauer. Said Easement refunds were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Melia. No: none. Absent: Beran.

The Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment was approved and signed by Chairman Sevenker. Discussion was held regarding changes in the certification form required in December 2005 for the 2006 incentive payments. County's will be required to certify that their Highway Superintendent performs certain duties in order to qualify for the incentive payments. Leth said he has received his Class B license, that there is a delay in receiving the Class A license but this will not affect the County's incentive payment.

Discussion was held on a letter received from the Papillion Valley Preservation Association, Inc. regarding possible proposed legislation to allow NRD's the authority to close county roads even if the County Board has considered the issue and decided against road closure as well as the authority to issue general obligation bonds in order to raise money for certain projects. NACO is also monitoring this issue. The Board agreed there is no need to act until such legislation is proposed.

Leth also reported the need to monitor legislation regarding proposed changes in the highway allocation formula. Currently it is based on population, linear feet of bridges, motor vehicle registrations, miles of roads and market products sold. The proposed change would base the formula on fuel sold which would greatly benefit those counties along the interstate. Leth estimated that Valley County could lose up to 1/3 of their allocation based on the new proposed formula. The Board agreed that, if necessary, one of them would accompany Leth to testify against this proposal.

Leth's report included: monitoring two Inheritance Tax legislative proposals for this year, one would do away with the Tax the other would require the tax be sent to the state to be divided among the counties; picked up the GPS locator at the NACO Conference, now learning to use it; maintaining roads again; bridge inspections completed; discussion of JEO as County Surveyor; Game & Parks CD of scenic roads is in his office; discussion of requesting funding from Game & Parks for overlay of Ashton Road as was done for Fort Hartsuff Road.

James Knapp appeared to discuss new fence he had installed on the County Farm, requesting that the County pay for the materials. Knapp has contacted neighboring landowner Don Wagner who is willing to split the cost of materials for the fence bordering his property. Discussion included the following: 5 wire fence with 4 inch posts every 10 feet, Board questioned need for this type of fence; Knapp estimates material costs of \$2500 plus \$1000 on the Wagner side; Board felt the County should have been contacted before fence was built; Knapp will brace each end of the existing fence between parcels 24 and 25; Knapp indicated he would probably calve cows there; Board will look at fence before deciding on reimbursement at their next meeting.

Alan Anderson presented to the County a dividend check for \$5310.00 from EMC, the County's liability insurance carrier. This dividend is due to the County's good loss history on Workman's Comp over the last year.

Chairman Sevenker expressed the Board's appreciation to Treasurer, Janet Suminski, for her efforts on the NACO Board. Suminski said it was an honor to have been chosen to serve on the

NACO Board and that she felt NACO has a real concern for the smaller counties. She then gave the County Fund Report for November. Receipts for the month totaled \$206,251.27. She noted that it appears there will be sufficient funds for December expenses following the close of books on December collections. It has not been necessary to transfer funds yet this year, however, chances are it will by February or March. Any remaining fees collected for the Hospital Bond Fund will be used to replace the amount used from the Hospital O & M Fund to make the final Bond payment. The Board will decide what to do with any remaining funds next year.

The Clerk's November Fee Report was presented.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Beran. The Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present. Deputy Assessor, Pam Arnold, presented the Nebr. Dept. of Property Assessment & Taxation Directive 04-5 concerning state and governmental subdivision property required to be reported to the state and county as well as a listing of such property in Valley County. At 10:20 a.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Melia, Ash. No: none. Absent: Beran.

First Concord Benefits Group of Lincoln was approved to replace PayFlex as the County's Section 125 Administrator based on the recommendation of NACO. Effective with the new plan year, PayFlex would raise their administration fee to \$100 per month minimum. First Concord will provide the same services at a cost of \$3.00 per participant per month. NACO will pay 1/2 of this cost for those counties who participate in the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan. Motion to approve First Concord Benefits was made by Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Collins, Melia, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Beran.

A letter from ACE regarding the high cost of natural gas was reviewed as well as the Summary Report of Expenditures for November.

The County Attorney's report was heard at this time and the subdivision request of R. Dean and Marjorie M. Ash was delayed awaiting arrival of Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke.

Attorney Cullers reported that Tom Krueger of JEO will address the Board at their December 28th meeting to clarify the duties of a County Surveyor. It was noted that the agreement with JEO was for the length of the elected term but that a change could possibly be made if the Board wished.

Cullers informed the Board that grant funds for the Family Advocacy Network have run out and a fee is now being charged. Valley County's fee for this year is \$750. Cullers noted that this was not known at the time County funds were budgeted and it will need to be determined where the funds should come from. Among other things, the Family Advocacy Network, in association with Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, provides a forensic interviewer and a specially equipped interview room for use in child abuse cases.

The need for an interlocal agreement between the Valley County Sheriff and the Ord Police Dept. was noted by Cullers. The jurisdiction lines for city officers needs to be extended by written agreement to provide authority for them to act in areas like the Mortensen Industrial Tract, the Airport and Anderson Island.

Cullers presented County Farm lease payment checks in the amounts of \$4492.90 and \$6075.00 which had been sent to him by James Knapp with a note regarding taking the County share of the fencing off the rent. Cullers had missed the early portion of the meeting when the fencing issue was discussed due to District Court, so the Board explained that they were to view the fencing and make a decision regarding reimbursement at their next meeting. The checks were given to the Clerk.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admin., presented the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval of the request of R. Dean & Marjorie M. Ash for a subdivision of 2.46 acres located in section 18, township 17 north, range 16 west of the 6th P. M., Valley County, Nebraska. Following discussion and based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the

request was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Melia. Abstain due to personal interest: Ash. No: none. Absent: Beran. Glaubke noted that the Planning Commission is reviewing the need to adopt subdivision regulations and will present their recommendation to the County Board. The cost could be from \$1000 to \$3000. She also noted the need to reappoint three Planning Commission members at the next Board meeting.

Under Committee Reports, Board members noted various sessions they had attended at the NACO Conference last week. Some of the topics discussed were: City-County and County-County Mergers, Board of Equalization and Recalls. Supervisor Sintek reported that the Loup Basin Health Dept. has hired a 5th person.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m., as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 14 meeting and an agenda for the December 28 meeting are available 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 the 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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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 28, 2004 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Ash, Melia, Beran, Collins, Sintek and Cetak present. The Clerk verified publishing and posting notice of meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Ash moved, Cetak seconded adoption of the agenda. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Beran, Melia. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

In the absence of Secretary Sandy Simpson, Supt. Leth reported the Road Dept. Claims and Balances. The Road Fund balance is \$88,226.97, December payroll was \$31,985.07 and the claims were \$31,985.07. The larger claims were for diesel and gravel. Discussion was held regarding the cost of the County hauling their own gravel.

Leth reported that they are about out of used oil and would be interested in getting some if anyone knew of an available supply. They are cutting trees and have cut a radius around the bottom of the Y on the Sargent Road. The State has received his application for a Class A license. Applications will be reviewed on January 1 and February 25 and the license should be granted by March. He has begun work on the 1 & 6 Year Plan. Due to budget constraints, will try to estimate costs for each project and the Board will have to make choices. Two projects from last year were not completed, one at Arcadia and one at Harry Walahoski's. The State sends him a list of bridges they have rated as to the need for replacement, currently they show 2 needing replacement.

Tom Krueger, Manager of the Hastings Office for JEO Consulting Group, the County's appointed Surveyor, appeared to speak to the Board regarding the surveying duties that are required of the County. In short, State Statute requires the County Surveyor to set Government corners within the County, regardless of whether they are within a village, town, city or rural. Krueger indicated that when a request is received, he goes out to see if the corner can be found. If it can be found, he bills the requester. If it needs to be established, he bills the County. He will send a letter to the County, notifying them of a request to establish a corner and will contact the County Road Dept. to use County equipment and personnel if digging is required. Currently he is working on the survey of the recently sold Hulinsky property in the northern part of the County. This area has many corners that need to be established. He estimated a cost to the County of \$3000 to \$5000 for this project.

Custodian Rolland Cronk's report included: need for additional heat in District Courtroom as one register in back of the room is not working, existing extension cords used to plug in electric heaters are unsafe, would like to ask Augustyn to make a 15 foot extension cord that would be safe to use with an electric heater; copies of snapshots were presented showing unsafe wiring conditions in the ladies and mens restroom on the ground floor and in the Custodian's Office, the restroom wiring involves a light above the sink and mirror and includes a surge protector which could be used by the public and presents a potential hazard ; expressed some safety concerns with electric heaters currently in use in the Courthouse, some are grounded some are not, suggests looking to purchase newer, safer type; presented copies of snapshots of old surplus office equipment found when cleaning the basement, asks Board direction on disposal; tuckpoint inspection has been made, but no report or estimate received yet; has concern with snow melting on the east side of the Courthouse, dripping and freezing on the entrance ramp; the salesman from MARC will test the boiler for what chemical additives are needed; would like to attend a boiler seminar offered in Grand Island in June; asks Board direction on disposal of old election booths found in basement; toilet in jail cell leaking, Blaha was to look at, not sure if that's been done or what was found, cell cannot be used until repair is made. Board advised that the restroom wiring appeared to be unnecessary and should be disconnected, approved having an extension cord made by Augustyn and getting an estimate on repairing the disconnected radiator in the District Courtroom. They also approved the disposal of the old office equipment and voting booths unless something appeared to be of antique value. Chairman Sevenker said he would look at the items.

At 10:00 a.m., during the above discussion, Supervisor Ash left the meeting to attend a funeral. This is an excused absence.

The Clerk was asked to contact Fire Marshall Don Fast regarding his promised written approval of the east side entrance ramp.

Chad Martensen was recognized, indicating that he thought he was to appear at the last meeting of each month. The Clerk apologized for not including him on this agenda. Discussion was held regarding the removal from the tax rolls of old buildings valued at \$100 or less. The Board agreed that this should be done and will take the appropriate action at their next meeting when this item will be noted on the agenda.

Hospital Board Chairperson, Kara Fischer, is unable to present the Hospital Report. Each Board member received a written copy of the report as usual.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admin., was also unable to appear. Her written request for reappointment of 3 Planning Commission Members indicated that all 3 had been contacted and were willing to serve another 3 year term. Beran moved to reappoint Larry Koelling, Keith Peterson and Linda Wadas to the Valley County Area Planning Commission for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Beran, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia. No: None. Absent: Ash.

The Sheriff's report was delayed until he could be present later in the meeting.

The Clerk reported on recovery of election costs. As directed by State Statute, the total chargeable cost of the election is calculated and divided by the number of precincts to establish a per precinct cost. The per precinct cost is then prorated by the inked ballot inch in each precinct for each political subdivision. The total chargeable costs for the 2004 General Election are \$12,776.15. The County's share of the chargeable amount comes to \$9239.66 and \$3536.49 can be billed to the various political subdivisions who participated in the election.

Discussion was held on the request of James Knapp, current leasee of the County Farm, for reimbursement of the cost of fencing he installed on the County Farm. A list of materials and their cost was provided by Knapp. Don Wagner, an adjoining landowner, has agreed to pay half of the cost of the fence installed along his property line. The Board felt that the County should have been consulted prior to the installation of the fence and that the type of fence that was installed was more costly than required by the intended use. Following discussion, it was moved by Collins, seconded by Sintek to reimburse James Knapp \$612.60, 1/2 of the cost of materials on the portion of the fence adjoining Wagner. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Trine McBride, of CNCS and the Valley County Housing Committee, and Bethanne Kunz appeared to request that the County act as grant applicant for the Home Ownership Program For Down Payment Assistance. An update on the housing rehabilitation program which was begun in Valley County in 2003: to date 32 houses in Valley County have benefited from this program and \$861,000 has been paid to local contractors and building supply merchants. The proposed grant application would be for \$215,300. An additional amount of \$6,600 would be contributed by CNCS and \$15,000 would be required of the homebuyers (\$1000 from each of 15 homebuyers). The program provides a deferred loan for 20% of the total purchase price or \$14,500, whichever is less. A lien is filed against the property, in favor of the County, for the amount of assistance provided. CNCS takes care of all paperwork and will provide any necessary upfront funding and wait for state reimbursement. It was moved by Melia, seconded by Collins, to approve the County acting as grant applicant for the Home Ownership Program For Down Payment Assistance. Carried. Yes: Melia, Collins, Beran, Sinek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Sheriff Ronzzo appeared to present the November Fees and Activities Reports for his office. He also answered questions from the Board regarding patrolling, reimbursement claims for meals, payment of medical costs for prisoners, uniform allowance and storage costs. He and his officers do not patrol state highways, but will issue tickets when using a state highway enroute to their destination. The County has always reimbursed for meals, mileage and lodging, however, he does not always claim the reimbursement. The County is required to pay medical costs for prisoners. The County pays a uniform allowance to he and each of his officers of \$100 every two months. The storage cost is only \$108 per year and Ord City allows him the use of their impound yard. Chairman

Sevenker noted that the list of Claims and Balances provided to the Board by the Clerk's Office is not very clear due to the abbreviations used for the description of the expense. The Clerk explained that this is done to reduce the cost of publication and it could be modified for the Board.

December claims were discussed. County Attorney Cullers explained that there is little the County can do about the cost of Court Appointed Attorneys other than hiring a Public Defender and that is no guarantee of savings. December claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Sintek, Melia, Beran. No: none. Absent: Ash.

The following informational agenda items were reviewed: property tax notices on the County Farm and leased Airport land, the airport collects the lease payments for the airport land and pays the taxes on it, County issues checks for taxes in April and August; Lodging Tax reported for October was \$5427.74; County Board Workshop registrations available, Feb. 9-11, 2005 at the Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center at a cost of \$70.00 per person, registration deadline Jan. 21, 2005; Chairman Sevenker will be conducting a tour of the Courthouse on Jan. 6 for the Leadership Quest participants.

The County Attorney had no specific report

Supervisor Allen Cetak, County Representative on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services board reported that a new CEO has been hired following the resignation of Bass.

Since this was the last meeting for Supervisors Dale Melia and Dick Beran, they were recognized for their years of service to the County. Melia has served on the County Board for 20 years and Beran for 8 years. County employees donated a gift for each of them with their name and years of service inscribed. Melia's was presented at the County's dutch-treat Christmas party, but Beran was unable to attend the party so his was presented at this time.

The following items were available for review in the mail folder: Loup Basin RC&D, CNEDD Meeting Minutes, Nebr. Dept. of Roads' 2004 Annual Report, Agri Affiliates, Inc., Tillotson Enterprises, Inc..

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 28 meeting and an agenda for the January 11 meeting are available 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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