

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Chairman Sevenker noted the delay was due to his participation in County Government Day. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker and Sintek present and notice of meeting was verified. The Clerk reported a correction to the December 13, 2005 minutes changing the effective date of the appointment of Walt Smith as the new VSO from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006. She also noted that the Resolution number for investing county funds should have been 05-27 not 05-26 as noted at the meeting. Cetak moved to correct the December 13, 2005 minutes as noted above and to approve the December 27, 2005 minutes as published, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman was held. Collins moved that they stay the same. Ash seconded the motion and moved that nominations cease, however, he withdrew his motion to allow discussion of the first motion. The motion to keep Sevenker as Chairman and Collins as Vice-Chairman carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker said the Chairman's salary would be discussed later with the Officials' salaries.

The Chairman recognized Mabel Dobrovsky who had signed up for public comment with a topic of Valley County Hospital. Dobrovsky said she represented concerned taxpayers. Her concerns regarding the proposed Hospital expansion project included: what is the collateral, if payments become delinquent what recourse is available for the City and County, is critical access income secure enough to borrow money on, is there a guarantee that federal access won't change, what is the interest rate and range of payment. Sevenker noted that informational meetings are scheduled for the 16th and 17th of January and hoped that anyone with questions would attend. He thanked Dobrovsky for her comments noting that the purpose of the public comment section was to allow the public to express their views. He said that questions on the Hospital project should be addressed to the Hospital Board.

At 9:25 a.m. the Public Hearing was opened on closing County Road Number 40 as requested by Randall A. Adamek. Said road is described as beginning at the NW corner of the NW 1/4 Section 14, T19N, R13W of the 6th P.M., all in Valley County, thence southerly app. 110 rods (1,815') on Road No. 40, Bk. 5, P. 267 to a point where said road begins meandering to south and east. Adam Zebert was present and testified that he did not object to the closing. Road Supt. Leth affirmed his approval as stated in his report. Following discussion, Resolution 06-01 was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak, closing County Road Number 40 as requested. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt. Leth reported: received final set of plans for road paving at the ethanol plant site, will need to have surveyor tie out and remonument one corner for the paving project, County has dirt available and will sell for 50¢ a yard, should have to attend only the fractured critical bridge course but not the bridge inspection course as reported earlier, County Attorney Cullers has advised that changes in CDL requirements should not require a change in the County Personnel Policy, shop gas bill was \$63.59 for December and \$260.91 for January. Chairman Sevenker expressed the Board's appreciation for the work of the Road Dept.

Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, reported: new siren in place on Courthouse, operational but not completed; sirens and pagers can now be operated from Region 26, the Sheriff's Office or hand held radios; past grants are being audited by Federal Gov.; working with Hospital on becoming trauma center. Simpson presented Ag Disease Response Plan for the Board to consider, make recommendations and adopt at the next meeting. A NIMS (National Incident Management System) training matrix was also presented. Certain local officials are required to take the NIMS training in order to be eligible for future grants. The training can be taken online, however, Simpson is working on setting up a local training session in February.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Treasurer, and Clerk were present.

Assessor Arnold presented, for the Chairman's signature, the official form for the Mitch Vodehnal Tax Correction approved at the last meeting, . She also noted that she and her staff are entering the new values for outbuildings and houses in Noble, Eureka, Elyria and Ord townships based on the updated information received from Appraiser Chad Martinsen. Arnold plans to hold informal hearings for taxpayers who wish to discuss the new valuations although land use and values may not be completed. Values must be set by March 20.

Treasurer Suminski presented Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications for Loup Basin RC&D, Mid Nebraska Individual Services, Heartland Assembly of God Church, and Seventh Day Baptist Church. The application from St. Johns Lutheran Church had not been received, however, Suminski asked that it be included and if there were any changes, she would bring it back before the Board. The Treasurer recommended approval for all of the applications. Ash moved to approve all of the Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

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

Treasurer Suminski presented her December Fund Report, going over each column and noting totals for General, Road (including Highway Allocation receipts), Visitors Promotion and Inheritance Tax. Visitors Improvement was not included but will be added for the next report. Semi-annual fund report will be published as required.

Clerk Lindsey presented her December Fee Reports for District Court and County Clerk. She also presented the annual report of accounts receivable for Ambulance Fees prior to 1999 and asked that \$225.47 owed by Laurie Drake be stricken due to a bankruptcy order of discharge. Collins moved to approve striking the \$225.47 due to the bankruptcy filing, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Nancy Glaubke appeared for Bethanne Kunz on behalf of VCED to request that the County sign a letter of support for the grant application through the Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act. Glaubke explained they hope to build a program to encourage our youth to return to the County after college. Cullers moved to support the BECA grant application, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke also reported that Valley County Economic Development would like to reapply for the Down Payment Assistance Grant which was denied last time. It must be done through the County. This is the pre-application, more information will be provided before the actual application is needed. Cullers moved to approve the pre-application for the Down Payment Assistance Grant, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Officers Signature and Seal Report was passed around for Board Members to sign. The Clerk is to submit the report to the Secretary of State-Notary Division by February 1.

The list of legal Holidays for which the Courthouse will be closed, as noted in the County Personnel Policy, was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Current Expenditure Summary Report for December 31, 2005 was reviewed as well as the letter from NIRMA requesting immediate reporting of all fatal or serious injury accidents that occur on County roads. The interim study to examine Nebraska County Government structure (LR226) regarding the advisability of consolidating counties for greater efficiency was also discussed. A copy of the complete report is on file in Clerk's Office.

Committees and County Representatives were discussed. It was noted that the Ag Land Valuation Board has been dissolved. Sintek recommended Bill Brush be reappointed to serve with him on the Loup Basin Health Dept.. Chairman Sevenker said it would be helpful if the representatives would report to the County Board after their agency meetings. It was agreed by all that the Committees and Representatives remain the same as last year. The County Physician will

be named at the next meeting. Sevenker said it should be a physician who has access to the Hospital. He will call the Ord Family Health Center to see who is willing to serve.

Larry Koelling, Lodging Tax Committee member, was present for discussion of the contract with the Chamber for tourism promotion and improvement. He said the Committee met last night and has the necessary funds to pay the Chamber through March, which is the length of the contract. They are planning to spend \$1500 through the Rural Initiative Intern Program to help develop a tourism website. There are currently 1300 to 1400 daily hits on the Chamber website regarding tourism. The Committee will work with the Chamber on a new contract and present it to the Board. The projected combined income of both tourism funds is only about \$8500 annually.

Ron Stauffer of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. was present for discussion of Courthouse renovation. Stauffer introduced owner Buster Beckenhauer who explained that they provided construction management services. He said they bring together a team to work with the Board, then present options for Board consideration, including costs. They prepare bid specs, help analyze the bids, select the bidder, issue a contract, supervise the project and provide an engineer to approve the work. Beckenhauer said an initial evaluation and assessment would cost from \$3000 to \$5000 and take six to eight weeks to complete. Discussion included the need to maintain historical quality, new construction versus renovation, and financing options. Baker moved that Beckenhauer Construction be hired to do an evaluation of the heating, air-conditioning and windows in the Valley County Courthouse at a cost not to exceed \$5000, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. They will send something briefly outlining the agreement. Suggested County Attorney Cullers check with Holt County Attorney regarding lease purchase financing as Holt County used this to finance their annex.

The request of Chuck Kokes regarding cedar trees on an abandoned cemetery site will be considered at the next meeting to give Board members time to visit the site.

Supervisor Cullers spoke on starting an endowment fund and a flow-through fund through the Nebraska Community Foundation. Since the Wozab Fund is already set up with them, there would be no cost to set up these additional funds. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer need to be named. Cullers moved to establish an endowment fund and a flow-through fund for Courthouse restoration and maintenance, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Officers to be chosen at the next meeting.

A resolution from Kimball County opposing LB526, combining the County and District Court Offices, was discussed. Clerk Lindsey noted that she had sent a letter of opposition to all the legislators last fall. Attorney Cullers noted his concerns including the possible lack of access to judges when needed and he offered to prepare a resolution for the Board to consider. This issue is to appear on the next Board meeting agenda.

Officials salaries for the 2007-2010 term are required to be set by January 15, 2006. Assessor, Clerk and Treasurer salary for 2006 is \$32,000, NACO's recommendation is \$33,500. Collins moved to increase the salary for these offices to \$33,000 for 2007 and to give \$1000 increase each year for 2008, 2009 and 2010 in increments of \$500 every six months, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The County Attorney will receive \$33,500 for 2006, NACO gave no dollar recommendation for this office on a part-time basis. Supervisor Cullers excused herself from discussion of and action on the County Attorney salary due to her relationship with the present County Attorney. Cetak moved to set the 2007 County Attorney salary at \$38,500 with \$1000 increase each year for 2008, 2009 and 2010 in increments of \$500 every six months, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Baker, Ash, Collins, Sintek. Abstain: Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The use of a Public Defender as a way to lower Court appointed attorney costs was discussed. The County Sheriff will receive \$32,500 for 2006, NACO recommends \$37,375. Collins moved to set the Sheriff 2007 salary at \$33,500 with \$1000 increase each year for 2008, 2009 and 2010 in increments of \$500 every six months, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Sheriff also acts as Jail Administrator through appointment by the Board in Resolution 03-28 and receives \$300 each month for this duty. The Jail Administrator pay is separate from the Sheriff's salary. Following discussion, Collins moved to leave the Surveyor salary as it is at \$300 per

year with no cost of living raise, no benefits and no meeting or other expense allowances, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Supervisor salaries were discussed. It was determined that the additional pay allowed for the Supervisor who is elected Chairman should be set as part of the salary resolution voted on before each term and not changed on a yearly basis. The Supervisors will receive \$4800 for 2006, NACO recommends \$16,650. Cetak moved to set the Supervisor salary at \$6000 for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 with an additional \$100 per month paid to the Supervisor elected Chairman, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers reported that the Farm Leases have been updated and the Clerk will be publishing the required notices for leasing the property. Bids are to be taken at the January 31 meeting. He is scheduled to meet with Hospital Administrator, Neelam Bhardwaj, tomorrow regarding the planned expansion and will report to the Board at the next meeting. Cullers requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss the Schauer lawsuit.

At 12:55 p.m., the Board went into executive session to discuss the Schauer lawsuit, on motion of Baker, seconded by Supervisor Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. At 1:00 p.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. No action was taken as a result of the executive session discussion.

Mail Folder items available for review were: Greater Nebr. Outdoor Tour & Rec Expo, Chamber Newsletter, VCED Quarterly Review, US Census American Community Survey, Beckenhauer Const. Newsletter, NDEQ Grant Program.

At 1:05 p.m. the Chairman called a 15 minute recess. At 1:25 p.m. the meeting was called back to order for presentation of the Valley County Road Names Map by Alma Beland and Deane Meeks of Region 26. The purpose of the map is to provide locations for emergency responders in rural areas. Avenues run north and south, roads run east and west. The Valley County Sheriff, Ord City Police, Valley County Highway Supt., Valley County Emergency Manager and his assistant, the Arcadia and North Loup Fire Chiefs, and County Supervisor Ken Collins had input in the naming process. One concern was the length of the name, since it has to be combined with a 5 digit number to make an address. Some of the changes Meeks will make as a result of today's discussion include: shorten Englehoff Canyon Ave. to Englehoff Ave., shorten Middle Loup Canal Road to Canal Road, a portion of 810th road changed to Comstock Road, a portion of 466th Ave. changed to Nine Mile Ave., a portion of 469th Ave. changed to Seven Mile Ave., a portion of 475th Ave. changed to Gravel Creek. Signage for the roads was discussed with regard to cost and the importance of signs as more new people move into the area. The Valley County Nebraska Road Names Map was accepted as corrected on motion of Ash, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 10 meeting and an agenda for the January 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

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Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported the claims and balances for January, noting some of the larger expenses were culverts, a pickup, tires, parts and labor, and fuel. Fuel costs have been averaging \$10,000 per month and if that continues fuel will be over budget.

The Vinton Cemetery was discussed. Present for the discussion were Mr. & Mrs. Lybarger, Mr. & Mrs. Denzel Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Crouch and Kathy Knapp. Some of their concerns were: lack of access to the cemetery, pivot should not spray cemetery, lack of maintenance, against removal of cedar trees inside cemetery boundaries. It was determined that the most practical access would be from the south. Those present would be satisfied with an access trail that could be used by a four-wheel drive vehicle and are willing to help with the work. Kathy Knapp will contact landowner Setlik regarding access. The County will trim the cedar trees and burn off the brush. The County will not approve removal of the cedar trees.

The petition filed by James L. Duda for the temporary closing of a road described as T-20-N R-14-W, located in West 1/2 Section 10, all in Valley County was presented. The petition requested closing the road from November 1 to April 20 each year to allow his cattle to graze both sides of the road as there is not water on one side of the road. County Attorney Cullers said there is no provision for closing a road on a temporary basis. Duda noted that he does not want it closed permanently because he had assured the petition signers his request was for a temporary closure. Attorney Cullers also noted that if a property owner closes a county road on his own and a complaint is filed a criminal complaint would have to be filed and that it is a Class IV misdemeanor. Duda withdrew his petition requesting the road closure since it could not be done on a temporary basis and agreed to look into installing auto gates or getting an easement to get water to the other side of the road.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of three easements: 06-237 and 06-239 for Kinder Morgan Inc. and 06-238 for Nebr. Central Telephone Co.. All three easements were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Agreement and Resolution required by NDOR for road project STPD-11-3(108) between Ord and Burwell was discussed. Said Agreement and Resolution 06-02 were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Review of the One and Six Year Plan for county roads was postponed until the next meeting.

Leth's General Report included: new micron filters, very fine; some manufacturers will not honor warranty if dirt caused failure; LB's 1056 & 1057 would change highway allocation figures, watching 8 bills pertaining to highways; discussed need for new motor grader, Board advised be patient and look for used one; used more material on Loup City road than anticipated, work on Fort Hartsuff road next; received notice that the State Inspection team has designated a Valley County bridge as scour critical, will clean out underneath the bridge, rock it and have it reevaluated. The Board asked Leth to talk to Ray Setlik regarding a south access to the Vinton Cemetery, trim the cedar trees and clear the brush.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. The Clerk and Assessor were present. New manual pages received from the state regarding the Special Valuation of Agricultural Land and Horticultural Land were available for review. Assessor Arnold said no land in Valley County qualifies. A hearing date of February 28 at 10:00 a.m. was set for Exempt Organizations on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Valley County Health System CEO, Neelam Bhardwaj, reported all subsidiaries are exceeding budgeted numbers and expenses have been lowered resulting in operations income of \$53,435 for December. She noted that the current ratio (assets divided by liabilities) is much improved and this is what lenders look at. An unannounced survey conducted by NHHS found no major deficiency. The official results should be in next week. Supervisor Baker asked if the proposed expansion project requires Board approval. Bhardwaj said since the cost of the project is less than 50% of the value of the facility it does not require a vote of the people but Board approval is needed. She is working with the lender to include wording in the loan documents that in the event the hospital is unable to meet the loan payments, the loan would be restructured and would not fall to the taxpayers to repay. She is also working to develop an account where the hospital can deposit funds in advance of the loan payments to assure that money will be available to meet the payments. She will meet with each Board member once the bond copy is received and will keep the County Attorney informed. Since the bond copy has not been received, the hospital expansion financing agenda item will be discussed at a later date.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, presented his annual weed report consisting of a Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Budget Report, Noxious Weed Control Plan, 2005 Valley County Noxious Weed Infestation Report, Activity Report and the Nebraska Watch List Infestation Report. Following discussion, Ash moved to approve the report and authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign it, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning and Zoning Admin., appeared to ask the Board to appoint a replacement for Jerry Neeman on the Planning Commission Board. She said Carrie Zanger, Jeff Wieskamp, and Craig Critel all agreed to serve. The term is three years. Collins moved to appoint Jeff Wieskamp,; seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke will notify them of the Board's appointment.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo presented his fees and activities report for December and acknowledged notification of the annual jail inspection by the Nebraska Jail Standards Board on March 16, 2006. He also informed the Board of the need to update the heating and cooling system in the jail. It is getting old, requiring more repairs and parts are hard to get due to it's age.

Treasurer Janet Suminski was unable to attend the meeting. The semi annual fund report was presented as published and her note that delinquent taxes will be advertised in February.

Baker moved to approve the appointment of Michael Schudel to the Central IV Extension Advisory Board for a three year term as requested by Extension Educator Scot Brady, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The engagement letter received from Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP regarding the auditing of Valley County for the year ended June 30, 2006 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter of agreement received from Region III regarding Emergency Protective Custody notes that Region III continues to be responsible for the first four days, MLMH for day five and the County for day six and beyond. The daily rate has increased to \$618.00 and the billing procedure has changed to bill the County through Region III so that they can track how much the Counties are spending for this service. Cullers moved to approve the Region III letter of agreement for EPC, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

January claims were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The following information items were noted: Receipt of \$514.33 in Lodging Tax for November, Central District County Officials Association meeting in Aurora on March 16.

Chairman Sevenker recognized Dean Bresley, who did not appear on the agenda. Bresley asked the Board to look at his property west of McDonalds. He would like to have the road taken down to be level with the ground. Board will look at it and put it on a future agenda.

Bids for paving the ethanol plant access road were opened and read aloud by James D. Moreau of Olsson Associates on January 18 in the Boardroom of the Valley County Courthouse. Eight bids were received and Moreau took them for tabulation. He appeared today with the tabulation and advised the Supervisors that Werner

Construction Company was the low bidder at \$473,625.11. He recommended that Werner be awarded the bid. Ron Sack of Sack Lumber & Loup Valley Ready Mix asked the Board to consider the second low bidder as they would use local concrete. Moreau noted the possibility of a lawsuit if the County did not use the lowest responsible bidder. He said since he had no reason to believe that Werner Construction was not a responsible company he had to advise that they be awarded the bid. County Attorney Cullers noted statute 39-1407 on county road projects requires that bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, he also noted statute 81-1108.55 which lists criteria in addition to price that can be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder, but which may or may not apply to county roads. Cetak moved to award the bid to Castle Construction and use local cement, Collins seconded the motion. Not Carried. Yes: Cetak. No: Collins, Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers. Absent: none. Sintek moved to approve the award of the bid to Werner Construction, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: Cetak. Absent: none. Moreau noted he would need a copy of the minutes. Road right-of-way and road closing barricades were discussed.

At 11:30 a.m. the public hearing regarding the leasing of county property was opened. No one was present to testify. A ten minute recess was called by Chairman Sevenker. At 11:40 the meeting resumed. No testimony for or against the leasing of the County Farm was offered. The hearing was closed.

At 11:45 a.m. bidding for lease of the "East Farm" and the "Mortensen Tract" was opened. Marty Petska, Jeremy Shoemaker and James Knapp were present. Discussion was held regarding the acreage changes in the Mortensen Tract due to the development of business sites, the possibility of future development and a County mixing strip. Also discussed was a plot of grass planted by Pheasants Forever. Chairman Sevenker noted that the tenant pays the water charges and asked that the original 100 acres of water be maintained even though there are fewer acres now. The East Farm was discussed. It was determined that not more than 12 animal units shall be kept in the pasture ground for 5 months at any one time. Bidding began at 11:55 a.m.. Knapp and Shoemaker bid on the farms. Knapp, bidding for James and Virginia Knapp, was the high bidder on both farms, \$11,500 for the Mortensen Tract and \$13,860 for the East Farm. Bids closed at 12:20 p.m.

The establishment of an endowment fund and a flow-through fund with Nebraska Community Foundation was discussed. This can be done at no additional cost because the Wozab Fund is already established. Supervisor Cullers noted that only the interest would be accessible in the endowment fund, while the flow-through fund would be accessible in its entirety. Cullers then moved that both funds be established and that all County Board members serve on the committee with one being the primary contact. Ash seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Emergency Manager Ryan Simpson was unable to attend today's meeting. However, he had presented an Agricultural Disease Response Plan at the last meeting to be added to the Local Emergency Operations Plan and an updated contact list for the LEOP was provided for today's meeting. Board approval was needed for the updated LEOP. Gene McCoy of KNLV Radio noted that the contact list did not include KNLV and he felt the station would be a valuable asset in an emergency. The Board agreed and directed the Clerk to ask Simpson to contact McCoy in this regard. The Board felt the plan could be approved and additional contact information added at a later date. Sintek moved to adopt Resolution 06-03 approving the LEOP, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Salary Resolution 06-04, listing the salaries set by Board motion at the January 10 meeting, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Having received notice of their willingness to serve, Ord Family Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Bengston, Dr. Rachel Blake, and physician on call were approved to act as County Physician on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers presented a resolution for Board consideration opposing LB 529 which proposes to combine County Court and District Court, along with information regarding a study designed to help determine the number of judges needed in the state. This issue has been discussed at prior meetings. Supervisor Cullers moved to adopt Resolution 06-05 opposing the combining of the courts, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The proposed contract with Beckenhauer Construction for preliminary design and budget services was discussed. There was some concern that the contract included services the Board was not ready to commit to, however, Attorney Cullers felt it would be okay to sign. He felt the contract language was designed to protect Beckenhauer so that the county cannot take preliminary information provided by Beckenhauer and use it with another firm. Baker moved to approve the Beckenhauer Construction Contract for the preconstruction phase of the design and construction of the heating, air conditioning and window upgrades in the County Courthouse. Ash seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Custodian Rolland Cronk was present for discussion of the Wadas Inc. proposal for a new heating and cooling system for the jail. Cronk told the Board he had solicited the proposal because the existing system had required numerous repairs over the last year and replacement parts were becoming hard to get due to the age of the unit. Discussion included the need to get more than one proposal and that it would be difficult with a proposal already submitted. Cronk acknowledged that he should have waited to solicit a proposal. The Board asked that Cronk contact the gas company and Holcombs for proposals.

The billing statement from Siemens for the handicapped restrooms on the first floor has been received, however, Chairman Sevenker noted some concerns he has after inspecting the restrooms. The Clerk has informed Larry Cihal of Siemens that there are concerns and he was to have contacted Chairman Sevenker, however, he has not yet done so. The bill is not to be paid until there is a resolution of the concerns.

County Attorney Cullers reported that he may call Board members in this week to sign discovery documents in the Schauers lawsuit. He said the motion to dismiss hearing is scheduled for February 14, 2006.

Supervisor Cullers, the County Representative on the Region III Board, handed out a written report regarding the programs provided by Region III. She also provided a copy of a letter she had sent to the Loup Valley REA Board thanking them for moving forward with the REDG Program.

Mail Folder items available for review were: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter & Grant Writing Workshop, CNCS Newsletter, NIRMA Newsletters (2), NACo Annual Conference, NIPC Conference, NACo Rep. T. Loewenstein email.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and at 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 31 meeting and an agenda for the February 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.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker and Sintek present. Notice of meeting was verified and the minutes of the January 31 meeting were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Dean Bresley's request for the county to do some work on a road adjacent to his property near McDonalds was discussed. Road Supt. Leth and a Board member will meet with Bresley and report at a future meeting.

The request of Maureen Pokorny regarding an access road to their home in rural Greeley County was discussed. Leth presented a copy of Resolution #99-11 regarding the county's policy on reclassification of a minimum maintenance road. The Board determined that, since the residence was located in Greeley County, it would serve no purpose to take action on the Valley County portion of the road until Greeley County had addressed their portion. The Board directed that Leth send a copy of the resolution to Pokornys and Greeley County along with a letter noting that Valley County would agree to proceed together with Greeley County.

Clerk Lindsey reported Troy Dimmitt had indicated to her that he had spoken to County Surveyor, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., regarding having a county corner set and no longer needed to talk to the Board..

Leth reviewed the One and Six Year Road Plan for 2006. At 9:30 a.m. the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to the plan was opened. No one appeared to testify regarding the plan. Following review and discussion the One and Six Year Road Plan was adopted as presented on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The NDOR Annual Report for 2005, Fiscal Year 2004 Activity and Allocation reports and a letter regarding the STIP were available for review.

Leth's general report included: Jebro low bidder for asphalt, critical bridge reported at last meeting has been repaired and will be reinspected, County will only have to pay 20% of the \$595 cost of required fractured critical bridge school, his approval of NCTC easement received yesterday to be on next meeting agenda, checking with FEMA regarding reimbursement funds for blizzard. In order to establish a mixing strip on a portion of the County owned industrial tract/county farm, some irrigation pipe needs to be buried. North Loup River PP & Irrig. Dist. is willing to do it for cost of materials, estimated at \$1743. Ash moved to approve the agreement with NLRPP & Irrig. District to bury the pipe at a cost to the County of \$1743, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Leth reported Ray Setlik will allow access to the Vinton Cemetery through his pasture and yard. County can put gate in SW corner of Cemetery. Scheideler will talk to Kokes but felt he would agree to a 12' gate. Scheideler also indicated that the cemetery is not watered by the pivot. Leth is to let the interested parties know once access is available and trees are trimmed to see if they are willing to help with clearing the brush.

The Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

Receipt of the 2006 Preliminary Statistical Reports and Qualified Sales Roster information was noted.

Appraiser Chad Martinsen reported that reappraisal of the top tier of townships as well as Ord Township has been completed. Letters were sent to property owners last Friday offering to schedule informal hearings for property owners on Feb. 23 and 24. The second tier of townships should be completed by next year.

Following discussion, Arnold agreed to check with the state regarding valuation of the portion of the Mortensen Industrial Site that has not yet been developed.

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

Valley County has agreed to act as the required government entity for the housing downpayment assistance grant application as requested by Valley County Economic Development. The application process required that requests for an expression of interest and/or qualifications be advertised for General Administration, Lead Based Paint Specialized Services and a Housing Specialist. Proposals were received from Community Development Services, LLC for the Lead Based Paint Specialized Services and the Housing Specialist. Miller and Associates

submitted a proposal for General Administration. Cullers moved to approve said applicants for General Administration, Lead Based Paint Specialized Services and Housing Specialist for the housing downpayment assistance grant, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Bethanne Kunz, VCED Exec. Director, was present for consideration of the proposals.

Custodian Cronk and Doug Sedlacek of Holcombs Appliance were present for discussion of the jail's heating and cooling system. Following discussion, the Board asked that proposals be made for both a gas fired furnace with air conditioning and a heat pump with electric backup. Cronk was asked to let Wadas know so he could provide a second proposal if he wished. Proposals will be considered at the next meeting.

Treasurer Janet Suminski was unable to attend the meeting. Her printed month-end fund report was presented and it was noted that the delinquent real estate taxes had been published and the tax sale will be March 6. The Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

Clerk Lindsey presented January fee reports for the Clerk's Office and the District Court. She also reported that the jury trial held last week brought to her attention the need for some maintenance and repair in the District Courtroom. Specifically the need for a women's restroom on the third floor, replacement of the toilet off the attorney's conference room, repair of jury room and jury box chairs, cleaning and painting of area. Water dripping from the third floor onto the Treasurer's basement stairs and the probability that the cause is in some of the old piping inside the walls or floor of the third floor mens restroom was discussed. Cronk will contact Petska on the plumbing issues and Baker will contact Bower's Upholstery for an estimate on repairing the chairs.

Buster Beckenhauer reported estimated costs of \$600,000 for a complete heating and air-conditioning system for the Courthouse with a possible variance of 10% and \$150,000 for windows for a total of \$750,000. He said the next step is for one or more Board members to view a ductless system and a multi-zone system so that the Board can choose which they would prefer. Once the choice is made cost estimates can be firmed up. It was noted that the Courthouse blueprints have not been returned, Beckenhauer will check on them. The heating and cooling system is to include the first three floors, not the basement, fourth floor or the jail. The windows would be aluminum frame, insulated and approximately 40 of them would open 16 inches from the bottom in awning fashion. It was agreed that Sevenker will be the contact person, Beckenhauer will call with potential locations and dates for viewing the two system types. Sevenker will contact Board members and arrangements will be made.

County Attorney Cullers reported receipt of a letter from NIRMA regarding the Amerman Torte Claim requesting a traffic count on the road. He also reported that the hearing on the Schauers vs Valley County lawsuit was continued until the next court date.

The letter from Nebr. Dept. of Natural Resources updating the county on their progress in the flood mapping project was noted as well as the Current Expenditures Summary for January.

Mail folder items available for review were: Loup Basin RC&D (3), Chamber Newsletter, Partnership for Rural Nebr. Newsletter, Nebr. Crime Commission Grant, Gov. Heineman letter, National county Gov. Week, American Funds Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., and will reconvene on February 28, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 14 meeting and an agenda for the February 28 meeting are available for 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 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 Valley County Board of Supervisors' regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker, and Sintek present. The February 14 minutes were approved as published and the Clerk verified that meeting notice was published in the Quiz and the agenda was posted at the east and west Courthouse entrances and on the County website. The agenda was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Road Supt., Max Leth, was absent as he was attending a required critical bridge training session. Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the Road Claims and Balances Report for February. Fuel expense was down this month, \$3,983.50 was spent for asphalt sealer. No transfer was needed this month. Simpson confirmed that a used, 10 yard, International dump truck with low mileage had been purchased for \$17,900 through government surplus. Supervisor Ash reported a road complaint from Rolland Sell and ask that it be placed on the next meeting agenda. Simpson noted that the road crew was maintaining today, in spite of continued dry conditions, in an effort to alleviate some of the washboard conditions.

Signing of the affidavit and Resolution 06-06 for the County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan was inadvertently missed at the February 14 meeting when the plan was approved. Said documents were signed at this time.

Easement 06-240 for Nebraska Central Telephone Co., not received in time to be on the last meeting agenda but recommended for approval by Leth at that time, was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker noted that permanent barriers have been placed on the ethanol plant access road. He said the County has done what was required of them and no longer owns any of the property involved.

While awaiting arrival of Neelam Bhardwaj, Hospital CEO, the Sheriff's Fees and Activity report was noted and County Attorney, Randy Cullers, reviewed the Notice to Proceed and Contract Documents for Werner Const. Co. listed as agenda item 9A. Procedure for payment was discussed to meet the contract requirements of payment by the 20th. The City requests that Olsson Assoc. sign off on statements presented by Werners to ensure work is properly completed. Statements will need to be on the first monthly Board meeting agenda to allow City to pay by the 20th. Cullers recommended signing the documents. Ash moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the Notice to Proceed and the Contract documents with Werner Construction Co., seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Olsson Assoc. billing of \$1170.50, item 9B, was reviewed by Leth and sent onto Ord City.

Agenda item 9C1, jail heating and cooling proposals, was discussed. Proposals were received from Wadas, Holcombs indicated sufficient information was not available for them to make a proposal

Neelam Bhardwaj, Hospital CEO, presented the Hospital's regular written monthly report of financial information for January, January 18 meeting minutes and February 15 meeting agenda. Bhardwaj noted that the Hospital is audited twice a year and a copy goes to the government, they also must file cost reports with the state. Audit reports are available for people to look at. Dr. Blake started in January and PA Bob Riley in December. Another physician has been hired to start in April and she is looking for another physician and a PA. They plan to publish a quarterly newsletter to help educate people. The Chanticleer building was purchased for strategic positioning as the current location is landlocked with no room to expand. Bhardwaj said that corporations often must pay more than a private individual for property. She felt the purchase was necessary to the continued operation of the hospital as is periodic renovation and expansion. She noted a drop in use of agency staffing for the Nursing Home and attributed this to employees who accepted her challenge to work extra hours and earn a bonus for quarters when no agency staffing is required. A six month analysis of the use of hospital owned vehicles is planned, seems to be working very well. One vehicle is used for clinics, one at the hospital and the remainder by Home Health. Bhardwaj asked that one or two County Board members attend the Hospital Board meetings. The Hospital began making money in March 2005 and each month since.

At 10:20 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor and Clerk were present.

Proper notification having been provided to each applicant, the hearing was held for consideration of the Statements of Reaffirmation of Tax Exemption (form 451A). There were no new applicants. No applicants appeared to testify. Following discussion, Sintek moved to approve the exemptions as they were approved last year, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. An applicant list, copy of each application and action taken by the Board are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Marlin Leasing's letter stating that a waste oil heater leased by Howard Tire should be removed from the 2005 tax rolls as it was no longer being leased by Howard Tire at this time, was discussed. Assessor Arnold estimated the tax at \$28.10 plus some interest. Cetak moved to write a tax correction to forgive the tax and interest on the waste oil heater leased by Howard Tire, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The request of Summer Shoemaker for correction of her personal property for 2005 to remove a tanning bed she said was not in her possession at this time, was discussed. Cullers moved to approve the tax correction to remove the tanning bed from the 2005 tax rolls, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

An email from NACO requesting information on the possible effect of LB968, which proposes to lower the value of agland from 80% to 75%, was discussed. Assessor Arnold indicated she could not provide this information. Board advised that she ask Accountant Chuck Abel for help.

Arnold reported that her office sent out 287 letters to property owners giving them informal notice of property valuation changes based on the reappraisal being conducted by Appraiser Chad Martinsen giving them opportunity to schedule an informal hearing if they felt the updated valuations were in error. They had received about 40 phone inquiries but only 7 people scheduled hearings. Values must be set by March 20, formal notices must be out by June 1 and property owners have until June 30 to file a protest. The Board asked that Arnold invite Appraiser Larry Rexroth, who provides assistance in developing depreciation tables and other criteria for establishing property values, to a Board meeting in May to explain how the values were set.

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

Bethanne Kunz, Exec. Dir. of VCED and Steve Parr of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. presented drawings and information on the downtown revitalization project to replace sidewalks and streets. The cost to the County is to be \$40 per running foot or \$40,000. The project would involve replacing a water main, sewer lines, a storm sewer and sanitary sewer work. Decorative brick pavers and lighting are included. It would involve 69 property owners. The estimated cost of the project is 2.7 million dollars. Parr noted that affected driveways would be replaced. Questions were raised regarding the ramp and retaining wall at the east entrance to the Courthouse. Also discussed was a letter from the City of Ord indicating that property owners had until March 8 to file a written objection and that a hearing is to be held on March 15 to determine the sufficiency of the objections. Kunz noted that sales or property tax is to pay for the project. Parr indicated that if the project goes, they will be meeting with each property owner to address concerns. Property owners Mick Puckett and Todd Fischer spoke in favor of the project and Kunz said the majority of affected property owners have reacted positively. Ash moved to support the downtown revitalization project in the amount of \$40,000, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Baker, Collins, Sintek. No: Cetak. Absent: none.

The request of Greeley County to withdraw from the Loup Basin Public Health Dept. was discussed. Sintek, Valley County Rep. for the LBPHD, advised that allowing the withdrawal would jeopardize the existence of the Department because they could drop below the required population numbers and he said the State probably would not approve the withdrawal. Sintek moved to deny the Greeley County request to withdraw from the LBPH Dept., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk is to send a copy of Board action to Chuck Cone, Director LBPHD.

February claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The following information items were noted: Valley County Court Case CI06-16 regarding the appropriation of property by the Nebr. Dept. of Roads, Lodging Tax received for December \$1250.32, Lodging Tax February expenses \$1745.00, Alternative Energy & Bioenergy Workshops March 29 in Ord and March 30 in Ainsworth, NIRMA Model Safety Manual, 2005 NIRMA Annual Report.

Supervisor Cullers suggested that the Board look into the health savings plan option for employees. Following discussion, the Clerk was directed to invite Gary Streeks, the BCBS representative, to come to a Board meeting and explain this option.

Courthouse renovation, maintenance and repair discussion included: Chairman Sevenker will contact Holcombs to see if they are planning to submit a proposal for jail heating and cooling and talk to Beckenhauers about a jail proposal, Custodian Cronk said something will need to be in place by this fall; Cronk reported a new toilet installed in the attorney's room off the District Courtroom and one is currently being installed in the main third floor restroom; discussed capping off the third floor plumbing fixtures that are no longer used; financing options; Baker did not have estimates on repairing the District Courtroom chairs; Cronk and Cullers will get samples and costs for curtains and/or carpet for the Judge's Office. Chairman Sevenker reported that Beckenhauer has lined up a tour to view heating/cooling systems in Kansas City and Dallas involving a drive to Kansas City, a flight to Dallas, and taking 3 days. The Board was not in favor of such a trip and asked that Beckenhauer present what information they had on the systems at a Board meeting.

County Attorney Cullers reported that the Schauer v. Valley County hearing has been rescheduled for March 14. He noted that he will not be available for much of the March 14 Board meeting. Appointing a public defender, perhaps in conjunction with other counties, was discussed as well as proposed legislation regarding open meeting laws. The billing received from Siemens for their work on the first floor restrooms and the quality of that work was discussed. The Clerk reported speaking with Larry Cihal of Siemens at the time the billing was received, informing him that the Board had some concerns with the work but there had been no further contact from Siemens. It was determined that a letter should be sent to Siemens.

There were no Committee reports and the mail folder items available for review were: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, CNCS Newsletter, T. Loewenstein NACo Rep letters.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 28 meeting and an agenda for the March 14 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 SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers, and Sintek present. Meeting notice was published in the Quiz, an agenda posted at both Courthouse entrances, on the website and faxed to the Quiz and KNLV. The minutes of the February 28 meeting were approved as published. Today's meeting agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. There was no Public Comment.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement 06-241 for Dennis Fauss to install a water line. Ash moved to approve said easement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported on the request of Bresley to lower the road adjacent to his property near McDonald's, that Bresley indicated there would be no cost to the County. Bresley would use the dirt and it would not be done unless lots were sold. Leth noted that back slopping would be required. The County has no objection, however, there is opposition to this and Bresley will have to get right-of-way from landowners in order to do it.

Leth reported that the Pokorny request for an access road would require Valley County to reclassify a road from minimum maintenance back to local. Supervisor Sintek noted it was his understanding that Pokornys had opted for a road to the east and are currently working with Greeley County where the residence is located. It was agreed that no action was required by Valley County at this time.

Rolen Sell testified regarding his concerns with a road near his residence. His concern is with the gravel portion of the road where the oil ends and gravel begins. Despite the best efforts of the county road employee, which he complimented, the road remains extremely washboarded and rough. He asked the Board to consider oiling it or at least putting up warning signs. Leth will look at it and make a recommendation to the Board.

Receipt of the signed contracts with North Loup River PP&I Dist. for new underground pipe on the County Farm and the Nebr. DOR for Project No. STPD-11-3 (108) were noted.

Proposed legislation LB904 which would result in additional highway allocation funds for the County was discussed. An email had been sent to Senator McDonald asking for her support and a letter was presented for the Board's consideration to indicate their support of this bill. Sintek moved to approve signing the letter, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: County qualifies for FEMA reimbursement of about \$800 for delivery of oxygen to a County resident during the recent snowstorm, possibility of asphalt plant at Ulrichs pit for highway 22 & 70 project, Ord/Burwell project to be let in June, cleaned ditch to Region 26 tower, told Naperstak County will fix if washes out and will seed ditch, purchased 1988 IH dump truck from Government Surplus, truck has 30,000 miles on it, spent 4 days at fracture critical bridge school as required, redoing computer files to provide paper copies as required by new Federal Inspector.

Chairman Sevenker reported receipt of a letter regarding Henry Gregorski's request for a fence along a road adjacent to his property. This same letter had been received by the County Attorney in November and the Board had acted on the request. Following discussion, Sevenker said he will try to contact Gregorski and advise him of the Board's November action approving construction of a fence in the center of the old road.

The Public Hearing for the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Grant Application was opened at 9:40 a.m.. Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, chosen by the County to write the grant application, and Bethanne Kunz, VCED Exec. Dir. were present. No public testimony was offered. Kuntz explained that a public hearing is a requirement of the application process. She noted that the previous application begun by CNCS was hampered by employee turnover and was not approved. At that time it appears that 24 people expressed an interest in the funds. They are asking for funds for 10 people this year. Bethanne Kunz has received agreement from the City of Ord to provide the required match funds. Kuntz noted that the guidelines offer rehabilitation assistance up to \$5000 but the application lists only \$40,000 of rehabilitation funds. This could mean that later applicants would not receive the full \$5000 for rehabilitation. Following discussion, the

Board decided to leave the guidelines as they are. Real Estate Agent Wayne Gregory questioned Kuntz about costs incurred by a homebuyer applying for these funds. Kuntz said the buyer must pay the cost of getting a loan and closing costs but they can be tied into the loan and the buyer must pay \$1000 up front. Resolution 06-07, authorizing Board Chairman Sevenker to sign an application for the housing program funds, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The program guidelines were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Since Bethanne Kunz was present for the housing grant application discussion, her request for use of the Courthouse lawn area on May 18-21 for ExtraOrdinary Days, agenda item 11A, was heard and approved at this time on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present. Tax Corrections for Sumer's Tan and Marlin Leasing, approved at the last meeting, were signed by Chairman Sevenker. Assessor Arnold noted that in the future, to avoid having to bring corrections before the Board twice, she will have the corrections written when they are presented for approval. Arnold also reported that Appraiser Larry Rexroth is willing to attend a Board meeting to explain the methods he uses to establish property values. Arnold will invite him to the first May meeting. Regarding the NACO request for information regarding the affect of lowering the agland values, Arnold said she has asked County Budget Accountant Able for assistance. At 10:15 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt. Leth finished his General Report with the presentation of a NLRPP&I Dist. Underground Pipe Contract for Board consideration. The existing concrete pipe at the 4-way intersection at the ethanol plant site will not take the construction flow and must be replaced. Leth said that James Moreau told him the cost will be part of the project. Said Underground Pipe Contract with NLRPP&I was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Fee Reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court were acknowledged as well as her report of receipt of the rent payment for the County Farm. The May 9th Board meeting was rescheduled to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 due to the Primary Election on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

No additional bids have been received for a heating and cooling system for the jail. It was decided to talk to Beckenhauer about including the jail in their proposal during their presentation later in the meeting.

Chairman Sevenker reported that he and Custodian Cronk met with Ron Paul of Siemens and the contractor who did the work on the ground floor restrooms to address some concerns with the finished project. Sevenker reported that it was agreed that a partition in the men's restroom will be replaced, a toilet paper holder will be installed in the women's restroom and some notches cut in the women's restroom will be replaced. He said they were very cooperative and that Ron Paul said the County should wait until the project is completed satisfactorily before paying.

Bill Abts, Ameritas Investment Corp., presented financial information regarding bonds. He advised that for building purposes that are within the levy no vote is required. He also said that counties with less than 35,000 population can access \$150,000 per year. This is how the Ag Society addition was funded. When asked for information on lesser amounts, he said he could get that information and present it at 2:30 p.m., prior to the Beckenhauer presentation. The Board agreed.

Larry Cihal of Siemens appeared. Chairman Sevenker reviewed for him his report on the restrooms. Cihal asked if the jail heating/cooling project should be added to the Courthouse project and he asked if the Board had made a decision to go forward with Siemens or someone else. Sevenker said Beckenhauer was making a presentation on their proposal for heating/cooling system for the Courthouse this afternoon and that no decision has been made yet..

Chairman Sevenker reported that he, Treasurer Janet Suminski and Supervisor Cullers had attended an informational meeting regarding investing in the TIF bonds to be issued for the ethanol plant. Investments of

more than \$100,000 for 5, 10 and 15 years were encouraged. The anticipated rate of return for larger, long term investments was 7% to 8%. Following discussion, it was determined that the County did not have sufficient funds that could be tied up for that length of time.

The following informational items were reviewed: notice from the Valley County FSA Office regarding combining the county farms and the Summary Report of Current Expenditures for February.

County Attorney Cullers asked if the Board wanted him to come back for the Beckenhauer presentation, they did not think it was necessary. Cullers asked where we stood with Siemens regarding the restroom work since he was in District Court this morning. Sevenker reviewed his report on this issue. Cullers reported that Judge Olberding encouraged the use of a public defender. He felt this should be addressed before budget time and will draft a contract for the Board's consideration. The Schauer v Valley County lawsuit is scheduled for April 7. Board reviewed their discussion of the Gregorski fencing/road issue and the Pokorny road issue.

There were no committee reports and the following mail folder items were available for review: NIRMA Employment Law Legislation, 2006 Alternative Energy Forums, T2 Nebr. LTAP, Nebr. Crime Comm. Grants, Nebr. Jail Standards Training, Nebr. Economic Trends, T. Loewenstein NACo, All Seasons Contracting, Inc., Rural News Bits, Midwest Assistance program, The Chamber Pulse, American Funds Report, Civil Infrastructure, Community Action Works.

Chairman Sevenker recessed the meeting to reconvene in the Courthouse Boardroom at 2:30 p.m. to receive further information regarding bonds from Bill Abts, Ameritas Investment Corp. and following that the presentation of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. regarding systems for heating and cooling the Courthouse.

At 2:40 p.m. the meeting reconvened in the Courthouse Boardroom with all members present except Supervisor Collins, who arrived at 2:45 p.m.

Abts presented information regarding bonds issued for lesser amounts than in his earlier report. Discussion included: whether it is better to spend Inheritance Tax Funds for capitol improvements or seek other financing and constitutional limits on County expenditures as opposed to statutory limits. Abts advised that the County needs to pass a resolution of intent to finance whether they intend to issue bonds or not. This resolution needs to be in place in order to have the opportunity to finance with tax exempt bonds. He will send a copy of such a resolution.

At 3:10 p.m. the Board moved into the County Courtroom where Beckenhauer's had set up a slide projector presentation of 2 heating/cooling systems. The Daikin VRV II (variable refrigerant volume) system was presented first. A therma zone system was also presented but would require lowered ceilings and a large condenser outside. Mory Bartlett, the Engineer for Beckenhauer, had researched the needs of the Courthouse and the options available and it was his recommendation that the Daikin system would be the best fit and was a quality product. Following the presentation the meeting moved back to the Boardroom. Beckenhauer asked the Board to choose a system. The Board agreed that the Daikin system appeared to be the best. It was noted that this system could be phased in so that part of it is usable while the remaining parts are being installed, electrical system changes would be necessary to operate this equipment and this project is based on getting new windows. Beckenhauer will come back in 2 weeks with cost estimates for this system. The jail heating/cooling system was discussed. Bartlett felt it would be better to keep the jail system separate from the Courthouse as it needs to run all the time. He will draw up a plan for the jail. The Clerk is to send the jail blueprints to Beckenhauer Construction, Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 14 meeting and an agenda for the March 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 Tuesday, March 28, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Cullers, Ash, Baker, Collins, and Sevenker present, Sintek absent. Chairman Sevenker noted that Supervisor Sintek's absence was excused and that he would be arriving later. The Clerk verified that meeting notice had been published, and an agenda was provided to requesting news media, posted at the Courthouse entrances and on the County website. The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were approved as published. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The Clerk noted that Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, was unable to attend the meeting. He asked her to report that the NIMS training was going well, that this is Weather Awareness Week and the Board is invited to observe the mock weather alert tomorrow at 10:15 a.m. in the Sheriff's Office.

Sandy Simpson, Road Secretary, reported March Road Claims and Balances. Payroll was \$32,711.55, accounts payable \$30,562.45, \$14,447.03 was transferred from General Fund to Road Fund and the fuel budget is at \$18,423.96 with an outstanding bill for 2000 gallons and an additional 2000 gallons on order.

Supervisor Sintek arrived at 9:05 a.m..

Road Supt. Leth noted the Olsson Associates letter regarding the access road for the ethanol plant indicating they are awaiting final approval before commencing work and their last billing statement for \$463.72 (submitted to city for payment) which included some fees outside the contracted amount. Leth invited the Board to a meeting of the contractor and suppliers for the project on March 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom. Leth agreed to contact Rasmussen Land Surveying regarding their bill for re-establishing 2 corners for a survey done for Troy Dimmitt. County Surveyor, JEO Consulting, also signed off on the survey. There has been a change in procedures for verification of matching and local funds, the new federal inspector feels delineation on County bridges is not reflective enough and wants them replaced. The State provided 40 used ones. The recent snow was tough to push and patrols got stuck, V plow was used for everything on Tuesday. Road crew worked from 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday and all county roads were open one way. Two slow curve signs and a pavement ends sign have been put up at the Arcadia curve that Rolen Sell expressed concern about at the last Board meeting. Supervisors Collins and Sintek looked at the road past Naperstaks and felt it was okay. Trees have been cut and hauled out of the Vinton cemetery, Kathy Knapp was notified. Scheideler agreed to leave an opening for access when he plants. Chairman Sevenker thanked Leth and his department for their efforts during the snowstorm, saying he felt they could not have done more. The Courthouse snowblower broke down and will cost 4 or 5 hundred dollars to fix, questions if it is worth it or if a new one should be purchased. Help with snow removal by Lyle Sevenker, Danny Vannek and Larry Proskocil was appreciated.

Hospital Board President Kara Fischer and CFO Larry Schrage reported for the Hospital. Fischer reported that at an emergency meeting called on March 20, 2006, Hospital CEO Neelam Bhardwaj was put on administrative leave pending an investigation involving her personal payroll. It was subsequently discovered that Bhardwaj had failed to inform the Hospital Board of deficiencies in the Nursing Home found by a recent state inspection. Bhardwaj was then terminated by the Board for the payroll allegations and failure to inform the Board of the negative results of the inspection. The Board of Trustees appointed current CFO Larry Schrage as interim CEO. Schrage reported on the Hospital financials in the regular monthly written report. Schrage said he will not compromise the integrity of the way he does business and noted that an outside firm conducts an annual audit of the books. Supervisor Baker questioned Fischer and Schrage regarding whether the Nursing Home inspection was routine or an emergency and whether they had any idea things were not as they should be. Baker said the Board agreed to everything that came down, he felt there were many red flags and objected to expenses for signs and a parking valet and felt long term employees were fired just to make the bottom line look better. Baker felt they were bent on big projects and ignored the basics. He also questioned valuation figures for the hospital. Schrage said it was his understanding that the inspection was partly routine and partly due to one complaint received by the State. He said complaints are confidential and the State cannot release that information. Fischer said the Board had no idea of any problems but acted as soon as they were aware, Hospital employees paid for the signs and the parking valet was needed because of the rough condition of the parking lot.

She said it may appear that some decisions are not given sufficient consideration during a regular meeting because many things are hashed out in Committee meetings. Discussion was held regarding valuation of the Hospital based on replacement cost. Chairman Sevenker noted that some people refused to accept the Hospital financial reports even though they are audited by an outside firm. Sevenker also noted that he, Supervisor Cullers, and Fischer met with Bhardwaj to discuss an anonymous letter he had received regarding the Nursing Home. Bhardwaj assured them any deficiencies in the Nursing Home were minor. He felt the Hospital Board acted appropriately when the correct information was made known to them. Supervisors Cetak and Cullers expressed their appreciation to Schrage, Fischer and the Hospital Board for taking appropriate action and hoped they could move forward smoothly.

Road Supt. Leth returned to report that Rasmussen Land Surveying had agreed to cut their charges to the County in half for re-establishing 2 corners for the Troy Dimmitt survey. A new billing will be sent.

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented her regular month-end Fund Report. The General Fund is in good shape, highway allocation receipts are major source of funding for Road Fund, and Inheritance Tax Fund stands at \$1,040,195.86. A complete breakdown is available in the Misc. Receipts Folder. She also presented her Certification closing the public tax sale with an attached list of what was sold and the annual Delinquent Tax Report with attached computer printout listing delinquent taxes and a list of delinquent assessments. The listing of properties up for foreclosure was presented. Suminski indicated they are mostly assessments and asked that the Board adopt Resolution 06-08 directing the County Attorney to institute foreclosure proceedings. Resolution 06-08 was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Suminski asked the Board to move the tax sale back to 3 years. In the past, a change was made from 3 years to 2 years. Setting it back to 3 years would reduce paperwork and allow the amounts to accumulate an additional year making them more likely to be sold. Collins moved to allow taxes to be delinquent 3 years before adding them to the tax sale certificate, effective 2007. Seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Suminski then reported that the cost of an Automated Systems upgrade planned for this year is going to be higher than budgeted because the present server will not handle the upgrade and will need to be replaced, adding \$3000 to the cost. Her budget can absorb \$2000 of the additional cost by delaying the replacement of a desk but the remaining \$1000 will have to be paid out of General Fund. Automated will not support the system without the upgrade. The Assessor also uses Automated Systems and the server is used by both offices.

Buster Beckenhauer, Beckenhauer Construction, Inc., presented information on proposals for windows and heating/air-conditioning system for the Courthouse. He presented 2 window options: all aluminum or wood interior and aluminum exterior, suggesting both be priced. The existing marble sills would remain. Some would open, some would be fixed. . The Daikin VRV II HAV system, presented to the Board at their last meeting, will require minimal intrusion on the building. Floor mount units can be installed where existing radiators now sit. Some areas will require soffits or small ceiling entry. Some demolition will be required to install service units on the 3rd floor. More electrical work will be required than first anticipated. Existing basement airhandler cannot be used to help with air exchange as first thought. Approximate cost of windows is \$220,000. This includes removal of existing windows with overnight security, installation of new windows, trim, stain, etc.. The windows will be full size. Further research will be done on electrical requirements but he estimates the cost to be \$150,000. The HAV project includes demolition for removal of existing boilers, piping, radiators and air handler and 3rd floor prep to get units in, louvers, soffits and dropped ceilings. The estimated cost is \$530,000. The total for both projects is around \$900,000. The next step would cost the County \$25,000 to have the engineer complete the drawings and put together specifications for bidding. This proposal does not include the jail. It will take 4 to 6 weeks to get ready for bids, 2 to 3 weeks for bidding. Following completion of the first step the County will receive a bill for \$5000, when drawings are complete and in hand County will receive bill for \$25,000. Construction costs are billed monthly. Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. will carry insurance on all and bond on subcontractors, if they need to they will ask subcontractor for bond. All drawings belong to County. Cetak moved that the County go forward and commit to the \$25,000 for engineering, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker noted that BCBS Rep. Gary Streeks and Attorney Karin Noakes had been waiting for some time, so he skipped to New Business and will come back to Old Business after their presentations.

Streeks was invited by the Board to present information on the Health Saving Account. He said that not all employees have to participate, HSA can be offered as an option for those who are interested. If the Board decides to offer it, he will come back and explain it to employees. With HSA there is no prescription drug or office visit co-pay and it is PPO the same as BCBS coverage. An HSA family plan requires a single member to meet the entire family deductible of \$2500. Co-insurance is the same in both plans. HSA requires a financial custodian, BCBS teams with Mellon Bank for this. Two fees are required, a one-time set up fee of \$10.00 and \$1.50 per month for accounts under \$1000. The County could choose their own custodian. Funds deposited into an HSA can be from the employee or employer, tax free or a combination. You can have both an FSA (Flexible Spending Account) and an HSA but the HSA must be used first. Funds withdrawn for other than a medical expense are taxable and a 10% penalty is assessed. Differences between FSA and HSA include: HSA funds must be deposited before they can be withdrawn, FSA funds can be withdrawn prior to deposit; HSA funds accumulate year to year, FSA funds unused at the end of a plan year revert to the employer. The County's renewal date for BCBS Health Ins. is July 1 and there will be a premium increase again this year. Streeks could present HSA information to employees during the week of April 17th.

Attorney Karin Noakes expressed interest in serving as Valley County Attorney since no candidates filed for the office. She currently contracts with Howard and Greeley County but is losing Greeley County since they have a candidate running this year. She felt that Valley County would be a good replacement. Currently, Howard and Greeley County each provide a full time secretary and office in their respective County. She has no set office hours in either County but attends all Board meetings. The Valley County Board meeting schedule would not conflict with her commitments in Howard County. At present she has no real private practice and there should be fewer conflicts of interest than a local attorney would have. Both Howard and Greeley County Boards offered recommendations. County Attorney Cullers noted that the County needs to develop a procedure for contracting positions like Surveyor, Weed Supt. and County Attorney so that all are handled the same. Supervisor Sintek asked Noakes to put together a budget estimate excluding salary. Noakes agreed to do this and offered to provide a copy of her contracts with the other counties. She asked that the Board let her know how they will proceed and provided her home office phone number.

Supervisor Cullers presented information from CNEDD regarding a grant for installation of an elevator in the Courthouse. Supervisor Sintek felt installation of an elevator in the Courthouse would require such extensive costs to meet handicapped accessibility and fire standards that it would not be feasible to do it. The use of the third floor office space was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding adoption of a resolution of intent pertaining to the proposed Courthouse project as advised by Bill Abts. No action was taken.

County copy of the 2006 Affordable Housing application submitted by Miller & Assoc. was noted.

The Clerk noted the Institution Fund budget is depleted and costs must now be paid from the General Fund or the Budget amended. She also noted the State Auditor's Office said that Institution and Relief Funds are not required but can be budgeted within the general fund. Since expenses in these areas are hard to predict, General Fund might be the better choice. Jail expenses are also going to go over budget. As Jail is part of the General Fund and transfers can be made by Board Resolution, she asked that the Board approve Resolution 06-09 authorizing the transfer of funds within the General Fund to meet the necessary Jail expenditures for the remainder of the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Sintek moved to approve Resolution 06-09, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Collins.

Supervisor Collins left the meeting at 12:45 p.m..

March claims were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Collins.

Discussion of contract renewal with County Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski was postponed until the next meeting since Kaminski was attending Spring Training Conference and could not be present.

The request of Colonial Supplemental Insurance Reps, Gary Heaston and Kurt Genrich, to appear before the Board on April 11, was discussed. The Clerk was directed to let them know that the Board was not interested in offering additional supplemental insurance at this time.

January Lodging Tax receipts were \$498.38, \$249.19 for Promotion and \$249.19 for Improvement.

County Attorney Cullers reported the Schauer lawsuit is still scheduled for hearing on April 7. The Schauers have filed a new lawsuit, this one against the City of Ord. Cullers will work with the Chamber and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee in preparing a formal agreement. Discussion was held on developing a procedure for contracting such positions as Public Defender, County Attorney, Surveyor, and Weed Supt..

There were no Committee Reports

Mail Folder items available for review: Senator McDonald letter re: LB940, LBRC&D Newsletter (2), Ord Area Chamber Newsletter, Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. Newsletter, KARR Tuckpointing, NPAIT Newsletter, T. Loewenstein NACo Rep Newsletter (2).

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 28 meeting and an agenda for the April 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 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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Sintek, Cullers, Cetak and Ash present. Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and agendas were posted at both Courthouse entrances and on the website. Since additions had been made to the agenda after it was mailed to Board Members but prior to the deadline, updated copies were provided and it was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There was no Public Comment.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easements 06-243 for Verl Timmerman, 06-243 for Dennis Jacobs and 06-244 for Jay Knapp, noting that all were for electricity. Ash moved to approve all three easement requests, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported that LB904, which would result in additional highway allocation funds for the County, is awaiting the Governors signature. Culverts are bid in conjunction with Custer County and the per foot prices have increased by 14 cents for 24 inch, by 70 cents for 48 inch and by \$18.00 for 120 inch. He noted that it would take \$400 to \$500 to fix the old snowblower and felt it was not worth the cost. He recommended that it be sold on Wolf's Auction and that he look for one to purchase through government surplus. The Board agreed. The State Highway project between Ord and Burwell will not close the highway as first proposed. The State will draw up an agreement between themselves and the County regarding gravel and maintenance. Leth would prefer that the County do the maintaining. Bids for this project are to be let in June, probably dirt work done this year and paving next year. Construction schedule sheet provided by Leth regarding the access road to the ethanol plant was discussed. A letter received from Roland Shafer requesting a guard rail and flashing light be installed on 2 curves on the Sargent Highway was discussed. Leth noted that flashing lights are put up during the festivals and a representative of the County's liability insurance carrier, NIRMA, had inspected the curves and felt that they were well marked. County Attorney Cullers will work with Leth on a response outlining what the County has done and NIRMA's inspection of the area. Leth reported that they have begun hauling gravel and maintaining.

Since Ron Bouska, Ag Inspection Specialist, had not yet arrived, Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admn. gave her report. A subdivision request from Troy Dimmitt was presented. Dimmitt is requesting a subdivision of 5 acres from an 80 acre tract in the NW4 of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 13 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Valley County, Nebraska. A survey of the property was provided and the Planning Commission's Recommendation of approval. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the subdivision request of Troy Dimmitt as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke reported that new officers elected by the Planning Commission were Chairman Marv Scheideler, Vice Chairman Don Vancura and Secretary Crystal Lech. The NPZA Conference was held last month and David Yost was recognized for the Popcorn Trail in North Loup. A new law was passed, LB975, which requires that a conditional use permit be issued for a Class II livestock operation wanting to upgrade a lagoon. The County gets notice from the State of a pending inspection.

Ag Inspection Specialist Ron Bouska presented his evaluation of the County's Weed Program. Points are given based on his inspection of 1% of the total county acres, his evaluation of the office including, inspection reports, Superintendent's certification, records, mapping and documentation, enforcement action and other reports and files, the annual reports and the continuing education requirements. County Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski was present for the evaluation. Kaminski received 2707 points out of 3400 from Bouska. Bouska said that Kaminski is doing a good job and that the scoring is meant to be a means for the State to assist where it is needed, offering his help in any way he can. Bouska noted that a program is being developed to set up weed management areas to aid in grant applications for specific problems. He also noted that a statewide internet mapping project is being developed. Kaminski plans to check into purchasing a GPS unit for mapping Valley County.

Renewal of the Employment Contract with Kaminski to act as County Weed Supt. was discussed and approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Further discussion was held on the purchase of a hand-held GPS unit. Kaminski said he would like to get the County mapped in 3 years.

Sheriff Ronzzo was unable to attend today's meeting. The Nebr. Jail Standards Inspection Report was available for review and will be on file in the Clerk's Office. The letter accompanying the report noted that "the facility was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of inspection".

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented the Fund Report for March, listing the amounts collected during the month for each fund and the fund balances. The Misc. Receipts folder was available for review and she noted that interest income on investments is included.

Clerk Jenette Lindsey presented March Fee Reports for the County Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court.

Chairman Sevenker noted that he had placed the Valley County Health Systems item on the agenda to allow discussion of what is currently going on. He said he is bothered by the non-acceptance of the hospital financials and the firm who audits their records. He asked any Board member who had any information regarding inaccuracies in the financials or the audits that could be backed up to bring it to the Board so that it could be discussed. He said that acting Hospital CEO Schrage is also willing to discuss the financials with anyone if they have proof of something that isn't right. Sevenker said the Hospital Board could not act until there was reason to and they did. The deficiencies were pointed out and they are and will be corrected. Sevenker said it is important to maintain and provide quality health care, available to everyone. He also said he is upset about posters with false information about him that are being put up in area businesses. Supervisor Cullers said the public should be made aware of this act. Cullers noted that any factual information on the hospital financials should be brought to the Board and examined by an independent party so that it could be settled. Sevenker said he understands a letter is circulating advocating the replacement of the Hospital Board. He asked if any of the County Board felt that this was necessary. Supervisor Baker responded that he had received input that the Hospital Board should be elected rather than appointed. County Attorney Cullers said this is not possible under the current organization. He noted that a District Hospital has also been considered or going to a nonprofit organization, but how to make the change and keep funding in place, like Medicare reimbursement etc., is the question. Sevenker said that he too would like to see the Hospital Board elected but there is no way to do that at this time. He said we need to work to move forward in a positive direction. Supervisor Cullers said public input and constructive criticism is always welcome but she told Mable Dobrovsky that she was deeply disappointed in her remarks at the last meeting that the only honest member on the County Board was George Baker, without presenting any facts to back it up. Dobrovsky denied using the word only.

Supervisor Cullers presented a copy of a proposed pamphlet with information about the flow-through fund and endowment fund recently set up through the Nebraska Community Foundation. The purpose of the funds is to help raise money for restoration and maintenance of the Valley County Courthouse. This item will be on the next agenda and any corrections or suggestions can be made at that time.

Leadership Quest participants presented a report on their project to take pictures of things they felt were assets to the area and things they felt needed to be improved. Those present were Laura Pokorny, Marilyn Beck, Crystal Lech, Trent Proskocil and Trine McBride. Among the pictures of assets were: renovated store fronts, new construction, well-kept recreational spots, and the Courthouse. Things that needed improvement included: downtown Ord streets and sidewalks, empty businesses, junk cars and old billboards that are faded or note businesses no longer here. Suggestions from the group included enforcement of regulations regarding nuisance properties and junk cars and paint murals on the blank walls of buildings. Sevenker commended the presenters for taking the class, doing the project and presenting it. It was noted that 7 members of the group are high school students who could not be present.

Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz, introduced Cody Sitz and Chuck Kokes who spoke to the Board regarding available lots in the Mortensen Industrial Site. Kokes wants to build a repair business for large equipment and Sitz wants to build an irrigation and domestic well business. Both men

wanted lots with highway frontage. Following discussion, Cetak moved to have the Economic Development Board and Bethanne contact Gilmore & Assoc. to proceed with establishment of the requested lots. Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz will contact James Knapp regarding the two lots. Sevenker said he looks on this as an investment in the area.

Kunz then presented the Economic Development Board Quarterly Report. Items noted include: 30 business visitations in January, air permit issued for Val-E Ethanol and construction begun, job fair May 6, 2006, 65 members in the Founder's Club, partnering with LVRPPD to expand the HTC program, \$262,870 available in sales tax fund this FY, applied for down-payment assistance grant, applying for loan to build spec building near Ord, applied for grant to develop alumni database for Ord, North Loup/Scotia and Arcadia High Schools, results schedule for Needs Assessment Survey and working to develop program to acquire vacant lots and make them available for construction.

A payroll claim received from Attorney Greg Jensen on behalf of former hospital employee Judy Warner was discussed. County Attorney Cullers said he understood that a payroll policy change made at the Hospital was retroactive and changed accumulated PTO time. He indicated this was not something he would advise a business to do, however, he recommended the County deny the claim. Reasons for denial included: the County has no payroll or PTO records available on which to evaluate the claim, there is a question as to whether it is in the proper form, it is signed by the Attorney not the applicant, and there is no budget to which the claim can be assigned. Sevenker felt the Hospital Board should be approached to revisit this issue and noted that other Hospital employees had the same grievance. Cetak moved to approve Attorney Cullers' recommendation to deny the payroll claim of Judy Warner, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers has to leave for Court in Garfield County, so he gave his report at this time. The Board approved his proposed letter to the Pokornys regarding their request for an access road to their property in Greeley County. His letter acknowledges their choice to go east through Greeley County which means no action is required of Valley County. A copy of the letter will be sent to Greeley County. The Board also approved his proposal for a draft document to landowners along the North Loup trail regarding the road to the ball field which the County has maintained but has no record of opening. Cullers will request easements from the adjoining landowners in order to open the road, however, in the event an owner does not grant the easement, the County will abandon the road. This will not affect the opening of the trail.

Loup Basin Public Health Dept. Director, Chuck Cone, spoke to the Board regarding preparation of a Pandemic influenza response plan. The proposed plan includes Quarantine and Isolation (Q and I) regulations that will need to be adopted by the County Boards as well as the Board of Health and will require a public hearing. The proposed regulations have been provided to the various County Attorneys for their review to assure that they are acceptable. The towns and villages will also be asked to accept these regulations. The Board of Health will adopt the regulations at their meeting on June 12 and ask that Counties adopt them at that time. He recommended that the Board name the Sheriff as the Quarantine Officer. Cone talked about the recent mumps cases in Iowa and Nebraska, noting there were 300 cases in Iowa and 33 in Nebraska, however, none in our 9 county area. He handed out information concerning some of the services provided by the Loup Basin Public Health Dept., a list of Ten Essential Public Health Services and an Emergency Preparedness Guide pamphlet.

Informational items on Community Redevelopment Workshops regarding Brownfield sites, water charges from NLR Irrigation Dist., and the March Expenditures Summary Report were reviewed.

Supervisor Cullers, County Representative for Region 3, provided a printed report on their activities. She noted a proposal for construction of a Mid Plains Center Behavioral Healthcare Service to provide Medical Detox for those who cannot afford it. This involves the control and monitoring of meds and includes those with high blood pressure and diabetes. Cullers said Ord High School Youth Leadership was the only Valley County applicant for the mini-grants offered by Region 3, receiving \$217.19. She felt it was a shame that area schools did not take advantage of this opportunity and suggested that each Supervisor do a follow up with their area school for next year. Region 3 Director, Randy McCall, would be willing to talk to the Board about Region 3. The Board agreed and Cullers will set up a date.

Mail Folder items available for review: Senator V. McDonald letter regarding LB904, VCHS Newsletter, NIRMA Newsletter (2), NDOL Newsletter, Chamber Pulse.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 11 meeting and an agenda for the April 25 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.

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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 April 25, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sintek, Sevenker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak, Baker and Ash present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and that the agenda was posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the April 11 meeting were approved as published. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. No one had signed up for public comment, however, Merrill Mason requested and was given permission to speak. Mason expressed his concern with weeds, especially musk thistle and leafy spurge. The Board assured him that Weed Supt. Kaminski was doing a good job. Many notices have been sent to landowners and most of them have been cooperative. All agreed that if everyone would take care of their own property there would be no problem.

Road Claims and Balances for April were reported by Secretary Sandy Simpson. Payroll was \$33,875.36, accounts payable \$40,753.55. Larger expenses were for fuel, oil and gravel. Only \$733.11 remains in fuel budget for this fiscal year, gravel is at \$31,671 and should be okay. Fuel costs will continue to be paid from the fuel budget line item as long as there are sufficient funds remaining in the overall Road budget.

Road Supt. Leth advised that Easement 06-245 for Kokes Farm Inc. was in order and said Easement was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The refund of Easement 05-220 for Master Farms, LLC was also found to be in order and was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

An additional agreement with the NDOR for detours on Project STPD-11-3(108) between Ord and Burwell was approved by the adoption of Resolution 06-10 on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth noted that he had not included the access road for the ethanol plant in the County's One and Six Year Plan and Resolution 06-11 was presented to revise the Plan to include it. Resolution 06-11 was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The latest Olsson Assoc. billing statement for the ethanol plant access road was discussed. Leth said some of the billed restaking and redesign work was due to Olsson Assoc. error and after visiting with them, they agreed to include it in the contract price. However, phase 4 and 5 work is not included in the contract and will be billed by the hour. These bills are paid with sales tax funds and Leth has been helping to ensure that work is done and billed correctly. Irrigation District and County right-of-way was discussed. Leth said everything was fine between County and Irrig. Dist.. Leth said a request was made for the County to remove asphalt between the highway and railroad, but this was included in the project bid so he refused. He did allow them to haul the asphalt to the County yard.

Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC sent a revised billing for the Troy Dimmitt survey reducing the cost from \$1932.50 to \$1081.25, reflecting their County rate.

A letter from JEO, the County Surveyor, notifying the County of a survey request requiring the locating of the NE, N 1/4 and E 1/4 corners in Section 33-T17N-R14W, was discussed. Leth indicated this is the Wauneta Jones property. JEO has requested use of the County backhoe.

Chairman Sevenker noted that he had talked to Henry Gregorski regarding the fencing issue discussed at previous meetings. Gregorski will not run cattle in the area until June. Sevenker said it could be looked at later. Leth reported a crew was sent up to erect the fence but Gregorski told them he did not want it.

Leth's general report included: break up on shoulders due to April corn delivery, will patch it when weather warms; completed project C88240B, replace culvert at Jacobs; have ordered pipe for project C88231B on bridge 1330 on Art Sebesta's to replace bridge with tube; will begin maintaining again when conditions dry out and will haul gravel.

CFO and interim CEO, Larry Schrage, gave the Hospital report. He called the Board's attention to various parts of the written report, noting that operating income was \$80,555 for March and \$449,294 year-to-date. A new Director of Nursing has been hired, Barry Rubin. Schrage also noted that the Hospital Board plans to reassess the expansion plans. The same surveyors who discovered the deficiencies that led to the 90 day probation were back last Thursday due to an anonymous complaint. The inspection was scheduled for two days, however, the surveyors found nothing to substantiate the complaint and left the same day. Schrage said that Donice Woodworth, a semi-retired long-term care administrator, has agreed to serve in this capacity.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported he plans to talk to Sheriff and Probation Officer about workers for the outdoor flower beds around the Courthouse. He has patched the center of the lower steps on the east entrance and plans to inspect the roof and patch where needed. Siemens work in the ground floor restrooms was discussed, noting they still failed to install a toilet paper dispenser in the ladies and that the handicap stall door in the mens now swings all the way inside the stall. Chairman Sevenker will call Ron Paul of Siemens and the Clerk is directed to hold the check until work is completed and she is so notified by Sevenker or Cronk. Supervisor Baker advised that Bower's Upholstery in Burwell will repair 7 of the jury box chairs for \$150. Following discussion, it was determined that all 12 chairs should be repaired. Further discussion included: waiting until new windows are in place before getting window blinds, needs assessment survey indicates public supports courthouse restoration, Beckenhauer is looking at Marvin windows for Courthouse, seeking girl scouts or 4-H clubs to care for Courthouse flowerbeds.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo presented written reports of Fees and Activities for his office in February and March. He also reported that, due to unforeseen medical expenses for two prisoners, the Jail budget will be overspent this fiscal year. It was noted that the Board passed a resolution at their last meeting allowing fund transfers within the General Fund so that Jail expenses in excess of the budget will be covered. Ronzzo also noted that Jail revenue for this fiscal year was \$52,120.

Dave Williams of the Valley County Airport Authority was present to discuss property insurance for buildings at the airport. It was determined that the County would add this coverage to their policy with NIRMA and that the airport would pay for the coverage. Ash moved to request that NIRMA add property insurance for the airport buildings to the County's policy effective May 1, 2006, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Paul Markowski, Ord City Utilities Director, was present for discussion of a gas supplier for the Courthouse, County Shop and Social Services Office. Markowski noted that the current price from ACE was 1.197 fixed and 1.171 for 80% fixed and 20% at market price. He suggested locking in the fixed price due to market conditions. He can lock in a rate for 24 hours and offered to monitor it for the County to get the best price. Cetak moved to choose ACE as the gas supplier for the County and to accept Markowski's offer to monitor the rate and notify the County Clerk so the County can sign up at the lowest rate. Ash seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Chuck Kokes was present for discussion of leasing lots on the Mortensen Industrial Site. County Attorney Cullers presented a draft lease agreement based on the agreements with Agland and Cornerstone. He also presented a proposed covenant for development restrictions and noted that the amount of required improvements could be dropped by a set amount for each new job a business created. Kokes said he is not ready to develop a second lot at this time but it is part of his 3 year plan. He would use a second lot to park vehicles for sale and would pay to lease it. The building he plans to erect would cost about \$90,000 and he plans to add one employee the first year and another the second year. Attorney Cullers suggested required improvements of \$100,000 with \$15,000 off for each new employee. Kokes can study the proposal and come back to the Board to propose any changes and finalize an agreement. The lots need to be staked which will be paid for by the City.

Jane John appeared to invite the County to join the Loup River Scenic Byways. Membership is \$25 annually and they do a lot to promote tourism in the area. They sponsor the junk jaunt which

brings a lot of revenue to the area. Baker moved to approve paying the \$25 annual membership to belong to the Loup River Scenic Byways organization, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The proposed flyers for providing information regarding Courthouse restoration plans and donations were discussed. It was decided that the Courthouse picture on the first page should be moved to the center of the page with the words Valley County Courthouse above the picture, the overall fund raising goal should be listed as one million dollars with the notation that \$500,000 of that total is to come from the Inheritance Tax Fund and that no amount would be listed for the endowment fund as this is an effort to provide a perpetual source of revenue for future Courthouse maintenance.

Receipt of the signed Underground Pipe Contract with North Loup River PP & Irrig. District for replacing pipe at the ethanol plant was acknowledged and the presentation of the Needs Assessment Survey results on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ord Fairgrounds was noted.

Supervisor Collins reported that Jerry Collier is willing to continue providing Courthouse lawn care under the terms of his original bid. Cetak moved to approve continuing with Collier's Lawncare for the 2006 season under the terms of the original bid, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. Abstain due to relationship: Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Collins questioned claims for unpaid court costs. Attorney Cullers explained this is the State's share of court costs which the County is required to pay to the State. The County can then try to collect these costs if they are assessed by the Court. Sintek moved to approve April Claims, with the stipulation to hold the check to Siemens in payment for work done in the first floor restrooms until the work is approved by Chairman Sevenker and Custodian Cronk, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Baker, Ash, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Items noted and discussed: IV-D reimbursement for District Court \$1582.29, County Attorney \$129.00 and \$2165.97, Lodging Tax receipts of \$367.90 for February. Attorney Cullers agreed to request a list of entities paying Lodging Tax in Valley County from the Dept. of Revenue.

The Mortensen Site lease agreement listed under the County Attorney report was covered earlier in the meeting. Attorney Cullers gave his approval of the Quarantine & Isolation Regulations proposed by the Loup Basin Public Health Dept. for adoption by the County. Following discussion, Sintek moved that a public hearing on the proposed Quarantine & Isolation Regulations be set for May 30, 2006 at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Attorney Cullers reported that he had spoken to Rolland Schafer concerning his request for guard rails on 2 curves on the Sargent Highway. Following discussion, it was moved by Supervisor Cullers that reflectors be installed on both curves, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers noted that information received from Attorney Charles Campbell, who is representing the County in the Schauer's lawsuit, indicates that the individual County Board members have been dismissed from the case and that the remainder of the case has been stayed until the lawsuit against the City of Ord is completed.

There were no Committee reports, however, Sintek offered the Nebraska 2010 Health Goals & Objectives report for review of interested Board members. The report outlines a set of health goals and objectives for the state that are to be achieved by 2010.

NIRMA Loss Control Manager, Jason Clancy, presented information on safety. He gave information regarding a safety manual, NIRMA's 10 best practices and state rules regarding the required safety committee. He said County Government is exempt from OSHA requirements and advised that their requirements should not be adopted but that they can serve as a guideline for the County. He recommended use of the word "will" rather than "should" when writing safety procedures employees are to follow. Checking an applicant's driving record and drug/alcohol testing was also discussed. NIRMA has provided a model safety manual the County can use in developing their own manual. He offered NIRMA's help to maintain a good safety record for the County.

Mail Folder items: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, TierOne Open House, VC Economic Development Newsletter, T. Lowenstein NACo Newsletter, American Funds Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., to reconvene on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 25 meeting and an agenda for the May 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, 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 Monday, May 8, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Collins, Cullers, and Sevenker present, Cetak and Sintek absent. Chairman Sevenker noted that Sintek's absence was excused. Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the website. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Supervisor Cetak arrived at 9:05 a.m.. No one had signed up for public comment, however, Chairman Sevenker noted that the reason for disciplinary action at the nursing home has been terminated and patients can now be admitted and readmitted. He commended the staff for taking care of the deficiencies quickly and for continuing to work on improvements.

Easement 06-246 for Frontier/Citizens Communications was recommended for approval by Road Supt. Leth, who noted that most of the easement is on State property. Collins moved to approve Easement 06-246 for Frontier/Citizens Communications Co., seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The revised Olsson Associates billing statement for work on the ethanol plant access road was discussed. Leth noted that there has been controversy between contractors and the contractors and engineers. He has received calls regarding the work but has referred them to Olssons, feeling it is their responsibility. Leth also said he spoke to Olssons regarding the original statement for \$4018.61 because he felt the County should not have to pay to correct their error. The revised statement is for \$1281.59. The County will be paying phase 3 and 4 work by the hour.

NIRMA's letter regarding a safety manual and a survey they have requested were discussed. Ash asked about putting a "stop ahead" sign on the road north of Masters by Carl Nelson's place going east. Board and Leth agreed this should be done.

Leth reported spending 10 hours with backhoe looking for corners on Jacobs property for JEO. Three corners were found, but JEO will have to establish the 4th. He has unofficially staked the 2 new lots on the Mortensen Industrial Site. The County will need to build a road on the north. Board advised build the road and leave the lateral open. The County should be reimbursed for this. Attorney Cullers advised that County Farm rent is based on actual irrigated acres and that the road is part of the "at risk" acres so no rent adjustment would be required. Knapp is aware of the plans and knows not to farm it. Board agreed that Gilmore should stake the road at the same time they officially stake the 2 lots but told Leth to keep track of his time and seek reimbursement.

Gravel bids were set for June 27 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Bridge project C88231B at Sebesta's was discussed. Leth said they would begin oil patching when weather is warmer.

Clerk Lindsey reported April fees collected for District Court and the Clerk's Office.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month-end report for April with total collections of \$2,035,000 for the month. The airport bond will be paid off in Sept., 2006.

Before going into Board of Equalization, agenda item 7A was discussed. Following discussion, Ash moved to authorize Beckenhauer to advertise for bids for a Courthouse heating and cooling system and window replacement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Supervisor Cullers noted that the Courthouse is on the National Historical Register and wondered if their approval should be sought. Board agreed this should be mentioned to Beckenhauers.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The Assessor, Clerk and Appraiser Larry Rexroth were present.

Rexroth provided printed information on the appraisal process and explained how the process works. Notices for 2006 will be sent in June. Only building sites are affected, not farm ground. Rexroth said a depreciation factor based on age is used to adjust for depreciation and the BOE

process can also provide a means for adjustment. Zoning helps pick up changes and additions to keep records current. Protest hearings were set for June 13th, 27th and 11th at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Rexroth said will be available to answer questions and will plan to attend protest hearings as advised by Assessor Arnold.

The Findings and Orders of TERC were presented which indicate that the levels of assessment of real property in Valley County for tax year 2006 are in compliance. Directive 06-1 regarding standards for analyzing the level & quality of assessment and Directive 06-2 regarding determination of what is real or personal property were accepted for filing.

Assessor Arnold presented the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Jerry C. and Brenda L. Lee as Mr. Lee did not qualify.

At 11:00 a.m., Ash moved to return to regular session, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Chairman Sevenker noted that Ron Paul, Siemens representative, indicated that he will take care of the remaining issues with the lower level restrooms and the Clerk can release the payment upon the approval of Custodian Cronk.

NIRMA's letter noting the addition of the Airport buildings to the County's Building and Contents Property Schedule was noted. The Clerk was directed to bill the Airport for their share of the premium.

Courthouse renovation and restoration was discussed. It was determined that the proposed flyer should contain the names of the Supervisors but not their phone numbers. It was suggested that the Clerk's Office number be listed.

The Current Expenditures Summary for April was available for review.

Nancy Glaubke told the Board that Valley County is part of a pilot 4H entrepreneurship program. Her idea is to make a project of landscaping the Courthouse lawn. She noted that the Girl Scouts have had the flower bed on the south side of the Courthouse since 1985 and she would check with them and also Custodian Cronk and Collier Lawn Service regarding the project. She would try to keep the landscape low or no maintenance. Kami Marsh has volunteered to help. She is seeking preliminary approval at this point. If the project works out, a plan would be presented for Board approval before any landscaping is done. Cullers moved to approve Glaubke's request to move forward with a landscaping plan for the Courthouse, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Glaubke said when she talked to Christy Hruza regarding the Girl Scout's Courthouse flower bed, Hruza suggested that an underground sprinkler be turned so that it would water the flower bed area. Glaubke offered to talk to Adam Kunz who installed the sprinkler system.

Ash moved to approve the request of Jim Helm to hold the Republican Party Post Election Convention in the Courthouse lobby on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. and the request of Kim Farnstrom to have the east Courthouse entrance open for the Father's Day Rod Run for use of the restrooms. The motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The request of Terry Christensen of the Loup Valley Ag Society for a letter of support from the County for the Tech Center in the 4H building was discussed. The request was approved and the Clerk was directed to compose a letter of support on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Loup Basin RC&D's request for support of participation in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program was approved and Resolution 06-12 was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The schedule of informational meetings to be hosted by BCBS was discussed and the direct cost reimbursement of \$4145.07 for rent and utility costs for the local HHS Office was noted.

County Attorney Cullers report included discussion of the Mortensen Industrial Site. It is his understanding that only the "at risk" acres are being used and there should be no need for rent adjustment. He will talk to Knapp about it. He has talked to Sitz regarding building requirements. The Chamber has requested some changes in the Lodging Tax/Chamber agreement regarding reporting requirements because the tax amounts will be smaller and the Lodging Tax Committee is only meeting bi-monthly. Sintek noted that he would like to see this be made a part of the Interlocal Agreement. Cullers noted that a hearing on the response in the Schauer lawsuit will be on May 16.

There were no Committee reports.

Mail Folder items were: NDOR Newsletter, Rural News Bits, T. Loewenstein NACo (2).

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 8 meeting and an agenda for the May 30 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 notice 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 Tuesday, May 30, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Cetak and Cullers present. The Clerk verified publication of meeting notice, posting of agendas in Courthouse and on website and faxing to the media. There were no changes or corrections of the April 25 or May 8 meeting, both were approved as published. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, presented the Road Payroll and Claims report for May. Payroll was \$32,702.93, accounts payable \$45,133.42. A transfer of \$27,456.65 from General Fund to Road Fund was needed to meet this month's expenses. To date, fuel expenses are \$10,048.90 over the budgeted amount, but the overall road budget is sufficient to cover the overage.

Road Supt. Leth reported that Easement 06-247 for the City of Ord was in order and said easement was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's report included: completion of installation of button delineators on the Comstock road curve; he found 3 corners on the Jacobs' property, but County will have to pay for JEO to establish the 4th, he does not think quarter corners should be billed to County; discussion of fencing of Davis Creek Cemetery will continue at the next meeting after Leth inspects it; plum bushes obstructing view of traffic at corner on Loup City road need to be removed; state permit for ethanol plant access road has been received; asphalt quotes are up approximately 46¢ per gallon over last year, will do at least 1 of 3 asphalt projects scheduled, would be more costly to neglect the asphalt; working on new mix strip; road sign vandalism reported to Sheriff included 7 signs removed and others with obscene language written on them; continuing to spray spurge; noted information received from state regarding new federal regulations on bridge management.

Discussion was held regarding installation of a culvert near Sebesta's and the filling of ditches following a Game and Parks controlled burn near Ashton. Leth noted that the culvert installation is waiting completion of the state project to allow for angle changes that may be made and removal of trees. He also said he plans to fill the ditches near Ashton as he has in the past.

Chairman Sevenker skipped to item 10-F since Audrey Brittenham was present to request approval of using the Courthouse lawn for the "Art on the Courthouse Lawn" on July 1. Reminding her of the need to avoid the underground sprinklers when setting up their fencing, the Board approved the request on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage presented the regular monthly Hospital report, focusing on current month and year-to-date revenues and expenses. He noted most expenses are fixed but revenues fluctuate with utilization. Loss of the ability to admit and readmit Nursing Home patients affected revenue and expenses were up due to the hiring of Donice Woodworth to help correct the problem. Employees were given a 4% increase which was not budgeted. Attorney fees were under budget this year. In order to be in compliance with federal law, a change was made in the administrator of the 403B plan from Sun America to Merrill Lynch. Funded depreciation was discussed with Schrage noting that Medicare reimbursement criteria plays a part in determining the amount of funded depreciation. He also noted that rates for bank financing of equipment are not above 5% except for the cars which are at 5.25%. The car purchase is saving \$60,00 per year. The nuclear camera is being installed today which will allow more convenient scheduling for providers and patients. Chairman Sevenker congratulated Schrage on his appointment by the Hospital Board to the CEO position permanently. Schrage said he accepted the position and the challenge. He said he has a vision for the Health Center and that his philosophy is that we serve the community not ourselves. His plan is to maximize the use of the existing facilities for the next year while working toward what is best for health care delivery. A copy of the Hospital By-Laws, as amended April, 2006 to reflect the legislative changes in the Open Meetings Act, was also presented.

Supervisor George Baker left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, asked for and received Board approval to purchase a handheld GPS unit. He has priced them at Cabellas at a cost of \$79 to \$99 for one that only gives latitude and longitude, which is all he needs. Supervisor Collins asked if he had sent out spurge letters and Kaminski said he had sent letters and made calls.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The following Notices of Valuation Change for 2006 were presented: parcel #880009464 Darrell D. & Charlotte K. Gould Trust, parcel #880005404 Curtis C. & Susan K. Schauer, parcel #880007518 Mary Ellen & David J. Setlik, parcel #880036813 Ron Lutz, parcel #880036814 Aaron Jacobs, parcels #880017549 #880036449 Lex E. & Deborah A. Jeffres & Michael J. Jeffres, parcel #880025683 Carmen Jorgensen, parcel # 880036815 James D. Hawley, parcel #880011606 Valley County, parcel #880011557 R. Neal Pocock & Janis R. Severson, parcel #880017311 Deann Stephens, parcel # 880036274 Henry C. & Julie A. Streff. Following discussion, the above listed 2006 Notices of Valuation Change were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

PAT Directive 06-3 was also presented.

At 10:15 a.m. the Board returned to regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The bond renewal certificate for Ron Wolf, General Manager of Twin Loups Reclamation District was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Baker. Said certificate was signed by the Bond Committee.

Clerk Lindsey reported attending the BCBS meeting in Kearney on May 18th where she learned there is to be a 4% increase in premiums and a change to on-line enrollment. She also noted that the subgroup application had not yet been received so it will be on the June 13 agenda. The application deadline is June 15, 2006.

May Claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

As advertised, the Public Hearing regarding the adoption of Quarantine and Isolation Regulations proposed by the Loup Basin Public Health Department, was opened at 10:30 a.m.. Supervisor Sintek, the County's LBPHD Representative, noted that all of the counties in the LBPHD received the same set of regulations. Local Physician's Assistant Bob Riley appeared and spoke regarding his concerns based on his research into the bird flu virus. He said there is no immunity to this disease and it is not a question of if, but when. He approved the adoption of the proposed Quarantine & Isolation Regulations. Sintek invited him to speak at the next LBPHD meeting. County Attorney Cullers said he had reviewed the regulations and that most of the burden was taken by LBPHD and suggested that a copy of the adopted regulations be provided to the County Sheriff. Sintek moved to adopt the proposed Quarantine and Isolation Regulations presented by the Loup Basin Public Health Department, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:45 a.m..

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. was present to discuss their proposed invitation to bidders. Bids would be opened by Beckenhauers and presented to the Board at their next meeting. Supervisor Cullers noted that the Courthouse is on the Historical Register and Hergott said they would check with them regarding the proposed renovation. Hergott also suggested that the Board visit the Aurora Courthouse as they have installed the retro fit windows. There is one alternate proposal for both windows and heating/air-conditioning. The aluminum windows would have one operable window per office, the wood interior windows could each be adjusted to open or not, as desired. It will be necessary to lower ceilings in some areas to accommodate the air-conditioning units. Hergott assured the Board that they were making no commitment by advertising for bids. Concern was expressed with the short bid time, however, Hergott said many potential bidders are already aware of the project and that they would make calls to potential bidders if necessary. Ash moved to approve Beckenhauer's bid advertisement for the installation of replacement HVAC and

exterior windows for the Valley County Courthouse, seconded by Cullers. Bids are to be received by June 15 and reported to the Board at their June 27 meeting. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker. Three sets of plans will be available for checkout in the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is to keep a list of those who check out the plans.

Region 26 Director, Alma Beland, appeared to ask the Board to adopt a resolution approving the application of Region 26 for Homeland Security grant funds. County approval is required in order for grant funds to be received. They are seeking a communications grant again this year, if there are funds left next year they may apply for an equipment grant. They are working with Platte Valley Communications to provide back up for Region 26 in the Valley County Sheriff's Office. A work station would be installed in the Sheriff's Office to allow everything to be switched over to the Sheriff's Office if Region 26 were to go down for any reason. It could also be used by the Sheriff's Office as a regular work station and there would be no cost to the County. The current tower is no longer sufficient, so they are looking at replacing it. Homeland Security funds in Nebraska last year were 18 million dollars, this year 4 million. Government is more likely to approve Grants for towers as they can use them too. Another part of the grant is for surveillance equipment for the Courthouses, 6 cameras and a monitor. The Counties would be responsible for maintenance. Resolution 06-13, authorizing Region 26 to apply for Homeland Security grant funds, was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. yes: Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The 911 addressing for Valley County was discussed. Beland said they are very close but have not received the street information from Ord yet. She said they may need to go on to Blaine County and come back to Valley County later. The road to the Region 26 tower was also discussed.

Gene McCoy spoke in favor of renewing the Interlocal Agreement between Valley County and the City of Ord in support of the Valley County Economic Development Board. The VCED Board is asking the County and City for \$20,000 each per year, an increase of \$5000 per year for each entity. McCoy provided a printed list of accomplishments credited to the VCED Board, including the recruitment of Val-E-Ethanol and Timberline Total Solutions. He noted that due to increased activity more staff is needed. He said he felt the County had received a good return on their investment. Supervisor Cullers moved to approve renewing the agreement as presented, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Bethanne Kunz, Economic Development Director asked the Board to approve the contract for the BECA Grant. She said there would be no cost to the County. The grant will be used to compile a data base of names and addresses of former area graduates to be used to encourage their return to Valley County. The contract was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The grant award was \$17,000.

Renewal of the Lodging Tax Agreement between the County and the Ord Area Chamber was discussed. County Attorney Cullers noted that Lodging Tax Committee members Don Vancura and Larry Koelling were given copies of the proposed agreement and he had received no comments from them. Bethanne Kunz said that the Committee verbally approved the proposed agreement at their last meeting. The new agreement would cut some Chamber requirements on accountability and audits since the dollar amounts will be less and the Chamber is to receive \$4500 per year rather than \$6000, also due to the reduction in collections. Supervisor Sintek said he felt that the \$4500 should be paid from both the Promotion and Improvement Funds so that sufficient funding would remain in the Promotion fund to continue to support the local programs. Kunz said she would turn in claims from both funds. Sintek moved to approve the Agreement Between Valley County and the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce with regard to the Lodging Tax, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Ash. No: none. Absent: Baker. Kunz reminded the Board of the event to be held at the Vets Club on Friday, June 2 where Wozab Grant funds will be awarded.

Pat Marsh appeared to request Board approval for the Farmers Market on the Courthouse lawn. She said they would try not to set up in the same spot every week to reduce damage to the lawn. The Board noted that Farmers Market members were responsible to leave the site clean each week. Following discussion, Cetak moved to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for the

Farmers Market, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Baker. Marsh noted each member is required to carry \$100,000 liability insurance.

March Lodging Tax receipts of \$526.06 and May expenditures of \$4470.23 were noted.

County Attorney Cullers reported that the railroad has asked for written authorization that the County would pay for the crossing work at the ethanol plant access road. He has excerpts of Board minutes from November 30, 2005 and December 13, 2005 estimating the cost of the crossing work to be \$41,000 and the Board's understanding that this would be paid by sales tax funds.

The new Mortensen Site leases are awaiting legal descriptions of the property which will not be available until Gilmore has done the survey work

Supervisor Cullers, the County's Region 3 Representative, provided a printed report from the May 19th Region 3 meeting. She reminded the Board that Randy McCall will be on the June 13 Agenda to give a Region 3 report and answer any questions the Supervisors may have.

Mail Folder items available for review: NDOR letter on input for STIP, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Valley County Health System Foundation Annual Report, Center for BioPreparedness Bulletin, CNCS Recap & Annual Report, NIRMA loss report & Newsletter, Karr Tuckpointing, JEO invitation, NACo T. Loewenstein Newsletters (4).

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 30 meeting and an agenda for the June 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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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

## 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, June 13, 2006. Roll call was taken with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker, and Sintek present. The Clerk verified publishing meeting notice, posting the agenda in the Courthouse and on the County website and providing it to requesting media. Clerk noted a correction was needed in the May 8, 2006 meeting minutes as July was inadvertently left out when noting the Property Protest Hearing dates set by the Board, June 13, 27 and July 11. Said correction was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The May 30 meeting minutes were approved as published. Meeting agenda was approved on motion of Ash, second by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth was absent, attending the Highway Supt. mid-year meeting.

On Leth's recommendation, Sintek moved to approve the refund of Easement 05-221 for Mike Usasz, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The NDOR acceptance of the County's change in their One & Six Year Road Plan was noted as was the notice of completion of the 2005 State Highway Needs Assessment Supplement.

On Leth's recommendation, Collins moved to approve Change Order No. 1 with Werner Const. adding \$4050.15 to the contracted price due to additional shoulder dirt and pipe and the removal of pipe and asphalt, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. . Also on Leth's recommendation, the billing statement in the amount of \$337,010.92 for Werner's work to date was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.. Said statement was faxed to the City of Ord for their approval and payment.

The \$1749.34 JEO billing for County Survey work locating the NE, N4, E4 corners in 33-17-14 was also reviewed and accepted by Leth.

Discussion of the Davis Creek Cemetery with regard to the location of a nearby pivot included the need to treat all cemeteries the same and that in the past cemetery boundaries had been respected. Supervisor Cullers noted that Tom Tolen had offered to provide information on rural Valley County cemeteries based on research done by his mother. Sintek noted that, based on what was said at the last meeting, he had given permission for the pivot. The Board determined that things should be left as they are for now and Attorney Cullers offered to draft a letter for Board approval at the next meeting. The Board also agreed that Tolen should be invited to speak to the Board regarding information on the rural cemeteries. Attorney Cullers suggested that UNL Archeology Dept. could be contacted regarding establishing which lots in County Cemeteries are being used.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported that the Courthouse roof needed some repairs especially in the area above the District Courtroom. The Board directed that he contact some roofing firms. Attorney Cullers will work with Cronk to establish a fair process to receive recommendations and estimates. The Courthouse lawn was also discussed. Glaubke reported that the kids she is working with are too young to take on a landscaping project of this size, but she noted that funds are available through the state for projects of this type and she is looking into that for the future. She felt that the Girl Scouts would probably be willing to turn over their project on the south side of the jail to someone else. Cronk asked about hauling out limbs and other trash and Chairman Sevenker suggested he talk to Leth to see if he had a site where this could be dumped otherwise pay the fee and haul to the tree dump. Kunz has reset the sprinklers to come on every other day. Sevenker asked that everyone look at the Courthouse lawn and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

The Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Welding Business for Chuck Kokes, advertised for 9:45 a.m., was opened at 9:50 a.m.. Planning and Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission, a copy of the application, a site map and drawing of the proposed business. No one was present to testify for or against the application. The Planning Commission Recommendation of approval listed their factual findings and made their approval subject to 3 additional conditions regarding driveway design, culverts and landscaping. Following discussion, Baker moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Welding Business for Chuck Kokes based on the factual findings and subject to the conditions listed on the Planning Commission Recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Public Hearing was closed.

The Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Pump & Well Business for William Cody Sitz, advertised for 9:50 a.m., was then opened. Glaubke presented the Planning Commission's Recommendation, a site map and plat map. Cody Sitz was present. County Highway Supt. Leth met with Sitz to discuss the access road, driveway and

culverts. The Planning Commission's Recommendation of approval listed their factual findings and was subject to the same 3 conditions as the previous applicant. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Pump & Well Business for William Cody Sitz based on the factual findings and subject to the conditions noted on the Planning Commission Recommendation, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Public Hearing was closed.

The Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for the Expansion of Existing Class "II" Livestock (Cattle) Feeding Operation for Peterson Farms, Inc, advertised for 9:55 a.m., was then opened. Glaubke presented the Planning Commission's Recommendation, a letter of explanation from Dale Peterson, a site map and plat map. Dale Peterson was present and explained that the application was needed to bring their feedlot into compliance with DEQ requirements and that most of the work will be on existing pens with only a few new pens to be created. Glaubke noted this is not an expansion of the number of cattle, it will remain a Class II operation. Some concern has been expressed by Roger Lansman who visited with Peterson and Glaubke but did not attend this hearing. Glaubke noted that LB975, passed this year, states that "a county board shall grant a conditional use permit to an existing animal feeding operation seeking to modify a livestock waste control facility if the purpose is to comply with state regulations pertaining to livestock waste management and the construction or modification will not increase the animal capacity of such operation". A copy of the LB was provided. The Planning Commission feels this supersedes the County's setback regulations and that they are required to approve it and it does comply with the comprehensive plan. Following discussion, Sintek moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Expansion of Existing Class "II" Livestock (Cattle) Feeding Operation for Peterson Farms, Inc. based on the factual findings listed on the Planning Commission's Recommendation of approval, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Public Hearing was closed.

The request of Dale Melia for a subdivision revision for an additional .31 acres located in the NE4 of 22-20-15 was considered. Glaubke said the request was to add a bedroom to his existing cabin. The Planning Commission's Recommendation was for tentative approval pending receipt of a legal survey and on the condition this approximate .31 acre parcel be added to the 3.55 acre parcel in 22-20-15 so it becomes one legal lot of record. Following discussion, Collins moved to approve the .31 acre subdivision subject to the conditions noted in the Planning Commission's Recommendation, that a survey be received and the .31 acre parcel be added to the 3.55 acre parcel to become one legal lot of record, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke will follow up to be sure the property becomes one lot.

Glaubke noted that she had approved the use of legal fees from the Planning and Zoning budget to pay some Schauer lawsuit fees. The Clerk's Office has made that adjustment.

The Sheriff's written report of April Fees & Activities was presented.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported that North Loup Valley Bank had replaced a pledged security that had matured. She also gave the month end fund report, noting that highway allocation for May was \$40,209.73, total receipts for May were \$1,143,514.51. General Fund is at \$455,771.85 and Inheritance Fund is at \$1,027,505.92. The \$830 in the Grants Fund was the result of a direct donation to the Sheriff's Office and can only be used by that office. She plans to include the airport bond amount due on the next report.

Suminski noted a NACo Prescription Drug Discount Web Conference June 22 and the NACo plan was discussed. Supervisor Cullers said that when she checked into it, the local pharmacies were not in favor.

The Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented the May Fee Reports for the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court. She also reported a request from Ron Bowmaster, Office of the CIO, DSP (State of Nebraska) that the County contact Gene's Electric for an estimate to install computer cable in the County Courtroom, District Courtroom, County Court Judge's Office, District Court Judge's Office. At Lindsey's request, Bowmaster approved the addition of the former Supt. Office on the third floor which is being considered for use as a County Attorney's Office. Upon Bowmaster's approval of the estimate, the County would be reimbursed for cost of the cabling. The Board approved getting the bid, submitting it to Bowmaster for approval and the County's initial payment of costs to be reimbursed by the State.

The BCBS/NACO subgroup application for health insurance coverage for County employees was discussed. It was felt that there was not sufficient premium reduction for the Health Savings Account option. At 10:45 a.m., a recess was called to allow the Clerk to call for the amount of the office visit copay if that option were chosen. At 10:55 the meeting resumed with the Clerk reporting that, with the office visit copay, the insured would pay \$30 for an in-network provider office visit. Following discussion, Cullers moved to leave the BCBS coverage as it is for the

coming year (\$1000 deductible, no office visit copay), seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers reported the County has received notice that the Ammerman tort claim filed in November 2005 has been withdrawn and a lawsuit has been filed. The County did not act on the tort claim on advice of NIRMA and the lawsuit is the next step. NIRMA has been notified.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Ash, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor and appraiser Larry Rexroth were present.

See attached Property Valuation Protest Hearing Report.

Valuation notices for 2006 on parcels owned by the County were presented. Parcel #880036752, Block A in the Mortensen Industrial Site, was lowered from \$127,195 in 2005 to \$60,205 in 2006 to reflect the agland valuation on the undeveloped portion of the property. Parcel #880015155, North Loup Twp., part of L1 and L2 in S2SE4 28-19-13, 43.9 acres, raised from \$15,765 in 2005 to \$17,760 in 2006 to reflect a rise in grassland value. Parcel #880010934, Ord Twp., part N2 & 38.4 acres in S2 8-19-14, 138.4 acres, raised from \$126,565 in 2005 to \$138,750 in 2006 to reflect a rise in agland value. Parcel #880015316, North Loup Twp., E2NE4 33-19-13, 80 acres, raised from \$87,350 in 2005 to \$95,325 in 2006 to reflect the value of irrigated acres.

The following 2006 Notice of Valuation Changes were presented by the Assessor: Valley County Parcel #880011606, from \$84,750 to \$83,990 to reflect .53 acres transferred to Nebr. Dept. of Roads; Velma V. Jackson, Parcel #880023317, from \$15,460 to \$20,280 to correct missed computer update; Supervisor Cullers moved to approve Assessor's valuation changes, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Notice of Valuation Change for William A & Eleanor J Lueck Parcel #880002065, from \$94,545 to \$173.050 to reflect property owners land use update of number of acres from dry to irrigated, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Notice of Valuation Change for Val-E Ethanol, LLC Parcel #880036789, from \$850,150 to \$689,480 to reflect lease of 44.1 acres, was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Assessor's Certificate of Assessment Roll completion has been filed with the Clerk. Arnold thanked Supervisor Cullers for accompanying her on the property inspections. Ash moved to return to regular session, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker said Randy McCall of Region III was unable to attend today's meeting and his report would be rescheduled. Region III FY 2006/2007 County Match Request of \$8305.74 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers said his review of the HHS Cooperative Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of the District Court found it to be in order. Said agreement was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Collins moved to approve South Central Nebr. Area Agency on Aging's FY 06/07 support request of \$912.00, seconded by Ash. Carried. Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Approval of the Surety Bond for North Loup Township Cemetery Assn. was given on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

NIRMA's appraisal of the airport buildings and their inclusion in the County's property coverage was discussed. The six airport buildings are listed as the Administration Building and Hangers #1 through #5 and their total replacement value is appraised at \$1,158,800 with an associated annual insurance cost of \$1,738.00 to be reflected in the August 1, 2006 renewal billing. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the appraisal information to the Airport and to bill them for the insurance costs of the Airport buildings. The notice also indicated that the current replacement cost value for all real property owned by Valley County is \$5,527,000.

Informational items noted by the Board included: NIRMA's telephonic conference on employment law and personnel management on Thursday, June 29, 2006, the Invasive Plants Conference on August 22 and 23 at the Kearney Holiday Inn and the Current Expenditures Summary Report for May 31, 2006.

County Attorney Cullers informed the Board the County received a Notice of Charge of Discrimination from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and suggested that it be discussed in executive session to protect the reputation of both the complainant and any person named in the allegation from possible harm. At 12:00 noon, Sintek moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of possible litigation and to prevent possible harm to the reputation of the complainant and any person named in the allegation of the Notice of Charge of

Discrimination, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. At 12:12 p.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

There were no Committee Reports.

Mail Folder items available for review: Chamber thank you note, Chamber Pulse, Rural News Bits, Nebr. Economic Trends, NLTAP Interchange, Nebr. Crime Commission Grant Writing Training, Kinder Morgan General Rate Increase, NACo Annual Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 13 meeting and an agenda for the June 27 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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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., Tuesday, June 27, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers, and Sintek present. Clerk verified publication of meeting notice, agenda posted in Courthouse, on website and provided to requesting media. Ash moved to approve minutes of the June 13 meeting as published, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act is posted on west wall of Boardroom, paper copies on table against south wall are available free to the public and pamphlets containing the act are available for use, but are to remain in the Boardroom. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the Road Claims & Balances report for June. The larger expenses were fuel, gravel, pavement marking paint, parts and repair. The fuel budget is overspent \$22,558.55, there is \$83,000 left in the overall Road Budget. Discussed fuel costs and how to budget for next year and cost of striping. Leth buys paint with Merrick County and striping is done on a 4 year cycle. The ADT on the Sargent Road is not sufficient to require striping, but due to the festivals, Leth feels it is needed. The ethanol plant access road was opened on the 12th, all signs are up and RR crossing now closed with permanent barricades. The completion inspection was to be last week. Leth's concerns include: two flared end sections damaged and need replacing, clean up not good, seeder will harrow it and that may help, ditch clean up not good. Tom Kruml asked about a guard rail. Leth said this was not in the contract so would be our cost. Also discussed turn lane on highway. Leth will check on this and report to Board. Leth said concrete tests good. All bridges are to be rerated based on new structural ratings, costs to be paid by state and federal government. Valley County bridges last rated in 1979 at a cost to County of \$17,000.

At 9:30 a.m., as advertised, Gravel Bids were opened. Ulrich Gravel, Inc. submitted the only bid: at bin \$5.75 per cubic yard, cubic yard mile \$.25 truck charge, Rock at pit \$11.25, Sand at pit \$3.25, AC Gravel at pit \$5.75, 47B Gravel at pit \$6.00, min. haul \$1.25. Scott and Wes Ulrich were present. There is to be no fuel surcharge this year. Ash moved to accept the bid offered by Ulrich Gravel, Inc., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported the high intensity lights were put up the week before the festival, removed after and will be done for each festival. Discussed budgeting for fuel and noted pay raises will be in the 3% range as usual. Ord/Burwell road project delayed till July due to ROW problems. Highway 22 plant will set up at Ulrichs causing more traffic on Loup City Road. Billing statements from Olsson Associates have been paid by the City. Proposal from Gilmore & Associates of \$3000 for grades, drainage & possible staking of Mortensen Industrial Site access road was discussed. It was determined that the County would do the work and keep track of time and labor involved. Leth will let Gilmore & Assoc. know. Leth felt the plat maps of the two new lots in the Mortensen Industrial Site were okay. Discussed fact that Agland has encroached off their lot.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage and Hospital Board President, Kara Fischer gave the monthly report. Schrage went through the financial pages of the printed report noting that despite seasonal swings and the nursing home difficulty, year to date numbers are favorable. Next years budget has been approved by the Hospital Board. The Wound Clinic is already popular although not yet started and a Nuclear Tech has been recruited. Information on the costs of operating the hospital owned fleet of vehicles as opposed to paying mileage reimbursement shows a savings of \$19,375 for six months. Dr. Regg Hagge, a family practitioner, his wife and four children will be moving to Ord this summer. Broken Bow physician, Dr. Leon Books, will help out for 6 months during maternity leave for Dr. Bengston and Dr. Blake.

Custodian Rolland Cronk reported another Courthouse window has fallen out. This one from the second floor above the east Courthouse entrance. Securing the frames has not helped as the frame stayed in place but the glass fell out. Board gave approval for him to work on removing some of the upper level glass and to get help from Ord City where needed. Chairman Sevenker offered his help as well. Springer has inspected Courthouse roof, indicating it should not be a major project. The worst part is area over the Courtroom. Thought cost would be under bid requirement. Attorney Cullers will work with Cronk on getting costs to present for Board approval at next meeting.

Courthouse lawn and landscaping was discussed, including flower bed south of jail, vines next to Courthouse and growth around trees, tree branches overhanging walkways, getting water to area south of jail and strip between Courthouse and handicap ramp. Cronk is to talk to Collier regarding replacing southside flower bed with sod and Kunz regarding water issues and meet with Grounds Committee regarding these issues.

Gilmore & Associates plats of the 2 new lots in the Mortensen Industrial Site were discussed. County Attorney Cullers noted the original name for the site was Mortensen Family industrial Site and that the word Family has not always been used. He also said Gilmore did not use block numbers on this plat as they did on the first one, only lot numbers. The Mortensen Industrial Site 2nd Subdivision Plat Map was approved as submitted by Gilmore & Associates on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Noted: NIRMA assignment of Ammerman case to Angle, Murphy, Valentino & Campbell, P.C..

Gene's Electric proposal of \$1840 for removal of old cable and installation of new cable to the County Courtroom, District Courtroom, County Court Judge's Office, District Court Judge's Office and the old School Supt. Office was discussed. If the County Board approves it, the proposal will be submitted to the state. If the state approves it they will reimburse the County for the cost. Following discussion, Cetak moved to approve the proposal, contingent upon state reimbursement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

A letter of interest received from Attorney David T. Schroeder with regard to the County Attorney position was discussed. County Attorney Cullers recommended that a notice be prepared advertising the position with a copy sent directly to those who have expressed an interest. There is not time to wait until after the election to begin this process. Discussed partnering with another county, making known the county's expectations and requirements for the position, and setting the office budget. Attorney Cullers will prepare a notice for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the request of the Nebr. State Historical Society for help in locating all cemeteries in the state so that a statewide cemetery registry can be established. Baker will look into possible sources for this information and report back at the next meeting.

Open Meetings Law Workshop sponsored by Nebraska Association of School Boards was discussed. Collins moved, seconded by Cullers to direct the clerk to register the County for the workshop at the Kearney location on July 26 with attendees to be determined later. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolutions 06-14, 06-15 and 06-16 regarding transfer of funds were presented for Board consideration. On March 28, 2006 the Board adopted Resolution 06-09 allowing the transfer of funds within the General Fund to cover Jail expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 05-06. Resolution 06-14 provides a record of the total funds transferred pursuant to Resolution 06-09, \$19,421.08 and was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk explained that funds remaining in the Election Commissioners budget were used to purchase polling booths, unfortunately on Friday, June 23 an additional billing of \$4748.42 was received from Election Systems & Software. She told the Board that the polling booths could probably be returned but that they were truly needed and asked them to consider allowing her to use funds remaining in the County Clerk budget and the Clerk of the District Court budget to cover the extra costs. Resolution 06-15, allowing the transfer of funds within the

General Fund between the Election, County Clerk and District Court Clerk, was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 06-16 authorizing the necessary adjustments to reflect the Schauer lawsuit legal fees, in the amount of \$4480.42, be deducted from the Planning & Zoning Fund and restored to the Inheritance Tax Fund, was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

June Claims Report was presented and June claims approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:15 am. Cetak moved to convene the Board of Equalization, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The County Clerk, County Assessor and Appraiser Larry Rexroth were present.

A complete report of Property Valuation Protests is attached to the permanent record on file at the Clerk's Office. Property Valuation Protests heard, action taken:

Protest #4, Peggy L. Brott, parcel #880026243 Cullers moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation of \$17,160 on the mobile home and \$1195 on the land, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #5 & #6, Gary E. & Jeanne Ackles, parcels #880004998 & #88005194 respectively. Sintek moved to leave the property on both Protest #5 & #6 at the 2006 value, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #7, Myron E. Novak, parcel #880015617. Collins moved to approve the land use changes and the resulting valuation, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #8, Kathleen C. Melvin, parcel #880036701. Cullers moved to accept Assessor recommendation for a valuation of \$44,240 for 2006, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #9, Delores Hill-Hornickel, parcel #880036635. Ash moved to accept Assessor recommendation for zero value, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #10, Carl R. Osentowski for the Lena J. Osentowski Trust, parcel #880016037. Assessor recommends salvage value of \$2,340 on trailer and condition of metal building changed from average to fair due to tornado damage for total 2006 property valuation of \$88,025. Ash moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #11, Jerry & Shelly Collier, parcel #880036740. Based on FSA map, Assessor recommends change 7.52 acres from site to CRP grass bringing total property value to \$109,895. Sintek moved to accept Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. Abstain due to relationship: Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #12, Larry & Barb Freouf, parcel #880011704. Assessor felt property value accurate after square footage correction was made for total 2006 property value of \$186.895. Cetak moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #13, Devota L. Andersen, parcel #880035539. Assessor inspected property and recommends no change. Cetak moved to accept Assessor recommendation for a value of \$32,195 for 2006, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #14, Devota L. Andersen, parcel #880035798. Assessor inspected property and recommends no change. Collins moved to drop the quality to fair and use the resulting valuation for 2006, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #15, Max Murray, parcel #880028826. Assessor noted value of property did not go up for 2006, it is valued same as comparable properties and recommends no change. Collins moved to accept Assessor recommendation of no change in 2006 assessed value, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for: Minnie M Grabowski, house for sale, no intent to return; Robert A & Cheryl A Tucker, doctor would not sign required disability form; Donald & Barbara J Severance, Physician's Certification signed but criteria altered.

Notice of Valuation Changes presented for Board approval: Barbara J. Martin & Michael S. & Benjamin E. Martin, parcel #880012222, corrected clerical error on land. Approved on motion of Sintek, second by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Joy R Lutz, Shirley King et al Trustees, parcel #880036783, corrected error on acres taken by NDOR. Robert V Lutz & Janice L Lutz, parcel #880036781, corrected error on acres taken by NDOR. Corrections to parcels #880036783 & #880036781 approved on motion of Cullers, second by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Tax List Corrections presented for Board approval: Holcomb Mechanical & Appliance, business closed 5/06; Ord Steakhouse Inc, business closed 5/06; Arcadia & Company, business closed 5/06; Rogers Hog Farm Inc., equipment taken back by Ord Equipment 1/06. Said corrections approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

At 12:25 p.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Cullers presented lease agreements for the two new businesses to be located at the Mortensen Industrial Site by Cody Sitz and Chuck Kokes. He said they had the same language as the leases for the existing businesses. The Board needs to decide amount of rent. Sintek moved to lease the lots for \$150 per acre, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

There were no Committee Reports.

Mail folder items: Region 26 agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Beckenhauer Const. Newsletter, NACo Rep Lowenstein (2).

At 12:30 p.m., Chairman Sevenker recessed the meeting to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. to hear Beckenhauer's report on bids for the Courthouse HVAC/window project, as noted on the agenda.

Chairman Sevenker reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m..

Buster Beckenhauer noted that no qualified electrical bid was received. The one noted on the bid tabulation sheet was phoned in, does not qualify and should not have been listed. He presented a letter listing each bidder, their bid and other pertinent information regarding their bid. BAC Siding and Windows bid \$88,228 for windows, however, Beckenhauer cannot recommend them because they failed to provide bid detail. Glass Edge bid \$91,850 for Eagle wood replacement windows and \$157,928 for aluminum replacement windows including installation, both bids are complete per plans and specifications. Chicago Lumber bid \$145,555 for wood replacement windows. This bid includes additional items that are necessary but were not included in the addendum, so were not included in other bidders figures. These items include extruded aluminum panning, tint and jamb extensions. For the HVAC, Wadas bid \$490,000 using Mitsubishi mechanical equipment, which has now been approved by the project engineer as being in compliance with plans and specifications. Wadas bid \$499,000 using Daikin equipment in compliance with plans and specifications. Banford bid \$461,000, a complete bid per plans and specifications. Volkman Plumbing bid \$631,115, a complete bid per plans and specifications. The only General Trades bid was from Hackel Construction for \$93,980, complete per plans and specifications for wood replacement windows. If aluminum window replacement units are used there is a deduct of \$34,480 as window provider does installation.

Discussion included: using basement for HVAC equipment, however, Wadas noted possibility of affecting structural quality of building; Wadas suggested possibility of using gas backup to help cut operating costs; it was advertised that Board could reject any and all bids; follow-up service and time delays have been considered in past when choosing bidder; chosen bidder typically becomes partner in looking at ways to cut costs; initially thought remove window completely, now think better to leave sash to attach new window; Buster contacted National Historical Register and Courthouse cannot be removed from register.

Wadas noted that his bid includes the jail, the other bids do not. The jail portion of his bid is \$14,050. Without jail bids are \$475,950 and \$484,950, for a better comparison with the other bids.

Board has 30 days from bid opening to act, next meeting date of July 11 is within the 30 days. Beckenhauer will get more information together regarding cost cutting and talk to engineer about recommending a system. Wadas will get additional information from both Mitsubishi and Daikin.

Marvin Window representative presented information and Buster Beckenhauer presented information about Eagle windows. There are 115 windows in the Courthouse. Marvin Windows were installed in the Aurora Courthouse. They are aluminum clad exterior with wood interior requiring staining. Can have some windows open and others not open. Could eliminate screens on the non-opening ones. Insulated, low E, tinted glass in gray or bronze. Using flat rather than ornate casing would save some cost but would not be as attractive. Eagle windows are all aluminum and would cost less than Marvin windows.

Beckenhauer noted that costs have elevated as project progressed due to several factors that were not known at the beginning. He said their fees were based on the initial lower estimates and he does not want anyone to think costs went up to raise their fees, so he is lowering them to 6%. The total cost to the County for this project will be around a million dollars. Further discussion was held regarding electrical bids. County Attorney Cullers advised against opening a bid at this time that was received after the initial bid deadline. Also discussed was the fact that the cost of copper wiring causes difficulty for electrical bidders to guarantee their bid for any length of time. Beckenhauer will work on getting electrical bid and cost cutting ideas and return on July 11.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., to reconvene on July 11, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and at 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 27 meeting and an agenda for the July 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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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 July 11, 2006 in the Boardroom of the County Courthouse. Roll call was taken with Sintek, Cullers, Cetak, Ash, Sevenker, Collins and Baker present. Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agenda in the Courthouse and on the County Website. Minutes of the June 27 meeting were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Sintek noted that agenda item 9C, Consider Wozab sponsorship for "light up the town", was a matter for consideration by the Wozab Foundation Board and should not be part of the Board of Supervisors' agenda. Sintek moved to amend the agenda to delete item 9C and adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the Boardroom, white copies of the Act are available for public to take and colored pamphlets containing the Act are available for public use but are to remain in the Boardroom. There was no Public Comment.

Pivots spraying roadways, fencing of roadways and mowing of road ditches was discussed. County Attorney Cullers will draft an ad to remind people of their responsibilities regarding these matters.

Road Supt. Leth reported the state does not feel turn lane to ethanol plant is needed and a traffic engineering firm, The Schemmer Associates, will present recommendations for safety improvements along Hwy 11 through Ord at 6:00 p.m. on July 20 at Ord High School. He also noted: completion of project C88231B, working on access road and culverts for Kokes and Sitz at the Mortensen Industrial Site, will begin projects C88236A and C88228A this week, plan to wait on repair of Haskell Creek Road until state road projects are completed, now hauling asphalt, lights are up for festival, hauling some gravel, new motor grader too closely, plan to set fuel budget for next fiscal year at amount spent this year.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented his written Fees and Activities Reports for May. He also reported electronic speed sign set up for festival. He felt it helped cut down the number of speeders at the last one. Ronzzo said he usually gets good cooperation from people regarding their pivots spraying public roadways. Attorney Cullers said the Sheriff is the County's investigative office and is good procedure to refer these calls to Sheriff.

Treasurer Janet Suminski provided information indicating the 2006-07 estimate of State Aid to Valley County is \$13,132.23. The Fund Report included receipts for June, fund balances and a breakdown of how fines are distributed each June and November. She noted the current Airport bond will be paid off in Sept. 2006. The Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances from January through June was presented and a detailed account of Highway Allocation funds and the required County match. Ash asked the amount of interest income on investments, Suminski checked and reported \$65,500 from July through June.

The Mortensen Industrial Site 2nd Subdivision was approved by Board motion at the last Board meeting, however, a resolution is required for approval of a plat, so Resolution 06-17 was presented for approval of the Subdivision plat and adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk reported that a registration form was submitted for Sevenker and Cullers for the Open Meetings Law Workshop at the Kearney Holiday Inn on July 26. Additional Board members wishing to attend can be registered under the same \$100 fee. This item will be on the June 25th agenda as a reminder.

Supervisor Baker presented a map showing locations of Valley County Cemeteries prepared by Pat Turek. The Clerk is to print a cemetery registration form from the Nebr. State Historical Society website to see what information is needed and this will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Baker also reported he has installed the newly covered seats in the District Courtroom and there are 3 additional chairs needing repair.

County Attorney Cullers reported that Attorney Charles Campbell, hired by NIRMA to represent the County in the Ammerman v Valley County case, has asked for and received documentation from Road Supt. Leth on road conditions and has filed an answer in the case, generally denying everything.

Courthouse roof repair, lawn watering and sod issues were discussed. Attorney Cullers contacted Guaranteed Roofing but has not received a reply. It was determined that Attorney Cullers will write letters regarding watering and sod issues to Collier, Turf Pro and Buller inviting their landscaping suggestions so that a plan can be developed with estimated costs in time to include in budget. It was also mentioned that roof repairs should wait until the HVAC/window project is completed. Supervisor Cullers said it appears landscaping for Courthouse lawn would qualify for grant funds from the 2007 Nebr. Community Enhancement Program. The grant would reimburse 80% of the cost. Applications are due by Nov. 17th.

Larry Cihal of Siemens appeared to discuss their proposal for the HVAC/window renovation project for the Courthouse and asked what the intent of the Board is in regard to the project. Chairman Sevenker reminded Cihal that the County had expressed their concern with Siemens' reluctance to use local contractors and that Siemens was aware that the County was going to explore other options. Cihal then talked about invoking the letter of intent and that some fees could be owed if Siemens was not to be part of the project. Attorney Cullers asked if they had a signed letter of intent from the County. Cihal said they did not. Cihal said he felt Siemens' proposals for the HVAC/window project were good ones, comparable to bids received through Beckenhauers. The Board noted that they were less than satisfied with the first floor restroom project, for which the County paid Siemens \$28,000. Chairman Sevenker said Cihal had presented his case and if Siemens felt they had a claim against the County they should file it, meanwhile, the County was exploring other options.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Assoc., General Administrator of the proposed housing grant, presented documents that must be adopted by the County in order for the grant process to go forward. Following discussion, the Chairman was authorized to sign the Procurement Procedures and Code of Conduct on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Excessive Force Policy came about because of the Rodney King incident and is required whenever federal money is involved. The Excessive Force Policy was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Some of the required revisions of the Program Guidelines for Down Payment Assistance include: follow all NIFA definitions, change "first come first serve" to "first come first ready" to require that the successful first applicant must be ready to proceed, trailer house not eligible, must be mobile home on permanent foundation and taxed as real property, section on overcrowding and home addition removed, County must subordinate if mortgage refinanced. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the program guidelines, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: Collins. Absent: none. It was also noted that it is a requirement that a County Official attend the grant training session in Lincoln on July 25. Kuntz left some program summary information with the Clerk for anyone inquiring about the program.

Bill Abts of Ameritas agreed to return at 1:00 p.m. to make his presentation.

At 11:05 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Ash, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. A five minute recess was called by Chairman Sevenker. At 11:10 a.m., the meeting resumed. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Sevenker asked Vice-Chairman Collins to take the Chair and left the meeting.

A complete report of Property Valuation Protests is attached to the permanent record on file at the Clerk's Office. Property Valuation Protests heard, action taken:

Protest #24, Gaylord Boilesen, parcel #880011914. Assessor lowered condition of house, but felt land must remain as is in order to maintain equalization. Following discussion, Cetak moved to use rural pricing rather than suburban for this property, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #18, Marvin Collins, Parcel #880010570. Assessor lowered condition on outbuildings and house and adjusted square footage of house, recommends no change to land value. Sintek moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #28, Chad Miller, parcel #880015764. Assessor recommends changing from average to fair quality and adding extra 10% depreciation until repairs are made, no change to land. Cullers moved to accept

Assessor recommendations, seconded by Baker. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #19, Richard Fowler, parcel #880011928. Assessor recommends set value at purchase price, possible adjustments next year. Ash moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cullers, Baker, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protests #25, parcel #880011879 and #26, parcel #880012460, Bonnie Anderson. Assessor notes properties within one mile radius of Ord are classified suburban resulting in higher value than rural, recommends leaving as is in order to maintain equalization. Ash moved to change both properties from suburban to rural pricing, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #17, Ron Bredthauer, G&R Service Inc, parcel #88021231. Assessor recommends change depreciation on fuel dispensers and concrete, no change to land. Ash moved that total value of property be set at \$30,165, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #33, Jean Fogelberg, parcel #880012523. Assessor recommends changing condition of house from good to average, no change to land or outbuildings. Sintek moved to change condition of house from average to fair, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #16, JR Farms, LLC, Chuck Meese, parcel #880016002. Assessor recommends change house from average quality to fair and condition from fair to poor, outbuildings okay and land use correct. Sintek moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #20, Richard & Tracy Ries, parcel #880035707. Assessor recommends change condition from good to average, no change to outbuildings or land. Cullers moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Ash, Baker, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #21, Sandra Siedband, parcel #880000980. Assessor recommends changing land classifications based on FSA certification. Sintek moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #22, Stanley Nolte, parcel #880012628. Assessor recommends combining Nolte's two properties as he is requesting. Cullers moved to accept the Assessor recommendation, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #23, Jeffrey Lutz, parcel #880002429. Assessor recommends changing land classifications based on FSA certification. Cetak moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #27, David Ference, parcel #880036656. Assessor recommends change old house quality from average to fair & condition from fair to poor. Cetak moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #29, Judith & Ronnie Bower, parcel #880021364. Assessor noted rise in value for 2006 was due to 2005 TERC ordered rollback of Ord City commercial property and this years sales indicating need to roll back up. Recommends no change. Cullers moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #30, David Williams, parcel #880029050. Assessor notes protest is on land, not house and land is in line with neighboring properties, recommends no change. Ash moved to accept Assessor recommendation, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #31, David Williams, parcel #880011522. Properties cannot be combined this year as requested due to mortgage. Assessor will check with lender for next year, recommends no change this year. Cullers moved to use rural valuation on this property as it is the same situation as the Boilesen property, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Ash, Baker, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Protest #32, Robert Vogeler, parcel #880005887. Assessor recommends land use changes based on FSA certification. Sintek moved to approve changes per FSA certification, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board moved out of Board of Equalization on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Vice-Chairman Collins recessed the meeting, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.. Meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m..

County Attorney Cullers read his proposed ad regarding the possible County Attorney vacancy. He suggested publishing the ad in Sept. and receiving applications and conducting interviews in October. He also suggested that attorneys who have expressed an interest in the position be sent a letter and copy of the ad. Attorneys noted were: Crandall, White, Clark and Schroeder. It was also suggested a letter be sent to the Howard County Board, as they had expressed an interest in working with Valley County to find an attorney who could fill both positions.

Cullers also reported that he has responded to a request for position statement on the EEOC letter the County received. His response was directed to the attorney who is handling the matter and stated that the County Board has no actual knowledge of events.

Cullers presented a draft ad to be published as a reminder to the public of their responsibility regarding pivots spraying roadways, fencing roadways and mowing roadway ditches. Cetak moved that this ad be published in next week's Quiz, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Bill Abts of Ameritas, presented information regarding bond options to finance the proposed Courthouse HVAC/window renovation. Abts noted that the County can go up to \$150,000 without a public vote and that this would fit within the current levy limits.

Buster Beckenhauer presented recommendations on the bids received for the HVAC/window renovation. The costs for each were listed as well as the cost differences if the County chose options other than those recommended. Beckenhauer noted that his recommendations are based on the lowest responsible bid and the County is free to make their own choices. Beckenhauer recommended Bamford, Kelly Electric, Hackel Construction and Eagle windows. He noted only one valid bid was received for electric work, as Rick's Electric would not guarantee their bid due to the fluctuation of copper costs.

He also presented a sample of more ornate aluminum trim for the Eagle windows, more comparable to what was shown by the Marvin representative at the last meeting. He said they were recommending the Eagle windows, but both were good windows and he would have no problem if the Board went with Marvin. Discussion was held regarding how the windows operated for cleaning. Having seen a demonstration of Marvin windows in the Aurora Courthouse, some Board members were concerned that cleaning access appeared to be difficult. Beckenhauer demonstrated how the Eagle windows operated and they appeared to provide easier cleaning access.

Engineer Morey Bartlett, who provided the original design for the proposed HVAC system for the Courthouse, reported that, based on his research, he continues to favor the Daikin system over Mitsubishi. When asked, Bartlett said he felt there would be a 50% savings on heating and cooling costs for the Courthouse and that he would expect the Daikin system to last 20 years easily.

The Board was reluctant to make final bid selections in the absence of Chairman Sevenker. Beckenhauer noted that the Eagle window price is only guaranteed through Friday, after that it will go up. Following discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of selecting the successful bidders for the proposed Courthouse HVAC/Window project. The meeting will be held in the District Courtroom where a speakerphone is available to allow Beckenhauer to participate without making the trip to Ord. This meeting is to be advertised in the Quiz on Wednesday and on KNLV Radio three times, once on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Agenda items 9D, 9E and 9F, not covered in the earlier portion of the meeting, were information and were noted by the Board at this time: NIRMA & NIRMA II renewal billing for August 1, 2006 to August 1,

1007 in the amount of \$65,421; Lodging Tax collections for April of \$502.68 and the Current Expenditures Summary Report as of June 30, 2006.

Mail folder items: NHHS Vital Statistics Report, NACo T. Loewenstein (2), Waterlog, NIRMA/AON Newsletter, Chamber Pulse, Rural News Bits, CNCS Newsletter, Affirmative Public Policy Solutions letter re initiative petition, Nebr. Game & Parks CD, RCAP CD on Clean Water..

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to reconvene in Special Session, for the purpose of selecting bids for the Courthouse HVAC/window project, on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse District Courtroom and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 11 meeting and an agenda for the July 13 and July 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 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 special meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors to select the successful bidders for the Courthouse HVAC/Window project was called to order at 7:40 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2006 in the District Courtroom. Roll call was taken with Collins, Cullers, Baker, Sintek and Sevenker present, Ash and Cetak absent. Meeting was advertised in the Quiz and on KNLV Radio and agenda was posted in the Courthouse. Agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Baker, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cetak. Chairman Sevenker noted that the open meetings act was posted on the back wall of the Courtroom and copies were available for the public. There was no public comment.

Joe Wadas of Wadas Inc. and Tom Dworak of Sack Lumber were present.

Discussion included: Mitsubishi v. Daikin HVAC systems, engineer for Beckenhauer recommends Daikin, upgrade of electrical panel should include space for addition of an elevator, Wadas willing to install Daikin, Dworak's experience with Marvin windows indicates easy access for cleaning, use of substitute material in top half of windows would not result in much savings, Eagle windows cost \$118,000, Marvin windows cost \$145,000, Marvin windows heavier with highest wind pressure rating. Topics to discuss with Beckenhauer: cost of electrical panel upgrade include space for elevator; time line for project completion; procedure for payment; will Eagle windows hold up to size requirements.

Following discussion, Baker moved to accept the Wadas bid with the Daikin system and the Marvin window bid with Sack Lumber, seconded by Cullers.

Buster Beckenhauer was called and said completion date depends on transformer, which takes 15 to 16 weeks for delivery. This was not known at time specs were done. Beckenhauer thought Wadas had a plan for beginning the project and keeping the Courthouse operational while awaiting delivery of the transformer. He said keeping the Courthouse operating was stressed to all bidders. Earliest completion date is first part of November. Payment requests would come through him to the County monthly. Contract says 7% fees, but he lowered to 6% due to escalating prices. He noted that Engineer Morey Bartlett said the electrical panel design should include sufficient space for an elevator. Beckenhauer confirmed bids were firm and changes cannot be made without Board approval. Based on Board choosing Wadas and Daikin system, Marvin windows through Sack Lumber, Kelly Electric and Hackel Construction, Beckenhauer gave a total cost of \$1,060,952.

Chairman Sevenker asked for a vote on Bakers' original motion, seconded by Cullers, for Wadas/Daikin and Marvin/Sack. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cetak.

Cullers moved to approve guaranteed maximum project cost of \$1,060,952, to include bids of Hackel Construction and Kelly Electric, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Baker, Sintek, Sevenker.

Wadas suggested he would contribute funds he has allotted for repair of the jail roof following removal of old heating units toward repair of the entire Courthouse roof when the whole project is completed.

Chairman Sevenker called Beckenhauer to confirm the action taken by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, July 25, 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 28 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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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., Tuesday, July 25, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, and Sevenker, present. Ash arrived at 9:05 a.m. Clerk Deputy verified publication of meeting notice, agenda posted in Courthouse, on website and provided to requesting media. Cullers moved to approve minutes of the July 11 meeting with a correction of date from June 25th to July 25th for an agenda item, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act is posted on west wall of Boardroom, paper copies on table against south wall are available free to the public and pamphlets containing the act are available for use, but are to remain in the Boardroom. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the Road Claims & Balances report for July. The larger expenses were fuel, gravel, parts and repair. Simpson noted low sulfur diesel fuel costs went from \$2.62 to \$2.91 in one month.

Road Superintendent Leth reviewed the Olsson Associates billing statement and advised he will be doing a final walk through with Hooker, Werner, Olsson and any interested Board members on Friday July 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., \$94,795.10 is due on this estimate. Motion to approve the billing statement was made by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cullers, Ash, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Leth reported he would like two culverts replaced at the ethanol sight, noted millings are in the railroad crossing and reported seeding is done in the area. Leth reported vandals have pulled signs which have been replaced and also reported placement of a directional sign at the county farm. Leth stated he is pleased with the oil on the new mixing strips and indicated the product is the best they have ever mixed.

Leth informed the Board of a letter received from the Nebr. Department of Roads and the Environment stating when the county does a Federal Aid project we have to produce all of the permits. If the State has personnel available they will help, but it is up to the entity to supply all of the information.

A billing statement from the Road Department was submitted to the Valley County Economic Development for reimbursement of roadwork done to the Mortensen Drive in the amount of \$4,420.42 and noted the county will have to build the rest of the road.

A request from North Loup Village to use the road between the highway 11 curve to highway 22 junction as a detour during Pop Corn Days from August 25 to 27, 2006 was approved on motion by Sintek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The condition of Haskell Creek road was discussed and what can be done to slow traffic. County Attorney Cullers stated a call could be made to NIRMA asking what type of wording to use. The project requiring heavy truck traffic will be done soon, Leth also reported the Road Department has blades that will cut and fill back the roadway. Leth informed the Board a bridge in Geranium Township will be completed soon and the road crew will begin patching on the Loup City road.

Leth requested a date be set for bid letting of grader blades. On motion by Ash, seconded by Baker to set August 29, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. for bid letting. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported the Ford Ranger pickup is on it's last legs and questioned whether it should be repaired again, the Board advised not fixing it and getting a different one. Also, the spray rig will not run in the summer and Leth would like to replace it with a different one. Collins moved to sell the pickups at the next Wolf auction and purchase replacements. Seconded by Ash: Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth presented a Resolution for Board approval to request funds being distributed on a first come first serve basis for the installation of markers on bridges 20' and under currently not marked in the county at no cost to the county. Signs and posts are part of the program and Leth felt it was a

good program and should be applied for as quickly as possible. Moved by Sintek, seconded by Collins to adopt Resolution #06-18 to request funds for the marking of county bridges with object markers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Other discussion included a water problem on the Duane Jacob's property and the request for installation of a culvert. Complaints of speeders on the Springdale road as well as the Sargent highway were discussed. Sevenker suggested the County Board express their concerns of excess speeds to the Sheriff's Department for a more strict enforcement of the speed limit.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski reported on property owners in Valley County who are working on the control of leafy spurge and noxious weeds. He indicated Ron Bouska is satisfied that insects are working, the owners using insects are spraying the perimeters so spurge does not spread to the neighboring property owners. Collins and Baker commented on cases of property owners in the county that need to spray for noxious weeds. Kaminski asked for input from the Board for when he should send 10 day notices for fall spraying, members suggested notices go out when he feels fall spraying would be most beneficial. County Attorney Cullers explained the 10 day notice and the 15 day notice. If no action is taken after notice is served the County can go in, spray the property and file the costs in the register of deeds office, it then becomes a real estate assignment.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage gave the monthly report. Schrage went through the financial pages of the printed report focusing on the fiscal year end figures. He stated bottom line numbers in operations in the amount of \$554,868.00 will be consistent with the audit to take place for FY ending June 30, 2006. Schrage stated he is pleased with the statistics, average daily census is up, home health continues to grow, physicians visits are up, acute days are up which are driven by referrals, and the sleep lab is successful. The Nuclear Medical Department will be fully operational soon, and Sue Diehl has been hired as managing director. The 90 day probation was lifted on July 8 with no follow-up visits, long term census is up and is expected to reach 53 or 54 with the next visit scheduled to be in the spring. The Valley Co. Hospital will be designated as a trauma unit soon, the hospice program has been certified and will have 10 or 11 hospice patients. Dr. Regg Hagge and Dr. Leon Books will be joining the medical staff.

Tyler Collier of Collier Lawn Care and Adam Kunz of Turf Pro were present to discuss landscaping the courthouse lawn, the removal of shabby trees and vines and their replacement. Collier presented a drawing for the bed area south side of the jail. Supervisor Cullers reported grant funds could be applied for but a plan needs to be in place before the application deadline in November. It was determined some trees will need to be removed before the courthouse renovation window project begins with bids to be presented for their removal, the Board will do a walk around on the grounds after the meeting to determine the trees in need of immediate removal. After discussing several options it was determined Collier and Kunz should present plans for landscaping of the courthouse lawn not to exceed \$10,000.00.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Ash, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Present were Deputy County Clerk Dorrita Helm and Assessor Pamella Arnold. Arnold requested a valuation change for parcel #880004669 in 36-17-16, #880002891 in 31-17-15 in the names of Chester & Loretta Lonowski Jt, and #880004662 in 37-17-16 and #880002884 in the name of Burlington Northern Railroad. Sintek moved, seconded by Cullers to move the abandoned railroad property from Burlington Northern to Lonowski. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Cullers, No: none. Absent: none.

Arnold also requested a tax list correction in the name of Rogers Hog Farms, Co., Inc in the amount of \$331.50 for personal property with a Notice of Disposition on 11-18-2005 and not on hand January 1, 2006. Motion by Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:10 a.m. on motion by Ash, seconded by Sintek, to go out of Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk fee reports included Clerk of the District Court June 2006, County Clerk June 2006 and FY 05-06, also old ambulance report for FY 05-06 were reviewed and accepted for filing.

Dale Melia and Richard Woolen representing Loup Basin RC&D Council were present to request a resolution from the Board in support of designating Valley County as part of a 15 county region of Central and North Central Nebraska as a Bio-based business Development Friendly Region. Melia explained the Bio-fuels industry is becoming popular because of the high gas prices. RC&D is promoting an old potato factory in Long Pine to become a plant for Bio-fuels. Ethanol can be made from corn, grasses, wood waste chips making Long Pine a more local area to start a plant. Melia stated there is a lot of interest in Bio-fuels and that Chadron College is totally heated by wood. At this time five Bio-fuel plants are being proposed in the State of Nebraska and urged the Board to support the development of the fuels. On motion by Sintek, seconded by Baker to adopt Resolution #06-19 in support of the Bio-fuel initiative. Carried. Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Ash, Baker, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Chuck Abel, Budget Accountant presented preliminary figures for the 06-07 fiscal year. Valuation received from the Assessor for FY 06-07 is \$361,316,263.00 which is up from FY 05-06. Using the current levy, budget requests exceed that amount which will mean requests will need to be trimmed. To schedule a special meeting was moved by Baker, seconded by Cullers to meet in special session on August 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. to review officials budgets and subdivision requests. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

A separate fund for Institutions is no longer needed and it is in the best interest of the County to budget and pay Institution charges from the General Fund. Approval of Resolution #06-20 to dissolve the Institutions fund on motion by Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Beckenhauer Construction Inc. documents were reviewed for approval. Amendment No. 1 changing maximum amount to \$1,061,509.00. Motion by Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Change order 001 to include the jail alternate renegotiated fee was discussed and approved on motion by Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Board members discussed items stored in the upstairs old jail to be removed before the renovation project begins. Attorney Cullers will check with jail standards to determine what books are to be kept for research. A committee will be formed at the next regular meeting to determine what to keep as well as disposal of unneeded items and the alternate storage of the remainder.

On motion by Cullers, seconded by Cetak to pass Resolution #06-21 with the intent to finance with tax exempt bonds for the renovation and improvements to the current courthouse. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Helen Cullers explained the Nebraska Community Development Assistance Act allowing nonprofit organizations to apply to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for awards up to \$25,000.00 for a designated project giving tax credits to eligible contributors of up to 40%. Cullers suggested having an open house in the courthouse lobby to inform the public about the benefits. Pledges have to be made before the application can be sent. Cullers will research further and report back to the Board.

Confirmation of Insurance Coverage from NIRMA stating the property, crime, liability and worker's compensation coverage effective August 1, 2006 was reviewed.

Board members reviewed the cemetery registry form provided by the State Historical Society requesting information about each cemetery in the county for establishing a statewide cemetery registry. Deadline to provide the forms is October 1, 2006. Baker will contact the local historical society for help in completing the forms and will report at the next regular meeting.

The open meeting workshop to be held July 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kearney will be attended by Bob Sevenker and Helen Cullers.

Board members reconsidered the yearly rent for the two new businesses in the Mortensen Industrial Site. On motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. To set the yearly rent at \$1.00 per acre, each business is to comply with the at least \$100,000.00 personal property valuation for each site. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Also discussed was a question about septic tanks being in compliance at the Mortensen site, Supervisor Cullers stated a letter is being sent by the Planning and Zoning Director to the owners advising of the compliance regulations.

July Claims and Balances report was reviewed and all claims were approved on motion by Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No. none. Absent. none.

Sevenker informed members registration for the NACO Annual Conference and any supervisor planning to attend needs to advise the Clerk before August 18.

Lodging tax collection received for the tax month of May in the amount of \$822.39 was acknowledged.

Clerk of the District Court IV-D reimbursement of \$1,705.92, County Attorney reimbursement \$3,138.61 for quarter ending 03-31-2006 and \$144.79 for quarter ending June 2006 was accepted for filing.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dana F. Cole & Co. advising of the audit for Valley County FY 05-06 will begin August 21, 2006.

Attorney Cullers reported the Ammerman Lawsuit is still pending and has heard nothing more on the Schauer Lawsuit.

Mail folder items included Loup Basin RC&D Council meeting minutes and newsletter; Community Action Works newsletter and the agenda for Region 26 Council.

Ash reported on the Mid-Plains meeting he attended stating plans are in the making to build a Crisis Stabilization unit in Grand Island. Ash also noted a considerable number of patients from Valley County have been seen for counseling to date this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene on August 2, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. in special session to review budgets and subdivision requests and in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2006 and at 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 25 meeting and an agenda for the August 2, 2006 special session and August 8, 2006 regular meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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Dorrita L. Helm, Deputy Valley County Clerk

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>07-25-2006</b>	
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Payroll	July	July	\$47,331.67
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$41.06
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$92.10
Anderson Pharmacy	supplies	sup	\$3.94
Automated Systems Inc	support	fees	\$1,380.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blaha Plumbing	repair	rep	\$119.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$24,023.22
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$1,272.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$477.55
Calamity Jane' s Diner	juror costs	fees	\$48.54
CenTec Cast Metal Products	supplies	sup	\$408.72
Chem Dry	supplies	sup	\$30.00
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$375.00
Direct Safety Company	supplies	sup	\$83.61
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Eakes Office Plus Inc	supplies	sup	\$15.99
F & S Supply Co. Inc.	supplies	sup	\$195.33
Family Advocacy Network	services	serv	\$600.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$436.48
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$217.15
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$600.04
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$17.28
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,692.80
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
Nebr Assn of School Boards	meeting	mtg	\$100.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$56.49
Nebr Dept Health & Human Services	services	serv	\$90.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$576.11
NIRMA	liability pkg	ins	\$65,421.00
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$30.69
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$433.78
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$134.85
P S Etc.	services	serv	\$25.02
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Pro Printing Graphics	supplies	sup	\$12.45
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$84.83
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$677.55
Jan I Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$7.00

Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$235.34
Scott' s TV Inc.	supplies	sup	\$20.98
Robert D. Sevenker	meeting	mtg	\$101.91
SGS	repairs	rep	\$162.63
Michael J Shaughnessy	ct apptd atty	atty	\$2,004.52
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$2,804.98
Pamela Stapleman	meeting	mtg	\$66.75
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$758.57
Janet L. Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$69.86
Text & Data Technologies Inc.	supplies	sup	\$850.00
The Copy Shop	supplies	sup	\$7.55
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,837.46
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$60.86
Union Bank & Trust	retirement	rt	\$3,090.63
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$126.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$859.11
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$10,342.64
Valley Co Hosp Medical Clinics	services	serv	\$25.00
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,120.88
Zee Medical Service Co	supplies	sup	\$27.80
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$176,395.66

#### ROAD FUND

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Payroll	July	July	\$32,728.79
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Alltel	telephone	tele	\$61.10
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$35.88
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Del-Ray MFG	parts	pts	\$275.00
Diamond Vogel Paints	supplies	sup	\$330.00
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$199.73
Eakes Office Plus Inc	repair	rep	\$52.50
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$176.05
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$139.61
KACO Supplies	supplies	sup	\$1,179.34
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$31.92
Nebr Central Telephone Co	telephone	ut	\$40.87
Nebr Machinery Co	parts	pts	\$131.80
Nebr Tech & Telecom Inc	phone	ut	\$95.70
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$277.72
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$113.29
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$2.49
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$25.47
The Parts Bin Inc	parts	pts	\$92.09
Powerplan	parts/labor	pts/lab	\$116.12
SGS	repair	rep	\$173.13
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$2,845.70



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session on August 2, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in their Courthouse meeting room to review Office/Dept. budget requests and Subdivision requests. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Baker and Cullers present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and agendas were posted and provided to requesting media. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted and copies were available to the public as required.

Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, gave a short report reviewing the information he had provided at the last Board meeting. He noted that the General Fund budget reflects the one million dollar renovation project for replacement of the Courthouse HVAC and windows. Abel provided a handout listing the amounts of approved subdivision requests for the last 2 fiscal years and the amounts requested for the 06-07 fiscal year.

Terry Christensen spoke for Loup Valley Ag Society. They are requesting \$40,000 General Fund and \$10,000 Sinking Fund. They would like the County to help with utility and maintenance costs since they house the County Extension Office. They hope to realize additional income when the new Tech Center is completed and they are looking at a different property insurance provider which would cut that cost in half.

Larry Schrage and Tammy Knutson spoke on behalf of the Ambulance Operations Fund. The budget request includes \$90,000 for a new ambulance, \$5000 for repair and \$40,000 for a second paramedic. The old ambulance would be kept as a backup but is becoming unreliable and has 126,000 miles on it. Knutson is the only paramedic and is on call 24/7. Sintek asked about a lease-purchase program to spread the cost over several years and Schrage agreed to look into it.

Emergency Management Director, Ryan Simpson requested a raise from \$150 per month to \$175, with little change in the remainder of his budget.

County Attorney, Randy Cullers noted that he tried to budget so that whoever takes over in January will have sufficient funding. Half of the amount usually budgeted for office rent, phone and utilities was moved to capital outlay in case equipment purchases were necessary. Cullers felt there was enough to provide a full-time office staff person.

Assessor Pam Arnold said she increased her request for educational costs to keep herself and her deputy certified. She gave the same raise to her staff as did the Clerk, Treasurer and Road Dept., 30¢ per hour, or approximately \$50.00 per month.

Custodian, Rolland Cronk said he left his wages the same and noted that it was difficult to estimate utilities with the new system. He allowed \$5000 for roof repair following construction, capital outlay includes new fridge already purchased for Jail and discussed snow removal.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo said he raised all salaries \$1.00 per hour except Chief Deputy Walker, who was raised 25¢ per hour and, while it was not included in his budget request, he asked that the Jail Administrator salary of \$300 per month be doubled or he would resign that duty. Ronzzo had budgeted \$28,500 for a car, however, he thought he could get one for around \$17,000. The Board questioned the amount requested for Jail Tender wages, noting that a \$1.00 per hour raise added to last year's expenditures did not add up to the requested amount. Ronzzo will refigure that amount.

Treasurer Janet Suminski said other than the 30¢ hourly raise for her staff and the salary set by the Board for the Officials, her only increase was to purchase a desk.

Road Supt. Max Leth said he budgeted a \$50.00 per month increase for employees and noted that he will be required to pay some accumulated sick time. Discussed cost of asphalt and condition of Haskel Creek Road with regard to its use by heavy equipment over the next couple of years for state road projects. Also discussed was the need for a motor grader to replace the 1982 Cat. He has budgeted \$60,000 to purchase a used one or \$40,000 for a first payment on the lease-purchase of a new one. Board felt it would be better to purchase a used one. He would like to get a good

weed truck and 2 pickups and trade off or sell some of the older ones and has budgeted \$18,000 for this. Board suggested a budget of \$12,000 for a weed truck and 1 pickup.

Clerk Jenette Lindsey said she also budgeted a 30¢ per hour raise for her staff and pays accumulated sick time. She noted that she was having difficulty getting cost information from ES&S to know how much to budget for the Election Commissioner.

Budget Accountant Abel said the preliminary cuts discussed totaled about \$144,000. He said small increases for the subdivisions should be covered by the valuation increase. Abel said it would be helpful to the subdivisions if the Board could make a decision on the their requests at the August 8 meeting so they would have time to take their case to the people if they wanted to. The Office/Dept. budgets could wait until the August 29 meeting.

The Veteran's Service Officer budget was discussed. The Board noted VSO Walt Smith was requesting a salary increase from \$4800 per year to \$7200, an \$800 increase in expenses and \$200 increase in supplies.

There was general discussion regarding the overall County budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 2, meeting and an agenda for the August 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 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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 in their courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Sintek, Cullers and Cetak present, Ash absent. Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda was provided to requesting media as well as posted in the Courthouse and on the website. Minutes of the July 25 meeting were approved as published on motion of Sintek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: Ash. Chairmen Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies of the act are available for the public.

No one signed up for Public Comment, however, Sevenker recognized VSO Walt Smith, noting that he was not on the agenda and asking if he wished to address the Board. Smith said he wanted to report on VSO activities and did not realize he needed to be on the agenda. Smith reported more than 360 calls and visits and replacement of 6 or 8 grave markers. He has hired a lady to help with the filing. Discussion was held regarding the increases in his budget request and Smith said he would be okay with whatever the Board decides. Supervisor Cullers asked Smith if he would turn in written reports and he said he would, although the state no longer requires it.

Road Supt., Leth advised that he has no problem with Easement 06-248 for Kinder Morgan and following discussion, Easement 06-248 was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash.

The State's letter of acceptance of the County's One- and Six-Year Plan was acknowledged and Leth said the information regarding LB904, which has to do with certification requirements and reporting dates, would not impact the County until October of 2008.

Leth performed a walk-through with the contractor on the ethanol plant access road with Olsson's James Moreau present. The flared sections are to be replaced and the retainer will not be paid until this is completed. County has been maintaining the RR crossing but Leth said he thinks the RR will eventually put in a solid rubber crossing.

Discussion was held regarding the old radiators removed from the Courthouse. There was some confusion as to who was to receive the salvage items from the HVAC/window renovation project and this is to be addressed later in the meeting. Leth indicated that the radiators are being taken to Anderson's in Kearney and sold for \$110 per ton.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented a written report of Fees and Activities for June. Pivot's spraying road complaints were discussed and it was noted that publication of the reminder ad seemed to help. When asked, Ronzzo said the Assist Other Agency item on the Activities Report includes accompanying HHS workers on calls, which is required, and assisting other county or city law enforcement agencies when requested. They have not heard from NIRMA regarding the wrecked patrol car. The Jail Administrator budget was discussed and the Board asked for information on operating costs and income generated by the jail.

The June Fee Reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Custodian Cronk reported the only snow removal equipment owned by the County is a small Toro snow blower. He asked if snow removal is to be contracted this year. Following discussion, the Board asked Cronk to advertise for snow removal bids for the 06-07 winter to be submitted at the September 12 meeting and that he get prices to replace the Toro snow blower.

Agenda item 8A3, plan for cleaning out the old jail on the 4th floor and the old Supt. Office on the 3rd floor, was discussed. County Attorney Cullers said he would seek direction from Judge Noakes regarding the Law Library. He also suggested a temporary solution would be to box up the books and transport them to rented off-site storage. Clerk Lindsey asked if she would be able to keep the storage room off of the old Supt. Office where Dist. Court Records and School Supt. records are currently stored and the Board felt the remaining space would be sufficient for a County Attorney's Office. It was moved by Sintek, seconded by Collins that Attorney Cullers and Clerk Lindsey work together on the clean-up project, renting storage if necessary, and that Supervisors Cullers, Sevenker and Baker be the contact persons for the project. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins,

Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Ash. A Board work day was set for August 14 at 9:00 a.m. for those Board members who are able to participate.

Bethanne Kunz, VCED Director, reviewed the written ED Board Quarterly Report with the Supervisors. Over \$700,000 has been loaned to 13 businesses. These loans are approved by a separate committee and information regarding the loans is public record. Other items noted: the Chamber and ED Board have instituted a trial period of holding joint board meetings, the villages have been invited to appoint ex-officio members to the ED Board and it is projected that \$278,872 should be available for ED from next year's sales tax receipts.

Kunz then gave the annual Tourism Report, reviewing several pages of printed material outlining accomplishments, ongoing and in progress, as well as information regarding the new Valley County tourism website. The report also listed entities receiving tourism funds last year, noted the purchase of brochure racks and the combined efforts of Garfield and Valley County Economic Development and the Ord and Burwell Chambers to develop a travel guide for the area.

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Sevenker called a recess, at 10:45 a.m. he reconvened the meeting.

Buster Beckenhauer of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. and his Safety Officer, Jeff Ackerman, presented 2 asbestos survey proposals for Board consideration. Ackerman said Nebr. EPA requires an asbestos survey before demolition of walls or plumbing is begun on buildings constructed prior to 1980. The Board questioned why this was not brought up before, noting that delaying the project could cause difficulty as we get into cold weather. Beckenhauer apologized for the oversight, saying most buildings of this age have had a survey done. Proposals were from Alloy Specialty, Kearney for \$1297.50 and Quad-C Consulting, Grand Island for \$2500. Beckenhauer advised that the low bidder, Alloy Specialty, would be an acceptable choice. He said Beckenhauers would oversee the survey to be sure samples are taken from the areas where construction is to take place and that sufficient samples are taken but not too many. Sintek moved to approve the asbestos survey proposal of Alloy Specialty, up to the maximum of \$1297.50, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Beckenhauer will call Alloy Specialty today, hopefully they will be here next week. Alloy will advertise for bids if removal is needed.

Beckenhauer said it is standard in the industry for the contractor to take the salvage resulting from renovation unless specified otherwise. He apologized for not addressing this earlier. Wadas was present for the discussion. It was decided that the County and Wadas would split the radiator money, Wadas will take the remaining pipes, the boiler and the District Courtroom HVAC unit. The County will keep the window airconditioners and put them up for bids to employees.

Bill Abts of Ameritas spoke to the Board on financing the Courthouse renovation project. He presented printed information on various bond amounts and timelines. Abts said, unlike other entities, Counties have few borrowing vehicles. Buildings are one such vehicle. He suggested the Board consider financing a larger portion of the renovation with bonds since interest rates are low and preserve the Inheritance Tax Fund for emergency use. Bonded indebtedness is outside the spending limit. Discussion was held regarding whether it would be more fiscally responsible to use less or none of the Inheritance Tax and more bond financing. The Board also felt it was important to have public support for the project. It was decided to set a special meeting on August 16 at 1:00 p.m. to make their decision regarding financing the project. Abts and County Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel are to be invited. The meeting is to be advertised in this week's Quiz.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 12:05 p.m. on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Assessor Arnold and Clerk Lindsey were present.

A Tax List Correction of \$135.96 for Rachelle Timm was presented. The correction was due to the sale of a 1977 Champion Mobile Home and was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Arnold also presented the 2006 Plan of Assessment, which was filed with the Clerk on July 28, 2006. A three-year plan is required to be submitted each year. Collins moved to accept the 2006 Plan of Assessment filed on July 28, 2006, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Ash.

Courthouse landscaping will be discussed at the next meeting. A tree bid was received from Collier's but not Turf Pro, Sevenker will check with Kunz to see if he wishes to submit a bid.

Subdivision levy allocation requests were discussed and Resolution 06-22 was adopted on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak to approve the requests as follows: Twin Loups Reclamation \$31,392, Valley County Airport Authority \$66,000 (\$30,000 General, \$36,000 Bond), Loup Valley Ag Society \$47,500 (\$37,500 General, \$10,000 Cap. Imprv.), Ord Township \$75,000, North Loup Township \$10,500, Arcadia Township \$16,243, Ord Fire Dist. #2 \$14,977, North Loup Fire Dist. #3 \$22,500 (\$18,500 General, \$4000 Sinking), Arcadia Fire Dist. #4 \$10,000 (\$8000 General, \$2000 Sinking). Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash. Budget Accountant Chuck Abel will determine at a later date if a portion of the levy allowed each township is to be levied countywide and reimbursement made to the township to reach the amount allowed.

The Mortensen Industrial Site leases signed by Kokes and Sitz and previously approved by the County, were signed by Chairman Sevenker and turned over to County Attorney Cullers who is to provide a copy to the Clerk's Office. Attorney Cullers reported he is working on getting a complete legal on the covenants for recording with the Register of Deeds.

Cullers also reported an error in calculating the acres leased by Knapp. A new GPA measurement was taken showing 69.24 irrigated acres, 2.35 free acres, development acres 16.59, wetland alfalfa 2 acres. Cullers will work with Knapp and they will appear before the Board when something has been worked out.

Supervisor Baker had nothing further to report on the Cemetery Registry and Supervisor Cullers is checking to see if the County qualifies for the Nebr. Community Development Act.

Probation Dist. 17 2005-06 billing for \$2170.90 and Maximus billing for \$678.32 were noted. The Bond for the North Loup Village Clerk was approved by the Bond Committee. The letter introducing Linda Black, new NDED representative, was acknowledged and the Current Expenditures Summary Report reviewed. Board members attending the Central Dist. meeting will pay at the door and the Clerk will reserve the usual number of rooms for the Annual NACO Conference.

Supervisor Cullers presented a written report on Region 3 for each Board member.

Mail Folder items, Chamber Pulse and NIRMA publication, were available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene in special session, to determine bond financing for the Courthouse renovation project, on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. and in regular session on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 8 meeting and an agenda for the August 16 and August 29 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

The special meeting of the Valley County Supervisors for the purpose of setting the bond amount and length of time for financing the Courthouse HVAC/Window Renovation Project was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on August 16, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, and Sevenker present, Cetak absent. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and agendas were posted in the Courthouse and on the website and provided to requesting media. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Chairman Sevenker noted that the open meetings act is posted in the Boardroom as required and copies of the act are available to the public. There was no public comment. Bill Abts of Ameritas Investment Corp. and Chuck Abel, County Budget Accountant, were present.

At a prior meeting, Abts advised the Board to consider keeping the Inheritance Tax money and funding more of the project with bonds and he advised this again today. He said Counties can only issue bonds for building projects, they cannot do it for other expenses or emergencies. If the Inheritance Tax money is spent and an emergency arises, it would cost more to borrow funds to take care of the emergency than to issue bonds for the renovation project. Discussion centered on how much of the project to fund with Inheritance Tax money and how much with bonds.

The original thought was that the project would cost about \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 would be used from the Inheritance Tax Fund and bonds issued for \$500,000. The guaranteed maximum cost of the project, as figured by Beckenhauers, is \$1,060,952. Already additional, unanticipated costs have been necessary for an upgraded electrical panel and an asbestos survey. There is around \$1,000,000 in the Inheritance Tax Fund.

Abel suggested that, if more bonds were issued, the bond interest could perhaps be offset by investing the Inheritance Tax Fund for longer term. He also noted that when a bond payment exceeded \$40,000, Inheritance Tax money could be used to pay the excess.

The importance of public support for the project was noted and it was agreed that the most important thing is to keep it within the budget, which using Inheritance Tax money for the portion of a payment that exceeded \$40,000 would help to do. It was also noted that payments should be set for May and November since taxes are due in May. Only interest payments would be due until November 2008.

Following further discussion, Cullers moved to approve bonds in the amount of \$750,000 for 20 years, to authorize Bill Abts of Ameritas to start the necessary paperwork and to set payments to be due May 15 and November 15. Collins seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Treasurer Janet Suminski was asked about investing Inheritance Tax Funds on a long term basis. She noted that there is more penalty for early withdrawal at the longer term and that she never invests longer than 1 year. She will review CD rates with the Board in November.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 16 special meeting and an agenda for the regular August 29 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Baker, Collins, and Sevenker present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda was posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. The minutes of the August 16 meeting regarding the amount of bonds and Inheritance Tax funds to be used for Courthouse renovation were discussed. The minutes listed the bond amount as \$750,000 and did not refer to the amount of Inheritance Tax to be used. It was decided this was acceptable and the minutes of the August 8 regular meeting and the August 16 special meeting were approved as published on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

The agenda item regarding OHS Cheerleaders helping move courthouse items was added prior to the deadline, but after agenda packets were mailed. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available to the public.

Tom Kruml spoke under Public Comment regarding the 911 address recently received for Val-E Ethanol. It was their understanding that the address was to be Val-E Road and this is what they have been using, however, it appears that the road was actually given the number 810. Following discussion, the Board authorized Kruml to contact Region 26 regarding the issue. The Board had no objection to the paved portion of the road from the plant driveway east to the gravel road being named Val-E Road.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the report of Road Claims for August. Accounts payable totaled \$70,193.38, payroll \$33,341.94.

Road Supt. Leth reported that telephone and other wires were attached to the heating pipes in his office and when the pipes were removed the wires were left dangling. Conduit installed to carry the wiring on the second and third floors was never installed on the first floor as originally planned. The Board advised Leth to check with Beckenhauers to see if this would be included in the renovation contract. If not, he is to contact Augustyn for an estimate as the cost would be under the required limit for bidding. His report also included: start armor coating tomorrow, will overlay Haskel Creek Road, patch and overlay completed on Sargent Road, continue to haul gravel, selling the Ford Ranger and military 4x4 on auction today. Leth asked about an early payroll date in December. Discussion included auditor advice that checks not be distributed before they have been officially approved by the Board. Leth noted that roadside weeds are getting tall and asked if it would be appropriate to publish a notice in the paper.

At 9:30 a.m. the Grader Blade Bids were opened as advertised. Six bids were received: The Island Supply Company bid \$38.50 each for twenty 8' blades and \$34.00 for 460 7' blades, BARCO bid \$37.46 each for twenty 8' blades and \$32.73 each for 460 7' blades, Nebraska Machinery bid \$38.66 each for twenty 8' blades and \$33.74 for 460 7' blades, Presco bid \$37.36 each for twenty 8' blades and \$32.69 each for 460 7' blades, B's Enterprises bid \$37.04 for 20 8' blades and \$32.41 for 460 7' blades, Midwest Service bid \$45.38 each for 20 8' blades and \$39.71 each for 460 7' blades. B's Enterprises had the low bid and Leth said he had used their blades and felt they were okay. Cetak moved to accept the low bid of B's Enterprises Inc., seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Tree spraying was discussed with Leth saying they have done a lot of spraying this year, that it is done on an as needed basis and that they are spraying by hand.

The Clerk was instructed to put the Val-E Road on the next meeting agenda, Supervisor Ash is to get a copy of the 911 numbering map from Region 26 for the Board to review.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, asked the Board to approve Resolution 06-23 authorizing weed inspections, surveys, responding to complaints, filing reports, sending notices and various other duties required of the Weed Control Authority. Chairman Sevenker read the resolution aloud, and it was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning & Zoning Admin., Nancy Glaubke, requested the reappointment of Pat Frazer and Mike Winkelbauer to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Said reappointments were approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke noted that this Board meets annually unless a special issue arises.

Glaubke presented, for Board consideration, the Interlocal Agreement for the Valley County Area Planning Commission which has been approved by the villages of Arcadia, Elyria and North Loup. Each village pays a percentage of the actual cost based on population and each appoints one member to the Planning Commission. Ash moved to approve the 2006 Interlocal Agreement between the villages and Valley County for the Area Planning Commission, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke noted the informational notice received from Nebr. DEQ on the Construction Approval for Livestock Waste Control Facility for Peterson Farms, Inc.-North. She also reported they are working on a draft of subdivision recommendations which will come to the Supervisors for approval after it has been reviewed by Orville Starr and a public hearing has been held. She noted that impact easements, which allow waiving certain zoning regulations under certain circumstances, have been challenged in court. No changes will be made to Valley County regulations until the court has ruled. Flood plain mapping of Valley County has been delayed until next year. DEQ requires certified installation of septic tanks. Discussion included the need for oversight of the Mortensen Industrial Site development restrictions and the possible establishment of a committee for this purpose.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo presented his written Fees & Activities Reports for July and a corrected June fee report. He noted pivot complaints are still coming in but only one seems to be recurring.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction Inc. provided a written report on the asbestos inspection of the Courthouse by Alloy Specialty. Asbestos material was found in the boiler piping covering and the crawl space in the basement, the covering of the mechanical loop in the penthouse and the mastic in the Sheriff's area. Their final report will be delivered by Sept. 1. Alloy Specialty recommended that asbestos in these areas be remediated and estimated the cost to be between \$28,000 and \$35,000. Hergott said he had received a bid by phone which is substantially lower than this estimate and they are currently seeking other bids. Collins moved to authorize the Building & Grounds Committee to work with Hergott on the asbestos issue to keep any delay in the renovation project to a minimum, Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. An asbestos report is required to be filed with the State. Beckenhauers will pay the \$300 filing fee and submit a claim for reimbursement to the County.

Hergott said windows have not been ordered yet and will take 5 weeks to arrive. He said Hackel estimates installation will take a month. The Board agreed that, although standard window locks may be out of reach without a ladder, it is not worth \$75 per window to have them lowered. They also agreed that the window glass should be bronze. Hergott is to contact the Building & Grounds Committee with questions regarding the windows.

HVAC equipment was ordered Friday and should arrive today or tomorrow. Some equipment is being stored at Wadas' warehouse and Hergott has requested an updated proof of insurance from Wadas. The openings for the louvers on the 4th floor are almost finished and cranes will be needed for installation. Following discussion regarding the color of the louvers, it was decided that the louvers should be white.

The billing statement for \$328,536.80 from Beckenhauers was discussed. It is mostly for materials. Treasurer Suminski reported that we are able to cover the cost for now, but may need to cash a CD for Sept. expenses. Hergott noted that all the contractors are bonded which allows for any problems to be addressed. Because the new HVAC equipment may be installed where the old

registers and piping was removed, carpet and hole repair due to the removal will be addressed later. Hergott also advised waiting to address the wiring issues in the Road Office until installation is completed. Hergott agreed to give a progress report to the Board at their last meeting each month. He will contact the Building & Grounds Committee with estimates for asbestos removal and he advised that the pipes on the 4th floor may need to be reinsulated after the asbestos is removed.

The County received \$1315.60 for the old Courthouse radiators and Road Supt. Leth estimated the County's expense to dispose of them was \$500, leaving \$800 to split with Wadas. It was noted that Buster Beckenhauer had offered to pay \$500 toward the radiator removal and it was agreed that this \$500 would go to Wadas along with a County check in the amount of \$150.

At 11:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Deputy Assessor Nance and the County Clerk were present.

Notices of Rejection of Homestead were presented for Ruth L. Vanderbeek Trust, Dennis Micek & Susan K. Schneider Trust and Anna M. Stewart. The first two were rejected due to death of the property owner prior to the August 15 deadline. The third was rejected due to sale of the property prior to the deadline. All three Homestead Rejections were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

There being no further business to come before the BOE, the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m..

Bill Abts of Ameritas Investment Corp. presented the paperwork to issue bonds in the amount of \$750,000 to finance a portion of the Courthouse HVAC/Window Renovation Project. A handout was provided listing the payment schedule. He noted that interest rates beginning at 3.65% and ending at 4.60% were locked in. Interest payments will be due May 15, 2007, November 15, 2007 and May 15, 2008 and the first principal and interest payment will be due November 15, 2008. The bonds will be callable in 5 years, without penalty with 30 days notice. The average levy is estimated at .0170. The money will be in hand on October 3, 2006. Resolution 06-24 authorizing the issuance of County Building Bonds in the amount of \$750,000 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Regarding additional financing options, Supervisor Cullers noted that she remains in contact with Chuck Furher of NLVRPP and she said the County does qualify for Nebraska tax credit and she is awaiting further information.

Treasurer Janet Suminski provided the Fund Balance Report for July. Fund Balances as of July 31, 2006 include: General \$172,750.07, Road \$54855.31, Inheritance Tax \$1,017,770.83. The Road allocation was \$41,410.01. The final Hospital Bond payment will be made in Sept., 2006.

Suminski presented pie charts for the Villages, Ord City and Ord Township illustrating how taxes are distributed within those tax districts. The charts presented were for 2005 taxes. The Board suggested that copies be posted in the village and city Post Offices. The schools receive from 41% to 62%, the City of Ord 34%, North Loup 36%, Arcadia 23%, Elyria 19%, County from 15% to 24%.

The Sheriff's Annual Distress Warrant Report for FY 2005/2006, filed with the Treasurer on August 8, was presented along with the Treasurer's Report of Distress Warrants Returned from the Sheriff. The Sheriff's report indicated that 35 Distress Warrants were received from the Treasurer on November 1, 2005, totaling taxes due in the amount of \$13,057.13. He collected a total of \$10,837.55 in full payment of 28 warrants and 1 partial payment. One warrant was canceled and 5 were uncollected for reasons listed in his report. The 1 partial payment and the 5 uncollected were returned unsatisfied. Funds collected in satisfaction of the warrants were remitted to the Treasurer along with \$70.00 in Sheriff's fees. The Treasurer did not request to strike any of the uncollected warrants, as two of them are not eligible and she felt the others may be collectable in the future.

BCBS Rep., Gary Streeks' presentation included information on the High-Deductible Health Plan, formulary drugs, in-network specialty pharmacies, drug preauthorization list, BluesEnroll, Blue

Access, life insurance and partially self-funded insurance programs. He said formulary drugs are those selected by BCBS to be more fully covered and noted that prescription drugs are almost 20% of the rise in cost of insurance. In-network specialty pharmacies only handle specialty drugs that are difficult for local pharmacies to handle because they are very expensive and have a short shelf-life. Beginning Sept. 1 electronic enrollment will begin through the BluesEnroll program. He asked the Board to contact BCBS if they consider going to some type of partially self-funded insurance at some point in the future and give him a chance to rebut their claims.

Discussion was held regarding forms received from FSA for the reduction in acres to the County Farm due to the development of the Mortensen Industrial Site. Ash moved to approve the FSA base reduction and authorize the signing of Tract Redistribution Forms CCC-517 for tract 820 and tract 958 and Form CCC-505 Voluntary Permanent Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Base Acres Reduction, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. James Knapp was present for the discussion and County Attorney Cullers presented an addendum to the County Farm lease between Knapp and the County to adjust the acreage and the rent payments. Said addendum was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Bethanne Kunz requested the reappointment of Garry Miska to the CDBG Re-use Committee. Supervisor Cullers moved to approve the reappointment of Miska to the CDBG Re-use Committee as requested, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz also requested a letter of support for the Transportation Enhancement grant application for the downtown lighting project and a draft copy of a letter of support was presented by Supervisor Cullers. Ash moved to approve the letter of support drafted by Cullers and that it be put on County Board letterhead, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Informal bids received from Colliers Landscaping and Lawn Care and Turf Pro for the removal of trees from the Courthouse lawn were opened. Colliers Landscaping bid of \$3000.00 included removal of 8 trees, clean up, hauling away debris, grinding out the stumps of 6 trees in the main yard, hauling in dirt to fill the holes and overseeding with blue grass. Turf-Pro bid \$2,115 to remove 8 trees, grind out the stumps and haul off the debris. Adam Kunz of Turf-Pro was called to see what he would charge for filling the holes and seeding and he indicated he would do it for \$250, bringing his total bid to \$2365. Ash moved to accept the low bid of \$2365 from Turf-Pro for tree removal and Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Collins, due to relationship. The Board noted that the two cedars adjacent to the west entrance need to be removed right away, the remaining 6 trees after the ground is frozen.

The letter from Attorney Glenn A. Clark expressing interest in the Valley County Attorney position was acknowledged and the position vacancy was discussed.

The County Budget for fiscal year 06-07 was discussed and final cuts were made. Sheriff Ronzzo was present for discussion of the Sheriff and Jail budget requests. He currently receives \$300 per month as Jail Administrator and requested \$600. He told the Board he would accept \$450. The Board directed that the Jail Administrator salary be set at \$450 per month beginning January 1, 2007. The Clerk is to prepare a resolution regarding the increase for Board approval at the next meeting. The Sheriff's request for \$1.00 per hour raise for Jail Tenders was allowed again this year, however, the line item was cut from \$95,035 to \$79,000 due to an error in calculation. The Sheriff's line item for secretarial salary was cut from \$23,338 to \$21,500 in an effort to keep it in line with comparable salaries in other County offices. Ronzzo also agreed to cut his request for autos from \$28,500 to \$17,500. Larry Schrage was present for discussion of the Ambulance budget request. At the suggestion of the County Board, Schrage has arranged for the lease-purchase of a new ambulance. The first payment will not be due until the next fiscal year, so the \$90,000 requested for a new ambulance will be cut from this year's budget. Schrage also agreed to cut the ambulance costs line item from \$40,000 to \$25,000. Cuts were also made to the County Road budget request: pickup line item was cut from \$18,000 to \$12,000, \$40,000 for other equipment was cut entirely, and

misc. was cut from \$10,000 to \$6000. The Veterans Service Officer budget request for a salary increase from \$4800 per year to \$7200 was cut to \$5000 per year.

Attorney Cullers gave his report at this time, as he needed to leave. Cullers said he will put together a proposal for establishing a Mortensen Industrial Site Development Committee for the next meeting. He has researched the Law Library issue and feels that much of what the County now has is outdated and can be disposed of but will get Judge Noakes' opinion first. He presented a draft Law Library Guide, listing the reference books and where they are located. He will develop this further as decisions are made on where the library will be located and what it will offer. Tax foreclosures were filed last Monday, several have paid and will be dismissed. Cullers noted he was required to provide information to the auditors that there are currently two pending lawsuits against the County; Schauers and Ammerman.

It was moved by Ash, seconded by Baker that Budget Hearings be set for the next regular meeting on Sept. 12, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. for the Budget Hearing and 9:40 a.m. to Set Final Tax Request. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Sintek that a Bond Fund be established to allow for payment of the Courthouse Building Renovation Bond. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

August claims were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County inventories were reviewed. Supervisor Cullers moved to approve the inventories, seconded by Baker. Carried. Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Lodging Tax receipts for June were \$1209.03 and the County received \$930.00 for County Attorney IV D reimbursement.

The County received five separate certification of orders issued by the Nebr. Public Service Commission. The Clerk reported that Region 26 Director, Alma Beland, indicated that these were informational only and required no action by the County.

The NIRMA telephonic conference regarding employment law and personnel management on Sept. 7 was noted as was the quarterly loss report.

There were no Committee Reports. The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, OFHS Open House, Wilcox Financial Service solicitation letter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 29 meeting and an agenda for the Sept. 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

GENERAL FUND		08-29-2006	
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Payroll	August	August	\$48,112.29
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$28.72
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$92.10
Anderson Pharmacy	supplies	sup	\$12.87
Pamella K Arnold	reimb meeting	mtg	\$194.21
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$24,023.22
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$568.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$74.97
Charter Communications	telephone	tele	\$20.46
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$760.00
Helen L Cullers	reimb meeting	mtg	\$71.20
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Dugan Business Forms	supplies	sup	\$122.82
Jojo P Dunn	unif allowance	exp	\$100.00
Eakes Office Plus Inc	supplies	sup	\$29.98
Mark L. Eurek	appointed	atty	\$1,667.68
F & S Supply Co. Inc.	supplies	sup	\$53.98
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$5.72
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$436.48
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$175.50
Global Equipment Co.	supplies	sup	\$171.55
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$662.14
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
Harbro	supplies	sup	\$101.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$17.28
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$738.50
K N L V Inc.	adv mtg ntc	ntc	\$42.00
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$272.25
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
Maximus Inc	services	serv	\$678.32
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$305.54
Moore Wallace	services	serv	\$82.18
NACO Central Dist.	registrations	reg	\$120.00
Linda Nance	reimb exp	mil	\$60.41
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$51.47
Nebr Dept Health & Human Services	services	serv	\$15.00
Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles	supplies	sup	\$11.00
Nebr. Secretary of State	registration	reg	\$20.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$579.37
Notary Public Underwriters	services	serv	\$94.50
NSA/POAN Conference	registration	reg	\$80.00
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$366.77

Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$506.44
Ord Post Office	postage	pstg	\$39.00
Ord Quiz	subscription	subsc	\$32.00
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$244.28
Orr Law Office	ct appt atty	atty	\$240.00
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Petska Backhoe and Plumbing Inc	services	serv	\$247.95
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Public Safety Center Inc	supplies	sup	\$360.94
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$1,067.33
Repco Marketing Inc	supplies	sup	\$20.00
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$362.12
SGS	repairs	rep	\$159.45
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$3,116.50
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$758.14
Janet Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$37.43
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,960.91
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$61.08
Union Bank & Trust CO	retirement	rt	\$3,121.74
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$87.00
Valley Co Dist. Court	fees	fees	\$197.00
Valley Co Economic Development	agreement	pmt	\$6,667.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$756.44
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$48,680.01
Valley Co P & Z Fund	transfer funds	trans	\$330.46
Valley Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$22.80
Valley Co Sheriff	petty cash	sup	\$22.00
Valley Co Treasurer	RE Taxes	tax	\$2,304.86
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,140.88
Gary Walker	unif allow	exp	\$104.28
West-Central Dist Assessors Assn	meeting	mtg	\$5.95
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$158,098.54

## ROAD FUND

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Payroll	August	August	\$33,341.94
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Alltel	telephone	tele	\$62.46
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$36.63
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Browns His Side Her Side	supplies	sup	\$22.11
Contec Construction Products Inc	culverts	sup	\$3,400.00
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$5,441.45

Del-Ray MFG	parts	pts	\$495.00
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$536.68
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$15.72
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$122.45
Jebro Inc	oil	oil	\$32,377.22
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$28.62
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$31.21
NACO Central District	registration	reg	\$20.00
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$41.28
Nebr Machinery	parts	pts	\$2,034.45
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$96.24
Nebr Truck Equip Co Inc	parts	pts	\$77.71
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$69.56
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$105.16
Ord Post Office	postage	pstg	\$78.00
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$8.98
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$50.70
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$59.99
Presco Sales & Service Inc	supplies	sup	\$27.54
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$9.78
Scott' s TV Inc	repair	rep	\$19.95
SGS	repair	rep	\$339.01
Stern Oil	oil	oil	\$1,619.36
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$9,162.40
Trotter Truck Plaza	repair	rep	\$1,076.63
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$8,813.50
Union Bank & Trust CO	rt co share	rt	\$2,250.59
Vander Haag' s Inc.	parts	pts	\$1,650.00
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	Road fund	totals	\$103,535.32

#### PLANNING & ZONING

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Payroll	August	August	\$430.00
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$29.53
Union Bank & Trust Co	retirement	rt	\$29.03
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$488.56

#### VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

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Ord Chamber of Commerce	lodging tax/ser	pmt	\$2,481.98
Ben Plowman	services	serv	\$95.23
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	Visitors fund	totals	\$2,577.21

#### RELIEF FUND

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Kinder Morgan Inc	utilities	ut	\$40.34
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$223.82
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	Relief fund	totals	\$764.16
<b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>			
****			****
Beckenhauer Construction Inc	services	serv	\$328,536.80
****			****
	Inheritance Fund	totals	\$328,536.80
<b>WEED FUND</b>			
****			****
Payroll	August	August	\$1,050.00
*****	*****	*****	*****
NACO Central Dist	registration	reg	\$20.00
Union Bank & Trust Co	retirement	rt	\$70.88
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,140.88
		Spent	\$595,141.47

## 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, September 12, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cullers, and Baker present. The Clerk verified that notice of the meeting was published and the agenda posted at the Courthouse and on the website. The minutes of the August 29 meeting were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available to the public. No public comment was offered.

As recommended by the auditors, Resolution 06-25 was presented for Board consideration to authorize petty cash funds of \$50.00 each for the Road Dept. and the Sheriff's Office. Said Resolution was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt. Leth noted a request from the Nebr. DOR for information on certain older bridges they identified. The County does not have existing plans for these bridges so Leth plans to make them part of his bridge inspection program this year to gather the necessary information.

Leth approved the Olsson Associates billing for \$41.06 which he said was for the trip to inspect the ethanol plant road and the bill has been forwarded to Ord City for payment.

The road to the Region 26 tower was discussed. Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, was present. Supervisor Dean Ash, Valley County Rep. on the Region 26 Board, asked the Board to consider changing the road's status from minimum maintenance to local so that it could be graveled and maintained. Ash said the tower is also used by Altell, the State Patrol and the weather radio and it is important to the people in this area that the tower be accessible. Road Supt. Leth said that the road would have to be graded to meet design standards in order to change its classification and that the County's policy is that the requester pays that cost. Discussion included the possibility of making an exception to the policy as well as the possibility of sharing the cost with the other entities using the tower and other counties within Region 26 that benefit from its use. Discussion also included the cost incurred by Region 26 for rental of the land, repair and upkeep of the tower and the income received by Region 26 for use of the tower by Altell. No decision was made at this time. Leth is to prepare a cost estimate and report back to the Board.

Beland agreed to leave a 911 map with the new road names and numbers for the Board to review. She will pick up the map at a later date. Chairman Sevenker asked for her input on agenda item 12C regarding the request from Larry Dix, NACO Director and Buffalo County Sheriff Neil A. Miller on the use of the 50¢ cell phone surcharge to fund the implementation of Phase II wireless technology in all Nebraska 911 centers. Beland had not seen the letter and so was not able to comment on it. She asked for a copy of the letter.

Leth reported Haskell Creek Road overlay will be finished this week and they will start maintaining next week. He purchased a 1991 and a 1993 flat bed pickup through Government Surplus for \$3750 each and a self-propelled Hustler mower for \$350. He is checking to see if a snow blower can be added to the mower as it looks like it has had one on it. Damage to cable guardrail on Ashton road has been repaired. Pivots spraying roads was again discussed. The Board asked Leth to look for a snowblower for the Courthouse through Government Surplus.

At 9:40 a.m. the Budget Hearing, scheduled for 9:30 a.m., and the Special hearing to Set Final Tax Request, scheduled for 9:40 a.m., were both opened. Chairman Sevenker asked for public comment, there was none. County Budget Accountant Chuck Abel presented several informational handouts. He noted that the levy could have been raised this year but felt it would be better to wait a year to see if higher valuations and the ethanol plant provide sufficient additional funding. He also said budgeting to spend the Inheritance Tax Fund each year does not mean it must be spent, only

that it is available if needed. Abel explained that certain funds are excepted from the restricted funds and are not included for levy limit purposes. He said the State Auditor recommends that County's approve the additional 1% budget increase, which they can do by resolution. Resolution 06-26, providing authority for the County to budget an additional 1%, was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 06-27, adopting the County Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 06-28, authorizing the Board to set the property tax request for the current year at a different amount than the prior year, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 06-29, regarding reimbursement of the Townships, was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Sintek moved to approve Resolution 06-30, authorizing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from County General to Road, Planning & Zoning and Weed on an as needed basis to meet their expenses, not to exceed the budgeted amounts allowed by the County Board, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 06-31, raising the Jail Administrator compensation from \$300 to \$450 per month, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Abel advised that a copy of the minutes indicating Board approval of the Budget is required to be included in the Budget filed with the State. At 10:15 a.m. the Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request were closed.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented written information regarding the Hospital Board August 16 meeting agenda, their July 19 minutes and the financial report for July and YTD 2006. The packet also included a copy of their Quality Improvement Plan, revised August, 2006. Schrage said July figures indicate utilization and gross revenue are up, operating revenue is up 2% and expenses are under budget. The Hospital Board has approved the purchase of 3 more vehicles. The initial fleet of 15 cars has resulted in substantial cost savings and it is felt the 3 additional ones will do the same. A long-term special care unit has been approved by the Hospital Board. Currently they serve 48 residents and it is hoped that the special care unit will bring them to capacity at 54 patients. The Hospital has added a life insurance benefit for employees, \$25,000 of term life for all employees at a cost of \$7500 annually. They will receive their audit report in October. On August 14, the State investigated a complaint and found it to be unsubstantiated. The old Chanticleer Restaurant building purchased by the Hospital is currently being used for group meetings or training.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:50 a.m..

Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke, requested that the reappointment of Ellen Novak to the Board of Adjustment be added to today's agenda as her term has expired. The reappointment of Pat Frazer at the August 29 meeting was in error as her term has not expired. The reappointment of Novak was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The August Fee Reports for County Clerk and District Court were acknowledged.

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented the month-end fund report. Receipts for August totaled 1,727,000. Fund totals are: General \$370,875.95, Road \$47,735.16, and Inheritance Tax \$709,996.26. Airport Bond will be paid off this month. A Pledge Security with First Nebr. Bank in Arcadia had matured and was repledged. Suminski said she had Chem-Dry remove a rust spot from her office carpet due to leakage from one of the old heating registers when it was removed. She will absorb the \$66.00 cost in her office budget. She also presented a report regarding checking, savings accounts and CD's listing the name of the institution, balances and interest rates. She noted that the CD's are for one year so early withdrawal only requires a one month penalty. NPAIT gives a good rate for funds that are readily accessible. Suminski reported regarding items listed in the audit summary exit report prepared by Dana Cole that pertained to her office. She explained each item, her reason for compliance or noncompliance with the recommendation and noted her concerns

Sintek moved to go into Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Appraiser Chad Martinsen reported that he is continuing to work on the reappraisal of Valley County. Elyria, Noble, Eureka and Ord Townships are completed. Springdale and Michigan Townships have been reappraised and the Assessor's Office is updating the records. Geranium Township is currently being reappraised. The plan is to complete Liberty Township this year, four townships next year and the last three the following year. Martinsen has not found much new unreported construction but many older buildings have been removed from the tax rolls. A letter is sent to all property owners prior to the reappraisal so they will be aware of it and at the same time their signature is requested on a letter to FSA to get a land breakdown for the record.

Tax list corrections were presented due to the sale of homes that are to be moved out of the county. Tax List Corrections for Randall & Heidi Dawe for a 1977 Bonnavilla Modular and Devota Andersen for a 1973 Riviera Mobile Home were approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

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

New Business item 12A, regarding the sale of TTS Marketing, LLC, was discussed next as Bethanne Kunz, VCED Director was present. The County is being asked to approve the sale and release Timberline from any unfulfilled portion of the agreement under which the County loaned them \$100,000, to be forgiven if they met certain conditions, as incentive to their locating in Ord. Written information was provided regarding the agreement, what remains unfulfilled and why it would be in the County's best interest to approve the sale. Timberline was to have kept it's personal property in Valley County until the end of the first five year lease, which would be November 5, 2006, however, Aurora Telemarketing, Inc. needs to take possession of the building before this date. Advantages to the County would be that Aurora Telemarketing, Inc. will have substantially higher valuation on it's newer equipment, they are likely to have more inbound business than TTS and offer an excellent benefits package which would provide more secure employment, and they are based in Aurora. Following discussion, Resolution 06-32, approving the sale and releasing TTS from any further obligation to the County, was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Beckenhauer Construction faxed three bids for asbestos removal to the Clerk's Office for the Board's consideration. Environmental Services, Inc. of Norfolk bid \$9,400, Bockmann, Inc. of Lincoln bid \$23,400 and Great Plains Asbestos Control, Inc. bid \$14,000. It was noted that the amount bid by GPAC, Inc. could not be found on the faxed bid, however, Brian Hergott indicated to both Chairman Sevenker and Clerk Lindsey that the bid was \$14,000. Sevenker reported that, in the interest of time and based on Beckenhauer's recommendation, he had given tentative approval for Beckenhauer's to proceed with the low bidder, Environmental Services, Inc., and asked the Board to formally approve the choice. If the Board approves, the removal is to begin on Sept. 18. Ash moved, seconded by Baker, to formally accept the low bid of Environmental Services, Inc. for asbestos removal in the Courthouse. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

A billing statement in the amount of \$942.60 was received for the dumpster ordered by the County for disposal of items stored on the fourth floor. It was noted that the dumpster was also used for disposal of brick removed from the fourth floor as part of the installation of the new heating and air-conditioning system. Chairman Sevenker reported that he had called Beckenhauers and was told that the County needs to have a dumpster on site but disposal of the brick is part of the bid and they will take care of the bill. A copy of the statement was mailed to Beckenhauer Construction.

Sevenker also reported that he called Tom Dworak in regard to a delay in receiving the new Courthouse windows and that Dworak is checking into it. Attorney Cullers noted that he will talk to

Judge Noakes regarding the disposal of books from the fourth floor and those that currently make up the County's Law Library. He said Holt County has gone to an electronic library and feels we should do the same. Sevenker said Adam Kunz will be submitting a bill for the cost of removal of the two cedar trees on either side of the west entrance to the Courthouse. The remaining six trees will be removed after the ground has hardened and a separate bill will be submitted for them at that time.

Discussion was held regarding the issuance of County payroll checks on the last Tuesday of the month when the Board meets and approves them. The checks are for the entire month and typically there are several days remaining in the month so employees are receiving payment for days they have not worked. Discussion also included checks being disbursed to employees prior to the conclusion of the Board Meeting at which the checks are approved and the practice of issuing December checks early which results in more days paid before they are worked. Following discussion, Collins moved to set the December, 2006 early payroll date on December 19, 2006, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved, that beginning with the January, 2007 payroll, checks will be approved at the last monthly Board meeting but not disbursed to employees until the last working day of the month. The motion was seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. Abstain: Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

None of the Board members felt they would be able to attend the presentation of the Proclamation signed by Governor Heineman designating the 15 Counties of Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, Rock, Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Wheeler and Valley as a "BIO-BASED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FRIENDLY REGION". The invitation was from Loup Basin RC&D and the presentation was to be at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 19th in Ainsworth.

The letter requesting comment on what 911 center costs should be paid from the 50¢ surcharge on cell phones was discussed earlier in the meeting when Region 26 Director Alma Beland was present. The Board did not feel that they had enough information to give an informed response.

The Board had no response to the request for nominations to the Office of Dispute Resolution Advisory Council of the Nebr. Supreme Court.

The NACO Annual Legislative Conference on October 5 at the Kearney Holiday Inn was noted.

Receipt of the official notice of approval from the Nebr. Dept. of Economic Development for the CDBG of \$203,000 to implement a Homebuyer Program was noted for the record.

The Clerk reported that, at the request of the Hospital Ambulance and with the approval of Chairman Sevenker, she had applied for and received a FIN (Fleet Identification Number) through Ford Motor Company. The dealer from whom the new ambulance is to be purchased indicated that if you have a FIN number you can get a \$1000 to \$4000 deduction on the cost of the ambulance. A copy of the letter from Ford regarding the approval of the FIN was provided to the Board.

The current expenditures report for August, 2006 was acknowledged.

The auditors recommendations per exit interview were discussed as well as their request for the County to sign a letter authorizing them to request information regarding the Wozab Foundation from the Nebraska Community Foundation. The Board felt that a lot of effort had been made to keep the Wozab Foundation separate from the County and noted that past auditors had not made this request. Sintek noted that a copy of the Nebr. Community Foundation audit should be on file with the Wozab Foundation information and that this should be made available to the Dana Cole auditors.

The Clerk reported that the notice requesting bids for snow removal at the Courthouse had been published, but the Quiz had missed her request to publish it twice. No bids were received. The Board decided to see what Leth finds for snow removal equipment through Government Surplus.

County Attorney, Randy Cullers, reported that he purchased a "for deposit only" stamp to facilitate auditor requirements. He said that the auditors note that the County is not in compliance with the bid process for purchases between \$5,000 and \$20,000 is misleading, in that the County is not required to formally bid such purchases but it is their practice to do so. Cullers also said it is not necessary to publish the upcoming County Attorney. He said the cost for publishing in the World

Herald would be \$212.80, the G.I. Independent \$234 to \$415. Publishing in the Nebr. Lawyer October edition, which goes to all licensed attorneys in the state, would cost \$25 for the first 30 words and 50¢ each additional word. The Board agreed that a notice be published in the Nebr. Lawyer. They also noted that the Surveyor position would be vacant at the beginning of the new term.

The auditors had noted on the Audit Summary that they would assist the Board with the preparation of the Management Discussion and Analysis document which is a required part of the audit. The Clerk is to notify them that their assistance would be appreciated.

Mail Folder items available for review: The Chamber Pulse, Rural News Bits, NPAIT Newsletter, Nebr. Business Development Conference Info, Nebr. PSC Certification, NDEQ Grant Info.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 12 meeting and an agenda for the September 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was held on September 26, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Prior to the start of the meeting, retiring Road Dept. employee, Larry Barta was honored for 40 years of service to the County. The County Board, Road Supt. Leth and Road Dept. employees were present. Leth presented Barta with a plaque to commemorate the occasion and the Board offered their congratulations and appreciation. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Baker, Ash, Collins, Sintek, Cullers and Cetak were present, Chairman Sevenker's absence was excused. Vice-Chairman Collins conducted the meeting. Sept. 12 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Collins noted that the open meetings act is posted in the Boardroom and copies of the act are available to the public. There was no public comment.

Road Dept. Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported on September Road claims. Accounts payable was \$94,673.37, payroll \$33,359.34. The larger expenses were fuel, sheet piling, 2 pickups, a mower, tire and tire repair, and gravel. It was noted that the cost of fuel is going down.

James Moreau of Olsson Associates presented an agreement required by Nebraska Central Railroad Co. for the installation of the new crossing where the RR meets County Road 482. A cost estimate was also presented. The work could start as early as next week. Leth asked for advance notice as the road will have to be closed and he will notify emergency personnel. The County will supply the barricades. Cetak moved, seconded by Sintek, to approve the agreement between the RR and the County for the crossing. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Moreau noted that traffic volume at the ethanol plant intersection is not sufficient for lights or a turn lane even with the anticipated truck traffic.

Leth reported armor coating was finished last Sunday. Although highway allocation funds are down and the state is cutting back on projects there is not expected to be a significant impact on Counties. The Ord/Burwell project has been moved back to December, the Coatsfield project and the North Loup/Ord project are in the state's 1 & 6 year plan. A letter from NDOR regarding a Statewide Historic Bridge Inventory from 1947-1965 was discussed. Leth did not think there are any in Valley County that are not already on the historic register. Leth reported that, following his discussion with Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, the County will gravel the Region 26 Tower road and Region 26 will pay for the gravel. Since there is not a lot of traffic on it, it should last a long time.

Water line Easements for Jack Van Slyke and James Lech were presented. Leth said both were okay. Easement 06-249 for Van Slyke was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Easement 06-250 for James Lech was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Ash, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Easement 06-251 was also approved for Lech on motion of Sintek, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Leth recommended approval of Kinder Morgan's request for a gas-line easement. Easement 06-252 for Kinder Morgan was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The Annual Certificate and Road & Bridge Contract presented by Leth were approved by the Board on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The Hospital report was presented by Larry Schrage, CEO. The usual packet was presented with information regarding the Hospital Board's latest agenda and prior meeting minutes and financial information for the month and year-to-date. Schrage noted that while revenues are up, expenditures are a bit over estimates. He said it's too early in the new fiscal year to determine a trend, but they plan to curtail minor equipment purchases until later. There is a problem getting long-term care staff so outside staffing is necessary and is more costly. They may need to look at increasing salaries to

be competitive. Dr. Books begins on Monday, he is covering for Dr. Bengston's maternity leave for 6 months. The special care unit is on target to open October 1. A new ambulance was purchased for \$19,000. It will be titled in the County's name and the County will need to sign the lease. Delivery is anticipated in late October.

Supervisor Cullers reported that the County could qualify for grant funds through the Nebr. Community Enhancement Program but an application needs to be submitted by mid November. Following discussion, the Board authorized Cullers to ask Kunz and Collier to submit a landscape plan drawing for the Courthouse lawn using low maintenance shrubs.

Cullers also suggested that the Board send thank you notes to Clark Sintek, Evan Baker and Erin Baker for their help in cleaning out the 4th floor. The Board approved.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, Administrator of the Housing Grant recently awarded to the County, presented the General Administration Agreement for Board consideration. A copy was provided to County Attorney Cullers for his review prior to the meeting. The Administration fee is \$12,000 which comes out of the grant funds. Following discussion, the agreement was approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cullers, Cetak, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

More information will be needed before the Board can approve the Partial Assignment of Water Contracts for Tracts 212-A and 214-A from Dvoraks and Knapps through North Loup River PP & Irrig. District.

Custodian Rolland Cronk asked if anything had been decided regarding Courthouse snow removal. The Board indicated Road Supt. Leth is still looking for equipment through the surplus auction. Cronk noted that the smaller snow blower also needs to be replaced and advised that it would be better if it were a little bigger than the old one. It was decided that the County will not advertise again for snow removal at this time.

September claims were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

The request of Saline Co. Commissioner, Willis D. Luedke for support for the office of NACO Sec./Treas. was noted.

Following discussion, Sintek moved, seconded by Cetak, to approve advertising the County Surveyor position for the coming term in the County Line magazine. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

A copy of the Region 26 Council 2006-07 Fiscal Year budget and the assessments for member counties was discussed.

A letter from Attorney Dale Crandall expressing interest in the Valley County Attorney vacancy for the next term was discussed. The ad for the position is to run this month. County Attorney Cullers noted that the Board should set the terms and conditions they require for the position.

July Lodging Tax receipts of \$1182.72, County Farm Rent of \$4700 and \$6930 and County Attorney IV-D Reimbursement of \$1214.72 was acknowledged.

Attorney Cullers reported assisting the Clerk's Office in complying with multiple requests for public records from the Stop Over Spending organization. He advised that a response to such requests is required within 4 days and that fees can be charged for copies, research and handling.

Cullers also reported that an EEOC complaint filed against the County has been dismissed.

He asked if the Board has received any comments regarding the Mortensen Site development and how it is progressing. He advised that by-laws need to be developed and the existing restrictions need to be enforced. Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke, has been getting anonymous reports. Cullers advised that some of the Board members should visit the site.

Cullers said he received a letter from Region 3 informing him that Valley County is to be transitioned from Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings to Richard Young Hospital in Kearney for EPC patients. Cullers said his experience with Richard Young has not been as good as that with Mary Lanning and expressed concern about the change. He noted that Mary Lanning is usually full and Richard Young is not, which may indicate others have had similar experiences with the two hospitals.

After discussing the County Law Library with Judge Noakes, Cullers said most of the old books can be destroyed. Judge Noakes is agreeable to using a computer to provide access to a Law Library. Cullers provided information on the cost of a lap top, noting that after he got the information he learned that the Judge was not interested in a lap top. Clerk Lindsey said that her office just received a new computer from the state for Clerk of the District Court work and the old one would be available for use by the Judge and as a Law Library. Cullers said the books the County needs to keep are the Northwest Reporter Series, the Nebraska Reporter and the current Statute Books.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Region 26 Agenda, CNCS Recap, Economic Trends, Waterlog, Beckenhauer Building Blocks, Interchange, NDOR Annual Report, NDOR Long-Rang Transportation Plan, NDOR Surface Transportation Meetings, Nebr. Surface Transportation Program Book.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction was to have given a report on the progress of the Courthouse renovation project at 11:00 a.m., however, he had not yet arrived. The Clerk called Hergott's cell phone and received no answer, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 26 meeting and an agenda for the October 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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				Claims	Withholdings	Claim total
GENERAL FUND				09-26-2006		
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Payroll	September	Sept.	\$47,491.67			
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00			
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$70.11			
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$91.99			
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE		W/H		\$1,407.09		
Anderson Pharmacy	supplies	sup	\$34.24			
Arcadia Township Treas	levy trans	trans	\$4,558.50			
Pamella K Arnold	reimb meeting	mtg	\$78.47			
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00			
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$24,023.22	\$709.39	\$24,732.61	
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$224.00			
Alison C Brentzel	witness fees	serv	\$84.08			
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$291.67			
Buffalo Co Clerk	probation cost	serv	\$2,170.90			
CAPITAL GAURDIAN TRUST		W/H		\$550.00		
Charter Communications	telephone	tele	\$41.97			
Chem-Dry	carpet clng	serv	\$66.00			
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$340.00			
Cornhusker.net	internet	serv	\$56.85			
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00			
Dugan Business Forms	supplies	sup	\$379.61			
Election Systems & Software	supplies	sup	\$157.14			
Family Advocacy Network	services	serv	\$250.00			
Farm & Home Publishers	plat books	sup	\$286.32			
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00	\$656.66	\$662.66	
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$436.48	\$17.37	\$453.85	
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00			
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$185.70			
Grand Island Independent	subscription	subsc	\$117.00			
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57			
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$340.06			
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00			
Kayla Hinrichs	reimb sup	exp	\$208.57			
Holiday Inn Midtown	meeting	mtg	\$191.85			
Holt Co. Treas.	services	serv	\$21.42			
Hornady	supplies	sup	\$85.30			
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.96			
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$149.00			
Kunz Inc	services	serv	\$45.28			
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00			
Martinsen Appraisal	services	serv	\$5,306.50			
Mid-Nebraska Individual Svcs	services	serv	\$4,647.00			
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89			
Moore Medical	supplies	sup	\$54.23			
NACO	registration	reg	\$90.00			
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$75.17			
Nebr Dept HHS Laboratory	services	serv	\$75.00			

NEBR. DEPT. OF REVENUE		W/H		\$1,063.10	
Nebr. Secretary of State	supplies	sup	\$10.00		
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$623.65		
North Loup Township	levy trans	trans	\$5,000.00		
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$29.00		
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$1,161.58		
Ord Police Dept.	supplies	sup	\$9.28		
Ord Township Treas.	levy trans	trans	\$16,277.50		
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$254.99		
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00		
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50		
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00		
Protex Central	inspection	serv	\$67.00		
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$136.10		
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$655.53		
Region III	payment	pmt	\$2,076.44		
Region 26 Council	payment	pmt	\$14,344.61		
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$293.08		
Scott' s TV	services	serv	\$35.97		
Severson Lammers & Abel	services	serv	\$2,000.00		
SGS	services	serv	\$145.91		
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$3,672.25		
Ryan Slmpson	reimb expense	exp	\$28.49		
So Central Ne Agency on Aging	payment	pmt	\$912.00		
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$955.54		
Janet Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$183.98		
TerraScan Inc	services	serv	\$9,613.43		
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00		
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,837.52	\$6,172.12	\$12,009.64
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$67.64		
Union Bank & Trust CO	retirement	rt	\$3,038.40	\$2,052.46	\$5,090.86
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00		
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$191.00		
Valley Co Dist. Court	fees	fees	\$62.00		
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$490.02		
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$80,297.55		
Valley Co Hospital	services	serv	\$42.00		
Valley Co P & Z Fund	transfer funds	trans	\$0.00		
Valley Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$47.95		
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,146.91		
Wadas Inc	radiators	sup	\$150.00		
York General Hospital	services	serv	\$167.00		
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				gen fund claims	
	Gen. fund	totals	\$243,476.54	\$12,628.19	\$208,613.06
<b>ROAD FUND</b>					
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Payroll	September	Sept.	\$33,359.34		

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Alltel	telephone	tele	\$61.04		
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$37.38		
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00		
Clamp Inc	supplies	sup	\$362.40		
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$9,582.20		
Diamonds Too	supplies	sup	\$46.00		
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$247.91		
Employee Data Forms	supplies	sup	\$20.25		
F & S Supply Co	supplies	sup	\$50.51		
Farm & Home Publishers	supplies	sup	\$78.09		
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$115.72		
Husker Steel	sheet pilings	sup	\$5,784.00		
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$142.26		
Jebro Inc	oil	oil	\$40,536.62		
Maxon Leth	mileage	exp	\$139.73		
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$31.92		
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$40.18		
Nebr Dept Correctional Serv	equipment	equ	\$7,850.00		
Nebr Machinery	parts	pts	\$315.89		
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$95.58		
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$579.86		
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$110.67		
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$279.52		
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$124.41		
Postmaster	rent	rent	\$116.00		
Presco Sales	supplies	sup	\$589.82		
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$84.92		
Quiz Graphic Arts	notice	ntc	\$24.85		
Ropers Radiator	repairs	rep	\$250.00		
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$63.67		
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$11,982.83		
Trotter Truck Plaza	repair	rep	\$2,154.37		
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$10,490.00		
Union Bank & Trust CO	rt co share	rt	\$2,251.77		
Warner Body Shop	parts	pts	\$20.00		
				rd claims	
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	Road fund	totals	\$128,032.71	\$11,483.37	\$106,156.74

#### PLANNING & ZONING

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Payroll	September	Sept.	\$530.00	
Brown' s His Slde Her Side	supplies	sup	\$53.32	
Farm & Home PUblishers LTD	plat directory	sup	\$27.50	
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$162.75	
Greeley Citizen	notices	ntc	\$12.96	
Jean Hawley	meeting	mtg	\$25.13	
Larry Koelling	meeting	mtg	\$18.90	

Crystal Lech	meeting	mtg	\$21.13		
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H		\$0.00	
Quiz Graphic Arts	notices	ntc	\$18.76		
Marvin A Scheideler	meeting	mtg	\$18.90		
TIERONE BANK-ORD		W/H	\$0.00	\$40.55	
Union Bank & Trust Co	retirement	rt	\$35.78	\$23.85	
US Post Office	stamps	pstg	\$39.00		
Linda Wadas	meeting	mtg	\$17.57		
Jeff Wieskamp	meeting	mtg	\$25.13		
****		****		pz claims	
	P & Z Fund	totals	\$1,006.83		\$541.23
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>					
****		****			
Nebraska Life	advertising	ad	\$245.00		
****		****		visitors claims	
	Visitors fund	totals	\$245.00		\$245.00
<b>RELIEF FUND</b>					
****		****			
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00		
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$262.78		
****		****		relief claims	
	Relief fund	totals	\$762.78		\$762.78
<b>INSITIUTION FUND</b>					
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	Institution fund	totals	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>GRANT FUND</b>					
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	grant	grant	\$0.00		
				grant claims	
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	Grant fund	totals	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>					
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Alloy Specialty Inc	asbestos inspe	serv	\$825.00		
Gene' s Electric	ct room wiring	serv	\$1,840.00		
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	Inheritance Fund	totals	\$2,665.00		\$2,665.00
<b>COURTHOUSE BOND</b>					
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	Courthouse Bond	totals	\$0.00		\$0.00
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<b>HOSPITAL BOND</b>					

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					hosp. claims
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	Hospital Bond	totals	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>WEED FUND</b>					
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Payroll	September	Sept.	\$1,050.00		
*****	*****	*****	*****		
Farm & Home Publishers LTD	plat directory	sup	\$26.03		
NEBR. DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H		\$26.64	
TIER ONE-BANK		W/H		\$166.99	
Union Bank & Trust Co	retirement	rt	\$70.88	\$47.25	
****			****		weed claims
	Weed fund	totals	\$1,146.91		\$337.79
				total w/h' s	total claims
				\$24,416.84	\$319,321.60
		SPENT	<b>\$377,335.77</b>		

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cullers, Ash, Collins, Cetak, and Sevenker present. Chairman Sevenker reported that Supervisor Sintek would be late. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and agendas were posted. Minutes of the Sept. 26 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The agenda was adopted on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Boardroom and copies were available for the public. There was no public comment.

Easement 06-253 for Eugene Bruha was recommended for approval by Road Supt., Max Leth, and approved by the Board on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

Leth requested Board permission to sell the Henke truck plow as it does not work good for use on County roads. The Board approved advertising the Henke truck plow for sale on motion of Baker, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

The letter from NIRMA notifying the County of a Safety and Health Audit of the Courthouse and Highway Shops on October 11th was noted.

Leth reported that County road striping is completed except for the railroad crossing at the ethanol plant. He said concrete is still needed on each side of the tracks to finish the crossing and asked the Board if they wanted the County Road Dept. to pour it. He said this was not covered in the original agreement and that the County would be reimbursed for their labor and the cost of the concrete as there is money left in this fund. Leth said he felt the work needed to be done now as big trucks are already coming in. Ash moved that the County finish the road on each side of the railroad crossing and apply for reimbursement, Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Sintek arrived at 9:12 a.m., during the above discussion.

Leth reported that Federal surplus has no snow blowers that would work for the County at this time. He will continue to check. He has advertised the job opening created by the retirement of Larry Barta. Discussion was held regarding the need to replace Barta. Leth felt he needed to fill the position and the Board agreed that it be filled if Leth felt it was necessary. Cost of road striping this year was about \$13,000.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, gave the fund balance report for September. The General Fund balance is \$344,951.04, Inheritance Tax Fund balance is \$709,118.94 and \$39,819.14 was the Highway Allocation for the month. Suminski reminded the Board that when the Hospital Bond was paid off, \$6,321.25 from the Hospital Operating and Maintenance fund was used to complete the final payment and it was agreed that this amount would be returned to the O&M fund through the collection of back taxes on the old bond levy. Currently \$4718.51 has been collected. The Misc. Receipts folder is available for Board review. The Courthouse Bond money was received and is in a money market account at 3 plus percent interest.

The Clerk's September fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were presented.

The upcoming County Attorney vacancy was discussed. County Attorney Cullers noted that the ad was published and interested attorneys are to submit a proposal to the County by the October 31, 2006 meeting. The Board did not feel it was necessary to set conditions of employment, they will review submitted proposals.

County Attorney Cullers reported that he is working on by-laws for the Mortensen Industrial Site. He suggested the appointment of a committee to oversee the development of the site, perhaps made up of representatives appointed by the County Board from the Ord City Council, Economic Development Board, a Planning & Zoning representative and someone from the business community. Cullers hopes to have a proposal for the Board to look at before the end of the year.

Discussion was held regarding the disposal and/or storage of books and materials moved from the 4th floor to the 3rd floor of the Courthouse to make way for the new heating and air-conditioning system. These items are currently stored in the 3rd floor hallway and the old School Supt. Office. Attorney Cullers had written a letter advising which books he felt should be kept and which can be disposed of, with copies for Chairman Sevenker, County Court Magistrate Pauline Grooms and District Court employee Kim Radil. He said the Nebraska Reporter books should be kept and the boxes containing County Attorney records need to be stored. Cullers reported that there

are a couple of juveniles who need to do some community service work and Probation Officer, Tom Gidley, has indicated he is willing to provide some supervision for them to help with this project.

Receipt of bonds for the Courthouse project was acknowledged in the amount of \$735,000, \$15,000 in fees having been retained by Ameritas Investment Corp.

The lease document for the purchase of a new County Ambulance was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Terms of the agreement are: Option 2, total cost \$86,365, down payment \$4600, balance \$81,765, 5 year term, annual payments, interest rate 5.250%, rate factor 1.232573, first payment due one year from close, payment amount \$19,016.36.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Sintek, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

Levy Resolution 06-33 adopting the 2006-2007 levies for Valley County entities was presented with the levy computations attached. Said resolution was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization, regular session was resumed on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Courthouse lawn landscaping was discussed. Supervisor Cullers had contacted Adam Kunz of Turf Pro and Tyler Collier of Collier Lawn Care to see if they were interested in presenting a Courthouse landscaping proposal. A written proposal, including a drawing, is required for a grant application. Kunz presented a drawing of his plan and a written proposal listing the plants and costs, for plant installation \$7550, drip irrigation system \$795 and relocating the existing sprinkler zones \$875, bringing the total cost to \$9220. Kunz also noted that he will donate the edging and labor to install it because the grant does not cover this cost and he feels it is an important aspect of the project. Cullers moved to accept the Courthouse lawn landscaping proposal from Turf Pro to submit for the grant application through the Community Enhancement Program, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Board also agreed that the grant application should list Turf Pro as the caretaker of the landscaping following it's installation.

The spreadsheet listing Lodging Tax income and expenses for fiscal year 2005 - 2006 and to date was discussed. The Board noted that none of the Improvement Fund collections had been spent and it was their understanding that this was to be used to pay part of the fee to the Ord Area Chamber. The Clerk was directed to invite a Lodging Tax Committee member and Bethanne Kunz of the Chamber to the next County Board meeting to discuss the use of the Improvement Fund collections.

The annual NACO Conference registration deadline is November 17. On-line registration is available and the Clerk is to register Supervisors Collins, Cullers, Ash, Sintek and Sevenker for this year's conference. The Supervisors will take care of registration and costs for a spouse wishing to participate in the guest program. The Clerk noted that room reservations have been confirmed at the Holiday Inn Central Omaha.

Region 3 Behavioral Health Services is requesting the County sign a new agreement for EPC services so that they can add Richard H. Young Hospital to the contract in addition to Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital as an institution capable of providing temporary emergency psychiatric care. According to the agreement, RYH would be the provider for Valley County effective October 1, 2006 instead of MLMH. County Attorney Cullers expressed some concern with the change of provider based on past experience with RYH and the possibility of additional costs in transporting prisoners and time out of the office for County Sheriff and deputies. However, he also noted that the EPC and Mental Health Board services provided by Region 3 are very beneficial to the County and advised that the agreement be approved. It was agreed that concerns could be addressed through the County Representative on the Region 3 Board, Supervisor Cullers. Cullers moved to approve the letter of agreement with Region 3, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for FY ending 2005 prepared by MAXIMUS and used for the purpose of receiving State reimbursement for IV-D work performed by the County Attorney and the Clerk of the District Court was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board agreed that the Clerk should mark the 2007 Boundary and Annexation Survey Materials Prenotification Form that 2007 BAS materials should not be sent because there will be no boundary changes to report and return it to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The 2006/2007 dues notice from Loup Basin RC&D Council was discussed and Chairman Sevenker noted that his name was still listed as County Representative but he had appointed Dale Melia to take his place. The Clerk was directed to provide notice of the change to Loup Basin RC&D.

The September Current Expenditures Summary Report was noted.

County Attorney Cullers reported that on Sept. 25, 2006 the County received notice from the U.S. EEOC of their dismissal of the discrimination complaint filed by former Valley County Hospital Administrator, Neelam Bhardwaj and on Sept. 29, 2006 the County received a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court on behalf of Bhardwaj against the County and the Hospital regarding the same complaint. The Hospital attorneys are aware of the suit and the County's Liability Insurance carrier, NIRMA, has been notified.

Attorney Cullers advised that he will draft an ad for the County Surveyor position for the 2006 -2010 term and the Clerk will submit the ad to the Countyline and the NACO website. There is no cost for this advertising.

Cullers also noted that he is working on an agreement to establish a record of the existing north-south road between the North Loup ball field and Highway 22. There is no record of this road, although it is maintained by the County. It is not clear why there is no record of this road but it is thought that it had been a Township road and records were lost or destroyed. Cullers hopes that the landowners will sign an agreement to deed the road to the County and to waive damages so the road can be established for the record.

Since Cullers has a conflict of interest concerning those involved in the assault incident that took place over the weekend, it will be turned over to another attorney. Due to the possible involvement of multiple counties, the case may be handled by the Attorney General's Office.

Cullers advised that due to the recent Nebr. Supreme Court ruling regarding liability on recreational properties owned by government entities, the County should not consider allowing hunting or other recreational activities on any County owned land.

Supervisor Sintek submitted Loup Basin Health Dept. material for filing and Supervisor Baker reported that he will try to work on the County Cemetery survey requested by the state.

No one from the Airport Authority Board appeared to explain the Partial Assignment of Water Contracts which require County Board approval, so the Clerk will again contact them and reschedule this item for the next Board meeting on October 31.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction appeared to give the Board an update on the Courthouse renovation project. Chairman Sevenker said there was a great deal of frustration with the delay in getting the windows. Hergott said the shop drawings were what caused the delay. He said they took longer than Beckenhauers had estimated too, but hoped the extra time spent on them would mean good fitting windows and less delay on the installation end. Hergott said the transformer is here, so as soon as the electricians are finished the heating and air-conditioning system can be hooked up. He is to meet with the electricians from Kelly Electric at 1:00 p.m. today. Hergott said a dumpster needs to remain on site for this project. Disposal of books and other material from the 3rd floor was discussed. Hergott will look into rental of a chute to allow these items to be disposed of through a window directly into the dumpster. Sevenker asked why the door to the old jail on the 4th floor was kept locked and who had the key. Hergott speculated that it was locked because all of the louvers were not yet installed. The Clerk will check on the key so that the County can have access. Hergott said final air clearance from the asbestos removal in the basement crawl space will be checked tomorrow. He felt there would be minimal insulation replacement needed. Hergott thought Tanner Hackel had found a place to store the windows once they are received. It is possible that the upper level windows may not be installed until spring, depending on the weather. The billing statement from Beckenhauers in the amount of \$164,349 was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Ord Chamber Pulse, Nebr. State Historical Records Plan, NIRMA Interchange, American Funds Investor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on October 31, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 10 meeting and an agenda for the October 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 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 Valley County Board of Supervisor's regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Collins, Sevenker and Sintek present, Cullers and Ash absent. Cullers had notified Chairman Sevenker of her absence and was excused. The Clerk verified meeting notice was published and the agenda was posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. Chairman Sevenker noted that the open meetings act was posted as required and copies of the act are available for the public. There was no public comment.

County Attorney Cullers gave his report at this time as he could not stay for the meeting. NIRMA has assigned the Bhardwaj lawsuit to the law firm of Angle, Murphy, Valentino and Campbell, P.C.. Attorney Vincent Valentino has filed a motion for an extension of time to file an answer since the Federal Court allows only 20 days. The new date is Nov. 23, 2006. Valentino will probably try to get the County dismissed from the lawsuit or at least have the suits combined. Nebr. EOC has notified the County that complaints filed by Bhardwaj regarding fair employment practices and age discrimination were both closed because the evidence is insufficient to support the allegations. As noted at the Oct. 10 meeting, charges were also dismissed by the U.S. EEOC. Cullers visited with Tom Cooper of TierOne Bank regarding a \$100,000 line of credit for the County. These funds are required by the Housing Assistance Grant to facilitate the purchase of a home for qualified applicants as it takes about 2 weeks to get grant funds. Cullers approved the resolution document provided by the bank, however, he thought it should be an unsecured loan since it was only for \$100,000.

Road Claims and Balances for October were reported by Secretary, Sandy Simpson. The larger expenses this month were for fuel, asphalt, highway striping, tires, repair and gravel. Grader blades have been received, but not yet billed.

Road Supt., Leth recommended approval of Easements 06-254, 06-255, 06-256, 06-257 and 06-258 filed by the City of Ord for installation of a waterline to the ethanol plant. On motion of Sintek, seconded by Cetak, Easements 06-254 through 06-258 for the City of Ord were approved and the usual \$100 deposit per easement requirement was waived. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers. Leth recommended approval for refunds of Easements 05-224 for Ronald C. Jensen, 05-225 for Gene Dorsey and 05-226 for Cook & Cook Inc.. Refunds of Easements 05-224, 05-225 and 05-226 were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Baker, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: Ash, Cullers.

The letter from NDOR regarding federal funds available to Counties was discussed. Leth noted that the formula for distributing these funds has changed and next year could be less. The letter from NDOR GIS Specialist, Rose Braun, requesting that Counties help the State by updating their County maps was discussed. Leth will try to do this as time allows. The NDOR letter noting the change from BISON to PONTIS for data collection procedures for the bridge inspection program was discussed. Leth has provided the necessary information to the state by the Nov. 3 deadline, so should remain on the list of certified inspectors.

Leth's general report included: state's list of structurally deficient bridges show 6 in Valley County, 3 are on our 1 and 6 Year Plan; the state will do the fracture critical bridge inspection for County this year; only 2 fracture critical bridges in County; have received offer of \$2800 from Cummins County for snow plow; recommendations from NIRMA include obtaining driving record for road employees, past practice has been to require new employees to get CDL which they cannot get if they have driving offense on record; other half of railroad crossing poured last Monday and will be opened tomorrow; billing from Olsson's approved and forwarded to City for payment, should be last one; 20 of 60 bridges have been inspected; continuing to haul gravel; 1990 motorgrader was taken to Donovan for transmission repair; will measure and draw map to identify portion of road on

Greeley-Valley County border to be maintained by Valley County, need to get something in writing regarding all roads at County border as to where each County's responsibility begins and ends.

Supervisor Ash arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the Hospital's monthly written report. The new ambulance has been delivered and should be on the road within the week. Ambulance fees were discussed. The billing company sets the fees and they must be set in accordance with Medicare. For advanced life support ambulance the charge is \$10 per mile plus \$450 flat charge. The old 1991 ambulance is no longer used as an ambulance. Old ambulances have low resale value. The \$4000 credit received for applying for the FIN number was used for the down payment and the County will pay around \$20,000 a year for 5 years beginning in 2007. The County insures the ambulance. Schrage went over the financials for the month, noting that October appeared to be another good month. The Audit was presented in draft form at the last Hospital Board meeting, the final version should be received this week. He will provide a copy to the County. The Hospital Board has approved a revision of the PTO policy to allow employees in good standing to be paid for all time earned and vested upon leaving hospital employ. The revision was not made retroactive. The Hospital plans to aggressively promote OB services.

Economic Development Director, Bethanne Kunz, presented the Quarterly Economic Development report. A handout was provided. Activities include: a strategic planning session held with Ord Area Chamber, Economic Development Board and NPPD; County awarded a \$223,600 Housing Assistance Grant; identifying vacant lots available for acquisition as housing sites; Nebr. Advantage incentive program provides Microenterprise Tax Credit to small businesses; 2005-06 sales tax receipts were \$337,928; \$743,945 has been loaned to 14 business in the county; working with CCC to establish site for live classes; partnering with Garfield County to publish an area travel guide.

Kunz also reported for the Visitors Bureau and Lodging Tax Committee and provided a handout. The report included: tourism evaluation by State Division of Travel and Tourism suggested developing travel package to local sites, including lodging and meals, for a fee; Ord and Burwell Chambers received grant to help with costs of Red Carpet Service Training and expenses of the travel guide. A report of Lodging Tax collections and expenses for the 06-07 fiscal year was discussed. Don Vancura of the Lodging Tax Committee was also present and use of the Improvement Fund was discussed. It was agreed that the fees paid to the Chamber would be split between the Promotion and Improvement Funds.

Vancura was also present to request County approval of the Assignment of Water Contracts on property purchased by the County Airport Authority Board. The land was purchased to meet clearance requirements, an easement is no longer sufficient. The Airport wants to maintain the water rights as the property will be leased out. The Water Contracts list 7 acres from Robert Dworak and 10 acres from James Knapp. Vancura will provide information to the County Board on the cost of the land and he noted that it will be paid with a bond. The Assignment of Water Contracts for Tract No. 214-A, from Robert Dworak to Valley County, and Tract 212-A, from James Knapp to Valley County, were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

Custodian, Rolland Cronk, was present for discussion of snow removal at the Courthouse. The Clerk was directed to run the snow removal ad again for 2 weeks.

Removal of the sidewalk on the north side of the Courthouse was discussed with regard to the grant application currently being prepared by Adam Kunz for Courthouse landscaping. It was decided that, for purposes of the grant application, the sidewalk would not be removed.

County Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported that state statute requires that all interest go into the General Fund unless the Board directs otherwise. She noted that Accountant Chuck Abel had advised that the Bond interest be credited to the Bond Fund so it continues to accrue interest. Collins moved, seconded by Sintek, to approve that all interest from bond proceeds and levy collections stay in the bond fund. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

Letters received from Attorney's interested in the County Attorney position for the coming term were discussed. The Clerk was directed to invite Attorney Glenn A. Clark, Attorney David T. Schroeder and Attorney Dale Crandall to the November 14, 2006 Board meeting.

Tom Cooper, Loan Officer with TierOne Bank, was present to discuss the County's application for a \$100,000 line of credit. The line of credit is a requirement of the contract for the Housing Assistance Grant and is needed to facilitate the purchase of a home, since it takes about 2 weeks to receive grant funds. The loan would be unsecured, there are no fees for setting it up, the interest rate for 1 year would be 5.6% fixed, need to authorize 2 people to sign to establish the loan, either of the two could access the funds. Since the grant life is 2 years, the loan would need to be renewed next year. Cetak moved to approve the line of credit and to authorize Chairman Robert D. Sevenker and Clerk Jenette G. Lindsey to establish the loan and to request funds from it. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

The vacancy for the County Surveyor position for the 2007-2010 term was discussed. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to Rasmussen Land Surveying of O'Neill, who had expressed interest in the position, to see if they are still interested.

With Board approval, Chairman Sevenker signed the form allowing Treasurer Janet Suminski to cast the County's ballot for NACO officers at the meeting held during the Annual NACO Conference in December.

October claims were approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Ash, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

The NACO Board letter outlining action taken at their October meeting which may impact Counties was acknowledged.

The County Christmas party was discussed and it was decided to have the party at the Vets Club, that everyone would pay for their own dinner and that Collins will reserve the Club.

Mail folder items available for review: Loup Basin RC&D, Rural News Bits, KARR Tuckpointing, ONEOK Energy, A.W. Schultz Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 31 meeting and an agenda for the November 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.

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>10-31-2006</b>	
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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$47,605.05
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Adams Co Clerk of Dist Ct	services	serv	\$480.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$85.02
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$102.91
AMERITAS	retirement	rt	\$2,995.36
Pamella K Arnold	reimb exp	exp	\$131.72
Larry Barta	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$20.00
Beckenhauer Construction Inc	serv	serv	\$164,349.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$23,132.76
Bower Upholstery	rep jury chairs	rep	\$340.98
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$1,028.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$68.41
Charm-Tex	sup	sup	\$125.33
Charter Communications	telephone	tele	\$43.02
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$815.00
Helen L Cullers	reimb exp	mtg	\$25.00
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Evercom Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$229.50
F & S Supply Co, Inc	supplies	sup	\$103.90
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$417.10
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$190.03
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$325.99
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.64
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,314.50
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$320.13
Lockwood Co	supplies	sup	\$59.48
Loup Basin RC&D Council	dues	dues	\$150.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
NACO	registration	reg	\$970.00
Nebr County Court Ass' n	dues	dues	\$25.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$76.17
Nebr Dept HHS Laboratory	services	serv	\$75.00
Nebr. State Bar Association	supplies	sup	\$26.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$584.41
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$175.33
Ord Glass & Paint	supplies	sup	\$35.70
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$484.15
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$467.24
James J Orr	ct appt atty	atty	\$280.00
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00

Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$1,473.58
Kimberly L Radil	reimb exp	exp	\$7.59
Janice Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$35.00
Region 26 Council	payment	pmt	\$14,344.61
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$155.28
SGS	services	serv	\$52.70
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$2,797.30
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$698.59
Janet Suminski	meeting	mtg	\$66.75
Tammy' s Auto Body	repair	rep	\$250.00
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,893.11
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$51.03
University of Nebr	agent mileage	mil	\$1,180.56
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
US Identification Manual	supplies	sup	\$82.50
US Post Office	stamps	pstg	\$78.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$104.00
Valley Co Dist. Court	fees	fees	\$91.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$351.50
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$46,737.93
Valley Co Hospital Medical Clinics	services	serv	\$124.00
Valley Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$61.50
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,406.44
Gary D Walker	reimb exp	exp	\$100.00
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$324,526.76

## ROAD FUND

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Payroll	October	Oct.	\$32,449.49
****		****	
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$122.28
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$2,190.35
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$57.99
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Barco Municipal Products	supplies	sup	\$237.10
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$2,528.00
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$928.68
Eakes Office Plus	serv	serv	\$52.50
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$869.10
G Neil Corporation	supplies	sup	\$35.79
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$242.28
Jebro Inc	oil	oil	\$8,099.93
Kinder Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$69.97
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$40.58

NACO	registration	reg	\$120.00
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$42.57
Nebr Machinery	parts	pts	\$145.70
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$95.00
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$435.81
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$122.64
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$130.38
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$48.64
Pouge Construction Inc	services	serv	\$3,928.40
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$184.97
Quiz Graphic Arts	notice	ntc	\$180.33
Ropers Radiator	repairs	rep	\$75.00
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$11.79
Share Corporation	oil	oil	\$662.53
Trotter Fertilizer	propane	fuel	\$10.00
Trotter Service	fuel/rep	fuel	\$6,005.02
Trotter Truck Plaza	repair	rep	\$2,446.77
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$25,069.50
Valley Co Clerk	titles	sup	\$20.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	petty cash	pc	\$45.00
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	Road fund	totals	\$87,717.09

#### PLANNING & ZONING

Payroll	October	Oct.	\$405.00
		****	
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$27.34
Pat Frazer	meeting/mil	mtg	\$24.24
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$12.59
NACO	registration	reg	\$120.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H	
OfficeNet	supplies	sup	\$14.99
TIERONE BANK-ORD		W/H	\$0.00
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$604.16

#### VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

National Hall Craft Fair	promotion	adv	\$200.00
Nebraska Life	advertising	ad	\$245.00
Chamber of Commerce	promotion	adv	\$150.00
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	Visitors fund	totals	\$595.00

<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
*****			*****
Anderson Pharmacy	cl/services	cl/serv	\$25.24
Kinder- Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$76.18
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Nebr Health & Human Services	admin	adm	\$11.08
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$202.53
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	Relief fund	totals	\$815.03
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<b>WEED FUND</b>			
*****			*****
Payroll	October	Oct.	\$1,050.00
*****	*****	*****	*****
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$70.88
Franklin Covey Catalog Sales	supplies	sup	\$62.06
NACO	Registration	reg	\$120.00
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notice	ntc	\$103.50
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,406.44
		SPENT	<b>\$415,664.48</b>

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, and Cullers present, Chairman Sevenker reported that Sintek would be late. Publishing of meeting notice and posting of the agenda was verified by the Clerk. The minutes of the October 31, 2006 meeting were approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: Sintek. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: Sintek. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Mid Plains Director, Scott Dugan's report was postponed until the November 28 meeting as he was unable to attend today's meeting.

The Safety Audit Findings of NIRMA for the County Shop was presented by Road Supt. Leth. No deficiencies were found and the Road Dept. was complimented by NIRMA and the County Board.

Easement 06-259 for Nebraska Central Telephone Co. to run fiber optic cable to the ethanol plant was recommended for approval by Leth. Said easement was approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sintek.

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

Leth reported that bridge inspection data has been collected, he still needs to measure 3 concrete slab bridges and has 2 weeks to get the information on the computer. Gravel hauling should be completed today. A road employee was injured while disking the roadside and a Workman's Compensation claim was filed. Rip rap was put under a bridge on Loup City road near Geweke's. If this doesn't hold, will drive steel pilings in next year. Railroad crossing on ethanol plant access road is complete, temporary striping tape was used, stripes will be painted next year. Have received questions regarding road work starting on Hwy 11 at Garfield County line when the Valley County project is not scheduled to begin until next year. There are 2 projects, one out of District 8 and one from District 4. The two districts divide at the county line and work has begun on the Garfield County project, out of District 8. The Valley County project is District 4 and is scheduled to begin in December. Jerrod Zulkoski has been hired to replace Larry Barta. Zulkoski also has mechanic training. Leth ordered road maps from NRD. Discussion was held regarding the process for changing to 911 addresses.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski, reported on month end fund balances, investments and Distress Warrants delivered to the Sheriff. General Fund total is \$816,416.41 which includes the Courthouse Bond amount of \$570,809. The Road Fund balance is \$55,757.77, up slightly due to receipt of quarterly motor vehicle fees in addition to the highway allocation funds. The airport checking and investment information listed on the report is current, \$25,200 checking and \$72,000 invested. Three CD's with North Loup Valley Bank are due 11/20/06 plus a 10 day grace period. Suminski will present investment bids at the next meeting. The Treasurer's certification that 47 distress warrants totaling \$21,469.51 were delivered to the Sheriff on October 31 was presented. Sheriff has 9 months to contact people and try to collect these taxes.

Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented monthly fee reports for District Court and County Clerk. When asked about the General Election, she reported no major problems. There was some trouble with the M650 Scanner feeding ballots through correctly which caused considerable delay on election night, and one AutoMark was not operational. ES&S will be contacted regarding both machines.

A written report from VSO, Walt Smith, listing the current members of the Valley County Service Committee was reviewed. The County Board's responsibility regarding the Veterans Service Office was discussed and the need for some type of regular report. This topic will be discussed again after the first of the year.

Road Supt. Leth, returned to the meeting to report that a Toro snow blower was available through Federal Surplus for \$350. The Board would need to decide now if they wanted it as these items go quickly. The Board directed Leth to purchase the snow blower.

At 10:00 a.m., agenda item 8A regarding the County Attorney vacancy was reached, however, it was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and the current County Attorney was still in County Court, so this item was delayed. Agenda item 8B, regarding the Housing Assistance Grant contracts for Administration and Lead Based Paint Services was also delayed pending arrival of the County Attorney. Item 8C was delayed pending arrival of Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction.

Item 8D regarding the Downtown Renovation project was discussed. The concern was with the benches around the Courthouse and water runoff from the Courthouse roof on the NE corner which runs across the sidewalk into the street. It was noted that a meeting is to be held on the project at the ED/Chamber Office on the November 16. Supervisor Cullers will attend this meeting and report to the County Board. The renovation project will require removal of the benches around the Courthouse, the question is whether or not they should be replaced. It has also been suggested that picnic tables be installed on the Courthouse lawn. Following discussion, the general consensus of the Board was that the benches should not be replaced.

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the ads seeking someone to provide snow removal for the Courthouse. It was moved by Cetak, seconded by Sintek to formally approve the purchase of the \$350 Toro snow blower from Federal Surplus Property. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. The Board felt it should be paid from the Building and Grounds budget and directed that Leth notify them when he plans to pick it up.

Receipt of the Certificate of Liability Insurance for the new Ambulance was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Steve Rasmussen of Rasmussen Land Surveying and they are interested in the Valley County Surveyor vacancy. The Board directed the Clerk to invite Mr. Rasmussen to the next County Board meeting to discuss the position.

Brian Hergott, Project Manager for Beckenhauer Const. presented copies of a letter from Chicago Lumber Company and an email from Marvin Windows & Doors regarding the delay in getting the new Courthouse windows. Marvin Windows indicates the order was placed on 10/02/06 and because the factory must apply the custom casings and a thicker sill liner the lead time is 12 weeks. The County feels that the decision to use Marvin Windows was made in July and that the reason the order was not placed until 10/02/06 is because the company took too long in making their shop drawings for the windows. The County feels there should be a price adjustment from the company because of the extensive time it has taken to get the windows. Hergott said they will not authorize any payment without Board approval. The electrical panel has not arrived yet, but most of the conduits are in place. A Daiken inspector will be here on Thursday and Friday and he will know more after that. All installation on the 4th floor that requires the use of a lift, including the louvers, will be done at the same time. Their goal is to have heat in the Courthouse by Thanksgiving. They plan to start downstairs and work up. Electrical materials are still being stored off site. They plan to store the windows off site in a semi-trailer, hopefully within a few blocks of the Courthouse. Hergott noted that all air tests for asbestos were negative and there appears to be very little pipe that will require insulation to be replaced. The billing statement of \$9,400 for asbestos abatement by Environmental Services, Inc. was forwarded to the County by Beckenhauers. The chute to aid in the disposal of the stored items moved from the 4th floor to the 3rd floor should arrive at the end of November. Hergott said the \$500 offered by Buster Beckenhauer toward the removal of the old radiators could either be paid directly to Wadas or the County or this amount could be deducted from a billing. The Board felt it should be paid through the County either by check or billing deduction to provide a paper trail.

At 10:45 a.m. Chairman Sevenker recessed the meeting, at 10:55 a.m. the meeting resumed.

Attorneys Glenn A. Clark, Jason White, David T. Schroeder and Dale C. Crandall were present to discuss their interest in the County Attorney vacancy. Valley County Attorney Cullers was still in County Court. Preliminary discussion was held regarding the advisability of going into executive session for a separate discussion with each applicant to avoid giving an unfair advantage

to any applicant. At 11:00 a.m. it was moved by Sintek, seconded by Cetak to go into executive session to speak separately with each applicant for the County Attorney vacancy. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. At 12:15 p.m. the Board moved out of executive session on motion of Ash, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion, the Clerk was directed to invite Attorney Greg Jensen to the next meeting to discuss his interest in the County Attorney vacancy. All applicants have received a response from the Board.

County Attorney Cullers arrived during the executive session and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Chris Amundson of Nebraska Life Magazine and Bethanne Kunz were present to discuss the County purchasing an ad in the travel guide that is being developed through the joint efforts of Garfield and Valley County. Nebr. Life Magazine is preparing the guide and has been taking photos and gathering stories for over a year. Amundson provided copies of several other guides to illustrate different types of ads and a price sheet. Many other entities will be included in the guide and will sponsor ads. An ad offering tours of the Courthouse and using a picture of the Courthouse at night with the outside lights on was discussed. Joining Garfield County for a larger ad was also discussed. The Clerk was directed to put this item on the Nov. 28 agenda for further discussion.

County Attorney Cullers reported that he did not receive the contract agreements for Housing Administration and Lead Based Paint Services that were supposed to have been sent for his review according to a letter from Candy Kuntz, Miller & Assoc., Grant Administrator. The Clerk was directed to contact Kuntz and report to the Board at their next meeting.

Attorney Cullers reported that Attorney Valentino has filed a motion to dismiss the County from the Bhardwaj vs Valley County et al lawsuit.

The current expenditures report was noted and the following items were available for review in the Mail Folder: Chamber Newsletter, Loup Basin \$C&D Newsletter, CCC annual Report, Rural News Bits, NDOR Safe Routes to School Program, Filmore Co. Supervisor Dennis Kimbrough for NACO Sec./Treas., Stanton Co. Nomination of Clerk Rita Roenfeldt for Co. Official of the Year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 14 meeting and an agenda for the November 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 Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on November 28, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Ash, Baker, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Sevenker, and Sintek present. The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the Website. The minutes of the Nov. 14, 2006 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

Mid Plains Director, Scott Dugan, reported on the services they provide and presented copies of their annual report. He noted that he became director last year, but has been with the organization for 8 years as Financial Officer. Mid Plains provides services in 17 different program areas. With the closing of the Regional Centers due to the Behavioral Health reform legislation there is an increased need for local services. The Triage Unit is now operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and they anticipate opening the new Crisis Stabilization Unit at the end of the year. It will be a 12-bed voluntary unit for short term stays. New technology such as video phones for distance evaluations is being considered. They have offices in Grand Island, Mason City and Ord.

In the absence of Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, Road Supt. Max Leth presented the November Claims & Balances for the Road Dept. Grader blades, fuel and gravel were the larger expenses. Gravel budget is in good shape. The Toro snowblower purchased from Federal Surplus for \$325 appears to be in good condition. The bill for transmission repair on the 140G is \$12,000.

Leth said they are starting to cut trees in various locations and that he has ordered a melting compound that is safe to use on the new pavement. He is waiting for a call back from Olsson Assoc. regarding their last billing statement of \$336.75. Some culvert repair is needed before final billing.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski was unable to attend this meeting.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the Hospital's monthly written report. He reviewed the financial information contained in the report. Schrage also noted: in-house equipment and qualified technicians for MRIs and Nuclear Medicine has been successful; Physical Therapy is doing well; we have a good provider staff; looking to bring in another cardiologist from Lincoln; November looks to be consistent with other months; expect a slow down in December and then pick up again in January; watching patient satisfaction closely; new website installed.

Treasurer, Janet Suminski presented information on County investments. Information received from the various banks indicated there was not lot to be gained by longer term investments. The bond interest for the first year is 3.65% and even the 6 month investment rates were higher than that. The best 6 month rate was 5.50%. Suminski said she could look at other options for a higher interest rate if the Board wished, however, she felt the local rates were competitive and she prefers investing locally and does not like to invest in higher risk options to get higher rates. The Board agreed.

The contract agreements for Lead-Based Paint Testing and Housing Administration with Community Development Services for the Housing Assistance Grant were presented by County Attorney Cullers. He had reviewed the contracts and found them to be acceptable. Grant Administrator Candy Kuntz was unable to attend the meeting but had visited with Cullers by phone. The contracts with Community Development Services for Housing Administration Services and Lead-Based Paint Testing Services were approved on motion of Sintek, seconded by Supervisor Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The letter from NDED granting the formal release of funds for the Housing Assistance Grant was noted.

At 9:55 a.m. Chairman Sevenker called a 5 minute recess, meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Certificate of Liability Insurance for 2006-2007 for Wadas Inc. was noted.

The ad to be placed in the proposed Valley/Garfield guide book to be published by Nebraska Life was discussed. A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Ash to place a 1/3 page, color ad at

a cost of \$880, the design to be decided later. Carried. Yes: Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Const. stopped in to inform the Board that he had delivered the chute to be used to dispose of items from the third floor. He also said the electrical panel is in Kearney and should be delivered today. The engineers inspected the installation work to date and felt everything was well done. He felt that some units should be powered this week. The windows for the lower floor are to be in Omaha Friday and to us Monday or Tuesday of next week. Tanner is working on off-site storage for them.

Tyler Collier of Collier Lawncare was present to discuss the Courthouse Lawn Landscaping grant application and the use of plans drawn up by Adam Kunz of Turf Pro. He said he did not submit a plan because he was unclear as to whether the sidewalk on the north side of the Courthouse was to be removed or not. He said it was his understanding that the application for the grant could have been submitted without a landscaping plan and that help with a plan could have been sought through the granting entity. Supervisor Cullers noted that the deadline for submitting the grant application was November 17, 2006 and read from the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Board meeting which indicated that both Collier and Kunz were given the same information and asked to submit a plan for submission with the grant application if they were interested. Kunz submitted a plan, Collier did not.

Supervisor Cullers reported to the Board that she had included an additional \$700 in the Courthouse Landscaping grant application for first year maintenance of the project. Due to the need to meet the November 17 deadline, she was unable to get the Board's approval for this addition. Cullers then moved that an additional \$700 be added to the landscaping grant application for first year maintenance. Sintek seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:40 a.m., Sintek moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing Attorney Gregory Jensen for the County Attorney vacancy, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. At 10:50 a.m., Sintek moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter of appreciation from Attorney Jason White was acknowledged.

Discussion was held regarding applicants for the County Attorney vacancy. Pros and cons of out-of-county attorney or local attorney were discussed. Discussion included: out-of-county attorney would have fewer conflicts of interest resulting in less expense for use of other attorney; one time expense to provide Courthouse office would eliminate monthly rent and utilities for use of attorney's private office; use of third floor office for County Attorney part of justification for Courthouse renovation project; public input has been both ways; currently pay \$500 per month to Attorney Cullers for rent & utilities; applicants that did not require insurance coverage would result in substantial savings to the County. Sintek moved to appoint White and Clark of Broken Bow, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Ash, Cullers, Collins, Cetak. No: Baker. Absent: none. The Clerk will notify all applicants of the Board's decision.

A letter expressing interest in the County Surveyor vacancy for the 2007-2010 term was received from Steve Rasmussen of Rasmussen Land Surveying from O'Neill, Nebraska and he appeared to speak to the Board regarding the vacancy. The Surveyor vacancy was advertised in the NACO Countyline Magazine and on their website. The County has an agreement with JEO Consulting Group to perform the County Surveyor duties until the end of this term. Rasmussen indicated that he is currently the elected Surveyor for Holt County and serves by appointment in Greeley and Garfield Counties. He agreed to use the services of the County Road Dept. when possible to help cut County costs and to notify the County of survey requests that will be billed to the County. He told the Board that he does not have an engineer on staff. It was agreed that an engineer is not often needed and that Road Supt. Leth can provide those services in many instances. Collins moved to accept Steve Rasmussen's letter of interest proposal for Valley County Surveyor for the 4 year term, 2007-2010, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker,

Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Rasmussen was informed that claims are due in the Clerk's Office the Tuesday before the last meeting of the month.

Bethanne Kunz appeared to request a letter from the County Board to Nebraska Investment Finance Authority in support of the Valley County Economic Development NIFA Housing Study Grant application. The application is due December 29. It would provide a 15 year comprehensive plan for housing. The cost is \$20,000, of which city sales tax will pay \$10,000. Cullers moved to approve the support letter for the NIFA Housing Study Grant application, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Baker will take care of the remaining District Courtroom chairs that need repair.

November claims were approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Eulalia Edwards' term on the Hospital Board of Trustees has ended. Chairman Sevenker said he had talked to her and she would like to continue as a Board member. When asked about Edwards during his earlier report, Hospital CEO Larry Schrage said he felt she was a strong asset on the Board and he had nominated her to the Nebr. Hospital Association for consideration as Trustee of the Year. It was noted that normally applications are sought only if the member does not wish to continue to serve. Following discussion, Collins moved to reappoint Eulalia Edwards to the Valley County Hospital Board of Trustees for another 6 year term, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were acknowledged: letter regarding change in NACO sponsored free life insurance, Title Insurance Policies for land purchased by County Airport, NIRMA Personnel Management telephonic conference on December 14, NIRMA quarterly loss report and the State Auditor Notice of new mileage rate of 48.5 cents effective 1/1/07.

County Attorney, Randy Cullers, reported on the Bhardwaj vs. Valley County lawsuit. He said Attorney Vince Valentino, who is representing the County, has filed a Motion to Dismiss but that there will probably not be a ruling on the filing before the scheduled progression conference on Dec. 19. It is possible that a Motion for Summary Judgment may need to be filed and possibly statements from some Board members. Cullers noted that he will be in District Court on the next Board meeting day of December 12, but that he will stop in at 9:00 a.m. and again after Court.

Mail Folder items available for review: Candidate for NACO Sec/Treas. Willis D. Luedke, NIRMA Board Ron Jorgenson & Delores M. Karloff, Merrick Co. Highway Supt. ad, VC Health System Newsletter, Securities America notice of County's 457(B) Plan, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 28 meeting and agenda for the December 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

GENERAL FUND		11-28-2006	
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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$45,799.97
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Discount Store	supplies	sup	\$39.21
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$102.91
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	retirement	rt	\$3,019.55
Anderson Pharmacy	meds/sup	rx/sup	\$80.08
Pamella K Arnold	reimb exp	exp	\$79.87
Raymond Dean Ash	reimb exp	mil	\$356.00
Larry R. Barta	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$20.00
Beckenhauer Construction Inc	serv	serv	\$88,347.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$23,132.76
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$528.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$321.01
Calamity Jane' s Diner	juror meals	serv	\$98.10
Jerry Collier	lawn care	serv	\$325.00
Rolland Cronk	mileage	mil	\$2.22
Dell Marketing LP	supplies	sup	\$96.29
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
JoJo P. Dunn	service	serv	\$20.00
Election Costs	elec bd/rent	bd	\$3,403.44
Election Systems & Software	ballots	sup	\$2,748.87
Evercom Systems Inc	supplies	sup	\$382.50
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$417.10
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$160.01
Graham Tire Company	tires	sup	\$360.32
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$675.21
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
IAAO	dues	dues	\$175.00
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.64
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$4,158.40
Juror	costs	costs	\$2,621.54
Kansas Highway Patrol Car Fund	vehicle	equ	\$15,810.00
Kunz Inc	service	serv	\$60.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
Martinsen Appraisal	parcel app	serv	\$2,871.00
Maximus Inc	services	serv	\$684.56
Midwest Mailing Solutions Inc	supplies	sup	\$377.42
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$278.89
Modern Methods Inc	services	serv	\$719.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$72.95
Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles	supplies	sup	\$4.00
Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$589.44
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$446.33

Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$506.33
Ord Police Department	supplies	sup	\$13.92
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$21.98
James J Orr	ct appt atty	atty	\$900.00
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Public Safety Center, Inc	supplies	sup	\$1,293.90
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$1,336.48
Janice I. Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$7.00
Scott' s TV Inc.	services	serv	\$25.00
SGS	services	serv	\$106.40
Sherman Co Sheriff	services	serv	\$15.50
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$4,748.80
Stowell Kruml Geweke Cullers	expenses	re/ut/pc	\$738.64
LeRoy Svoboda	services	serv	\$44.92
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,741.49
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$49.87
University of Nebr	supplies	sup	\$131.13
University of Nebr	supplies	sup	\$5.00
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$146.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$544.64
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$21,375.25
Valley Co Hospital	services	serv	\$68.00
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,120.88
Zee Medical Clinic	supplies	sup	\$125.50
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$238,898.29

#### ROAD FUND

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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$32,287.65
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Ameritas Life Ins	retirement	rt	\$2,092.10
Appear	towel serv	serv	\$38.22
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
B' s Enterprises Inc	grader blades	sup	\$15,649.40
Clamp Inc	repairs	rep	\$210.14
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$5,226.83
Diesel Power Equipment	repair	rep	\$277.85
Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$790.28
Eakes Office Plus Inc	serv	serv	\$39.80
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$366.00
Fischer Auto Sales	supplies	sup	\$70.00
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$74.40
J & S Diesel Service	supplies	sup	\$128.45

Maxon E. Leth	supplies	sup	\$26.75
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$33.92
Nebr Central Telephone	telephone	ut	\$43.12
Nebr Tech & Telecom	phone	ut	\$94.86
Ord Equipment Inc	parts/labor	pts	\$14.83
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$128.09
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$155.39
The Parts Bin	parts	pts	\$27.30
PowerPlan	parts	pts	\$23.15
Quiz Graphic Arts	notice	ntc	\$19.33
Sack Lumber CO	supplies	sup	\$36.88
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$2,366.03
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$16,899.25
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	Road fund	totals	\$77,133.02

#### **PLANNING & ZONING**

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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$390.00
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	retirement	rt	\$26.33
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$76.54
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$492.87

#### **VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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Ord Chamber of Commerce	quarterly pmt	pmt	\$1,125.00
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	Visitor Imp. Fund	totals	\$1,125.00

#### **RELIEF FUND**

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Kinder- Morgan, Inc	utilities	ut	\$48.97
Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$177.53
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	Relief fund	totals	\$726.50

#### **INHERITANCE FUND**

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Environmental Services Inc	asbestos remv	serv	\$9,400.00
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	Inheritance Fund	totals	\$9,400.00

#### **WEED FUND**

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Payroll	November	Nov.	\$1,050.00
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Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$70.88
NEBR. DEPT OF REVENUE		W/H	
TIER ONE-BANK		W/H	
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,120.88
	Spent		\$328,896.56

## 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 12, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers and Sintek present. The Clerk verified notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the November 28 meeting were approved as published on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There were no changes to the agenda and it was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available for the public as required. There was no public comment.

The Nebraska Dept. of Roads requires that the County designate an official county newspaper in order for them to comply with state statute when advertising road projects for bids. Collins moved to designate the Ord Quiz as the official County newspaper, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Dept. also requires Certification of the County Highway Supt. for the 2006 calendar year for determining incentive payments to the County. Sintek moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification form indicating that Supt. Leth holds a Class A license, was employed by the County for the entire year and has performed all of the required duties. Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported that they are continuing to cut trees and are maintaining some roads where the washboarded areas are the worst. He will be in Grand Island Thursday to give a deposition in the Ammerman lawsuit. The State has hired contractor HDR of Omaha to inspect the fracture critical bridges this year. The County will have to do the next inspection, due in 2 years. It is required to be a "hands-on" inspection. Discussion regarding the need to replace the bridge south of Boyce's since it is too deep to reach for a hands-on inspection included: has been in 1&6 year plan for several years, bridge not used enough to justify cost of replacing, water not running, could use fill dirt or close the road. BISON bridge inspection system will be used this year, the new PONTIS system will be used next year. State will provide training and a new computer program for PONTIS.

Treasurer Janet Suminski gave the fund balance report for November. Fines are distributed to the schools in Feb. and Nov. The Nov. distribution totaled \$17,295.76. The General Fund shows \$629,747.89 but \$484,643.24 of that is the Courthouse Bond. This leaves about \$145,000 for expenses. Notice was received from the State Auditor that the State is continuing the extra 1/2 cent sales tax that was originally to be temporary and the County Roads are to get a percentage of it. The first payment to Valley County Road Dept. was \$3000, received this month. Airport checking and savings remain about the same. Discussion was held regarding the Airport's recent land purchase. It was noted that the County Board did not know the price paid for the land or how it was being financed. Suminski's records show the Airport paid \$73,629.90 for the land and has a bond levy of .009729 for 06-07. Resolution 06-35 designating County depositories was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Misc. Receipts folder is available for review.

Sheriff Ronzzo is in District Court this morning but may stop in later. His written Fees & Activities Reports for August, Sept. and October were noted by the Board. Supervisor Sintek said he did not think North Loup was getting much law enforcement service even though they pay for it through an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Ash said that Arcadia has let their deputy go and that the new Sheriff's Deputy is moving to Arcadia. The Board will ask Sheriff Ronzzo about these issues if he appears later or invite him to the next meeting.

Valley County Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented written reports of November fees for the County Clerk and the District Court Clerk.

The disposal of the old aluminum storm windows, window air conditioners, old furniture and old computers was discussed. Following discussion, it was decided that Tanner will be in charge of

the storm windows. If anyone wants any of them, they need to talk to Tanner. The Clerk is to check with RC&D and call the number given by Beckenhauer regarding computer disposal.

Beckenhauer Rep., John Rystrom, reported that the electricity would be shut off to the entire Courthouse on Friday for about an hour to switch to the new panel. Courthouse Offices will remain open, however, they will be unable to provide services that require a computer and there will be no heat or lights. Notices will be posted on the Courthouse entrances. Once the new panel is operational, existing duct work can be used for heat. There is an issue regarding dirt in the exhaust fan in the Courtroom and he is checking into the cost of getting it cleaned as well as the need for some type of filter. First floor windows have arrived and Tanner has rented a warehouse 7 or 8 miles south of town to store them. He was unable to get storage room at the lumber yard. Rystrom will check on arrival date of remaining windows. A camera attached to an air conditioner on the south side of the jail will need to be relocated. The siren will need to be shut down for 4 to 8 hours. The Board asked that law enforcement and the CD Director be notified.

As directed by the Board at their Sept. 12 meeting, beginning in January, 2007, payroll checks will be approved and signed at the last monthly Board meeting but not dispersed to employees until the last working day of the month.

All parties who expressed an interest in the County Attorney and County Surveyor vacancies have been notified of the Board's action in appointing Attorneys Jason White and Glenn Clark and Rasmussen Land Surveying. The Clerk is to invite White and Clark to the next Board meeting.

The notice from Lafayette Life Insurance Co. regarding Group Life coverage for employees under the NACO sponsored BCBS health insurance coverage was reviewed.

A request from Project Extra Mile for a resolution in support of classifying alcopops as distilled spirits was reviewed. Chairman Sevenker said that County Attorney Cullers had reviewed the proposed resolution and it was Sevenker's understanding that Cullers did not recommend approval of the resolution. It was decided to postpone the discussion until Cullers arrived from District Court.

Membership dues for the Ord Area Chamber were discussed. Sintek did not feel the County should belong to it since it is not a countywide organization but said he would go along with the Board's decision. Supervisor Cullers said there is a need to bring the whole area together. Gene McCoy noted that it was his understanding that the Chamber was considering a name change to the Valley County Chamber, that they would like to make it countywide and that they currently have members from both Arcadia and North Loup. Cetak moved to approve payment of the Ord Area Chamber membership fee of \$130.00, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Lodging Tax receipts of \$1,063.86 and expenses of \$1125 were reported for November. It was noted that the \$1125 fee to the Chamber was out of the Visitor's Improvement Fund as directed by the Board.

The Summary Report of Expenditures for November 30, 2006 was reviewed and the notification of 2 job openings at the Central NE Economic Development Dist. was noted.

County Attorney Cullers was still in District Court and unavailable to give his report. Chairman Sevenker said that a meeting of the Wozab Foundation Board had been called immediately following the County Board meeting. Since the membership of both Boards is the same, he recessed the County Board meeting at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene following the Wozab Foundation Board meeting in the event County Attorney Cullers would be available to give his report at that time.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:55 a.m.. Mail folder items available for review: The Chamber Pulse, Rural News Bits, NIRMA Newsletter, NACo Rep. T. Lowenstein emails (3), Thomas County Courthouse Dedication. County Attorney Cullers was still in District Court.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 12 meeting and an agenda for the December 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2006 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Sevenker, Ash, Baker, and Cullers present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the Dec. 12 meeting were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Collins moved to adopt the agenda as it was mailed to the Board members, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available for the public.

Chairman Sevenker signed up under Public Comment to recognize the County Officials who are leaving: Board Members Ken Collins, Steve Sintek, Dean Ash and County Attorney Randy Cullers. Collins has served on the Board for 36 years, Sintek and Ash for 12 years and Randy Cullers served 4 years as County Attorney. Sevenker noted that the County is losing a combined 60 years of experience and thanked them for their service. A framed picture of the Courthouse with the official's name, office and years of service inscribed was presented to each.

Road Secretary Sandy Simpson reported the Road Claims and Balances for December. Accounts Payables totaled \$46,910.53, payroll totaled \$32,886.01 bringing the total Road expenses to \$79,796.54. The Road Fund Balance was \$41,501.06, requiring a transfer of \$38,295.48 from General Fund. The larger expenses were for culverts, fuel, parts, blades and gravel. December fuel costs totaled \$11,828, leaving \$60,729 in the fuel line item. Road Supt. Leth noted that the last culverts were purchased for \$60 each, this year they are \$150 each. Supervisor Collins noted that Valley County purchases culverts with Custer County.

The issue of roadside tree removal was discussed. Statute requires landowners to clean and maintain road ditches, it is not the duty of the County. It was noted that about a year ago the Board passed a motion allowing the County Road Dept. to cut down the trees but that the landowner should haul them away. It was also noted that, if landowners do not clean and maintain road ditches, the County can cause the work to be done and bill the cost to the landowner. If the landowner fails to pay the cost, it can be assessed to the property taxes. It would be a courtesy for Leth to call the landowner and ask where they would like the trees piled, but the County should not haul them away. Sevenker noted that the Board is responsible for this decision and that Leth should keep them informed. Leth agreed that his Dept. will not haul the trees.

Easement 06-260 for Zabloudil and Peters for electrical power was recommended by Leth for approval and was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none. Leth said he could not make a recommendation for Easement 06-261 for Jay Knapp for drainage as he had not inspected the site and was unsure if it was for waste water or not. He thought Knapp was anxious to get it installed and asked if the Board could approve it subject to his inspection and approval. Collins moved to approve Easement 06-261 for Jay Knapp subject to Leth's approval, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Following discussion, the Clerk was directed not to return the General Status Inquiry from Universal Surety Company regarding the paving of the entrance to the ethanol plant until Olssons have signed off on the project.

The \$41,821.14 billing from Nebraska Central Railroad was approved by Leth and faxed to Ord City for payment.

The NDOR 2006 State Highway Needs Assessment booklet will be on file in the Clerk's Office and available for review.

Leth reported that his crew removed snow once and salted twice due to the ice and snow received last week. Additional salt has been ordered and received. Greeley County had some of the special blend of salt used for new cement and Leth got some from them, however, it was needed for

this storm. The Road Crew is trying to smooth some of the bad spots on the roads by maintaining and will haul gravel again if it warms up enough to keep it from freezing in the box. The plow blade Leth was going to sell has been mounted on the 1993 IH truck for snow removal and works good on new pavement. Leth is working on 1&6 Year Plan and got quotes for asphalt of \$1.23 per gallon which is down 15¢, but still high. Will get new quotes when ready to purchase.

Sheriff Ronzzo was present for discussion of the Law Enforcement Agreement between North Loup and Valley County. Craig Critel, new Village Board Member for North Loup, was also present. Ronzzo will be going to the next North Loup Village Board meeting to discuss this topic. The current agreement is automatically renewable until 2008. He said he and his deputies get to North Loup as much as they can. Once an officer puts in 8 hours they are done. It was noted that he has been shorthanded a lot of the time. All calls from North Loup are answered. Ronzzo will also be discussing the situation with Arcadia. Deputy Svoboda will not be living in Arcadia and, if he did, it is possible that all of his eligible work time would be used answering calls in Arcadia. Ronzzo said he had been paying for 2 tanks of gas per month for the Arcadia Village Police Officer to patrol County roads when he had time. Sintek said the monthly fee North Loup pays is not a subsidy to the County for regular service but is for service in addition to the regular service they are entitled to as a County entity. He said if North Loup wants every day service, they may need to look at other options. Attorney Cullers noted that many types of problems occur throughout the County at the same times of day, for instance in the late afternoon when school is out or during the night time hours and on weekends. It is not possible for the Sheriff's Office to cover the entire County at the same time. He also noted that when an officer makes an arrest, the processing of the prisoner can take a couple of hours during which time the officer is unavailable for patrol. Ronzzo said the salary for a deputy is about \$27,000 plus benefits bringing it to about \$35,000. Sevenker asked Ronzzo to report back to the Board at their Jan. 9 meeting, after his meetings with North Loup and Arcadia.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, was unable to attend today's meeting. The regular written Hospital report was presented.

Since it was not time for the Public Hearing, New Business item 9A was discussed. Attorney Cullers presented a proposed Assignment of Lease from TierOne Bank for the Mortensen Site lot leased by Chuck Kokes. The Bank is requesting that the lease be assigned to them for loan purposes. Cullers has reviewed the lease assignment and said TierOne would be bound to all the terms in our lease and that, if the County agrees to the assignment, all three parties would have to agree on any modifications to the lease. Cetak moved to approve the Assignment of Lease for the Kokes property to TierOne Bank, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:05 a.m. Chairman Sevenker called a recess, at 10:15 a.m. the meeting was reconvened.

The Nebr. Appleseed Center's request for County approval of a proclamation as a Food Stamp Friendly County was discussed. After due consideration, the Board declined to take action.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction was present to update the Board on the progress of the renovation project. One heat unit in the basement is operational but not all pipes are hooked up to the various rooms yet. John Rystrom of Beckenhauer's has indicated the project should be completed by the end of January. Tanner has been getting in 5 windows per day on a good day. Wadas has a small crew and must also answer customer service calls. Sevenker asked why a time table was not established in the beginning and Hergott said it would have increased the amounts bid. Hergott noted that they did push to get the windows earlier than predicted and he said that all of the windows have now been received even though the current billed amount of \$133,881.59 only reflects the first shipment. Hergott reported a problem with the roof top units for the jail in that the engineer indicated two 30 amp breakers would be needed and that is how it was bid. The 30 amp breakers would have been sufficient for heat pump units, however, it was changed to electric resistance heat requiring 80 amp breakers due to the fact that a heat pump requires a second heat source in really cold weather and there is not one available on the jail roof. Kelly Electric will increase their billing by \$2200 for this change but when Hergott asked how much their bid would have increased had the 80 amp breakers

been part of the original bid, they said \$1724. Hergott said the County should not have to pay for the engineer error, only for goods and services received, so they are only asking the County to pay the \$1724. Beckenhauers will address the difference with the engineer. Hergott reported that Beckenhauer's approved replacing the existing gas water heater with a new electric one even though this had not been approved by the County. They felt it was a needed change because of the age of the existing one and the fact that having everything electric will cut the electricity rate almost in half. The total cost for the water heater and installation is \$1951. Discussion was held as to whether Beckenhauers should get their 6% of the cost for the engineer error and the replacement of the gas water heater since it was felt that both items should have been caught by Beckenhauers prior to the start of the project. Sintek moved to approve the additional costs of roughly \$1700 for the larger amps for the jail heating system and roughly \$1900 for the new electric water heater, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak. No: Collins. Absent: none. Hergott said that a 10% retainage was being held in all areas except the engineers.

The Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Application for Proposed Oil Production & Sales Business filed by Alan D. & Jeanette M. Koelling was opened at 10:50 a.m.. Alan was unable to attend the hearing but Larry Koelling and Daniel Combs were present to testify. No one appeared in opposition. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Nancy Glaubke, presented a copy of the application and the Planning Commission Recomendation for approval. The Recomendation listed the factual findings of the Commission and made their approval subject to meeting the county driveway design requirements and a limited production capacity of 2 million gallons of oil. Larry Koelling said the oil will be obtained by pressing either sunflower seeds or soybeans and made into biodiesel fuel. He said they have been making it for their personal use with used fryer oil. The byproduct from pressing seeds can be used for cattle feed and if soybeans are used it would be soybean meal. The traffic estimate is for 3 trucks daily if they reach full capacity. Glaubke noted that no written testimony was received. Sevenker asked for public comment, none was offered. Cullers moved to approve the application based on the factual findings of the Planning Commission and subject to the driveway design requirements and the limited capacity as noted in their Recommendation, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:13 a.m.

Glaubke reported receipt of the Draft Flood Zone Map Report for Valley County from the Nebr. Dept. of Natural Resources. The draft is to be reviewed and any errors reported to the Dept.. Glaubke is reviewing it and will make copies available to the villages and city. Orval Stahr will also review it. A copy will be available in the Clerk's Office for any Board Member or citizen to review. Once the map is finalized, the County can decide if they wish to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Glaubke will provide more information about that in the future.

Glaubke also reported that Wayne Clamp was replaced by Larry Barta as Elyria's representative on the Valley County Joint Planning Commission as Clamp did not wish to continue.

Glaubke then reported for Valley County Economic Development that a BECA grant of \$17,000 has been received to set up a data base of contact information for area high school graduates. This is part of an effort to draw them back to this area. The County is the agent for this grant.

The Board agreed that the County should accept the offer of the Central NE Economic Development District, of which Valley County is a member, to prepare a grant application for barrier removal on behalf of Valley County with the hope of receiving \$250,000 toward the installation of an elevator in the Courthouse.

Discussion was held regarding the organization of a volunteer group to clean some of the Courthouse rooms once the renovation work is completed. Discussion included possibly running an ad to solicit volunteers, possible need to have them sign liability waivers and some supervision may be required if protected records are involved.

Lodging Tax receipts for October were \$945.74.

The claims list was reviewed and December claims approved on motion of Collins, seconded by Sintek. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker. Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

A list of state holidays for 2007 was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, Ash moved to continue the County's holiday policy as usual, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Current County Attorney Randy Cullers presented a Contract for County Attorney between Glenn Clark, Jason White and Valley County for Board approval. He said it was a simple, straightforward agreement for the four-year term commencing on January 4, 2007. Attorney Glenn Clark was present. The Contract was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none. Clark noted that the plan is to continue to use the current County Attorney phone number in the new County Attorney Office to be set up in the Courthouse.

Supervisor Cullers, the County's Representative on the Region III Board, presented information regarding mini-grants that are available through Region III. Each Board Member received a copy of the information in their meeting packet and she asked that they inform the schools and organizations in their area.

Mail Folder items available for review: Christmas cards, Nebr. Crime Commission Grant, Nebr. Dept. Environmental Quality Grant, CNCS Newsletter, Nebr. Economic Trends, Beckenhauer Const. Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 26 meeting and an agenda for the January 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 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

GENERAL FUND		12-26-2006	
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Payroll	December	Dec.	\$48,188.88
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Norma J Ackles	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Alco Stores Inc	supplies	sup	\$52.16
Alltel	telephone	tele	\$102.91
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp.	retirement	rt	\$3,130.06
Pamella K Arnold	reimb exp	exp	\$112.60
Larry R. Barta	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$20.00
Henry F Benda	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$11.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebr	health ins.	ins	\$23,132.76
Boyd Co. Court	fees	fees	\$11.90
Bradley Elsbernd & Emerton PC	ct app atty	atty	\$1,624.00
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	office supp	sup	\$70.84
Carmichael Business Systems	supplies	sup	\$107.00
CDW Government Inc	law supplies	sup	\$1,040.00
Kenneth R. Collins	reimb mtg	mtg	\$161.09
Cornhusker.net	service	serv	\$56.85
Darrell D Drake	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
Election Costs	elec bd	bd	\$30.90
Election Systems & Software	ballots	sup	\$5,108.34
Mark L Eurek	sp prosecutor	atty	\$2,882.42
F & S Supply Co Inc	supplies	sup	\$128.84
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	unreimb med	fees	\$6.00
Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	life insurance	ins	\$417.10
Sharon L Foth	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$16.00
Frontier	telephone	tel	\$165.84
Gary L Garnick	rent	rent	\$108.00
Graham Tire Company	tires	sup	\$316.48
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	mailing mach	mtc	\$214.57
Grocery Kart	supplies	sup	\$483.08
H A Friend & Co. Inc	supplies	sup	\$38.91
Claire D Hansen	rt/prior serv	rt/psb	\$11.00
Holiday Inn-Omaha Central I-80	meeting exp	mtg	\$1,496.14
J & J Sanitation Dist 3051	garbage disp.	serv	\$16.96
Gregory G Jensen PC LLO	ct app atty	atty	\$1,023.80
Kinder Morgan Inc	utilities	ut	\$375.26
LIPS	supplies	sup	\$15.00
Alvin Loy Manchester	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$17.00
Martinsen Appraisal	parcel app	serv	\$1,683.00
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc.	law supplies	sup	\$102.41
MIPS Inc.	computer serv	serv	\$339.27
Modern Methods Inc	services	serv	\$254.62
NACO	supplies	sup	\$81.00
NACO Assessor Assn	dues	dues	\$50.00
State of Nebr	services	serv	\$73.18
Nebr Dept of Correctional Svcs	snow blower	equ	\$325.00
Nebr Life Magazine	color ad	ad	\$880.00

Nebr. Tech & Telecom Inc	telephone	tel	\$584.33
Officenet	office supp	sup	\$400.27
Ord Chamber of Commerce	dues	dues	\$130.00
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$1,222.33
Ord Quiz	subscription	sub	\$32.00
James J Orr	ct appt atty	atty	\$560.00
Dorothy K Palser	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Petska Backhoe & Plumbing Inc	repair	rep	\$60.35
Emanuel Petska	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$23.50
Presto-X-Company	services	serv	\$29.00
Protex Central Inc	services	serv	\$142.00
Quill Corp	supplies	sup	\$48.92
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notices/sup	ntc	\$357.39
Janice I. Reeves	ct appt atty	atty	\$84.00
Larry E Ronzzo	reimb exp	exp	\$487.18
Robert Sevenker	reimb exp	mtg	\$185.12
SGS	services	serv	\$354.26
Curtis A Sikyta	court appointed	atty	\$2,218.15
Janet L Suminski	reimb exp	mtg	\$183.20
Delores M Thompson	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$14.00
TierOne Bank-Ord	payroll taxes	fica	\$5,984.94
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$43.40
Adeline M Urbanski	rt/prior serv.	rt/psb	\$25.00
Valley Co Clerk	title	sup	\$10.00
Valley Co Court	fees	fees	\$156.00
Valley Co Dist. Court	fees	fees	\$93.00
Valley Co Economic Development Bd	agreement	pmt	\$6,667.00
Valley Co Highway Dept	fuel	fuel	\$670.55
Valley Co Highway Dept	transfer funds	trans	\$38,295.48
Valley Co Hospital	services	serv	\$47.00
Valley Co Sheriff	fees	fees	\$15.50
Valley Co Weed	transfer funds	trans	\$1,294.88
Gary D Walker	reimb exp	exp	\$100.00
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	Gen. fund	totals	\$155,064.92
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
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Payroll	December	Dec.	\$32,886.01
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Alltel	telephone	tel	\$61.24
Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$2,094.52
Appeara	towel serv	serv	\$39.21
Arcadia Water Dept	utilities	ut	\$13.00
Carl' s Service	repair	rep	\$37.00
Jerry P Collier	reimb	exp	\$29.00
Contech Construction Prod Inc	supplies	sup	\$4,673.60
Country Partners Cooperative	fuel	fuel	\$7,011.40

Don' s Auto & Machine Shop	supplies	sup	\$1,775.87
Farm Plan	parts	pts	\$331.85
Holiday Inn-Omaha Central I-80	meeting	mtg	\$87.00
Island Supply Co	supplies	sup	\$338.91
Island Supply Welding Co	oxygen	sup	\$104.80
KACO Supplies	supplies	sup	\$601.80
Kinder Morgan Inc	utilities	ut	\$84.73
Kokes Welding Inc 1	repair	rep	\$25.00
Maxon E. Leth	supplies	sup	\$228.67
Loup Valleys RPP Dist	elec	ut	\$44.91
Nebr Central Telephone Co	telephone	ut	\$43.12
Nebr Machinery Co	repairs	rep	\$12,431.76
Nebr Tech & Telecom Inc	phone	ut	\$95.73
Ord Equipment Inc	supplies	sup	\$368.27
Ord Light & Water	lights & water	ut	\$161.27
Ord Post Office	stamps	sup	\$78.00
Ord True Value	supplies	sup	\$21.86
Orschelns	supplies	sup	\$48.14
The Parts Bin Inc	parts	pts	\$331.18
Presco Sales & Service Inc	supplies	sup	\$1,553.89
Trotter Service	fuel	fuel	\$5,298.71
Trotter Truck Plaza	tires/rep	sup	\$324.34
Ulrich Gravel Inc	grav/sand	grav	\$8,516.75
Jared Zulkoski	CDL	cdl	\$55.00
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	Road fund	totals	\$79,796.54

#### **PLANNING & ZONING**

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Payroll	December	Dec.	\$585.00
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp	retirement	rt	\$39.49
Brown' s His Side & Her Side	supplies	sup	\$36.05
Nancy L Glaubke	reimb exp	exp	\$162.43
Jean Hawley	mtg/mil	mtg	\$25.13
Holiday Inn-Omaha Central I-80	meeting	mtg	\$174.00
Larry Koelling	meeting	mtg	\$18.90
Crystal L Lech	meeting	mtg	\$21.13
Keith Peterson	meeting	mtg	\$10.89
Quiz Graphic Arts Inc	notice	ntc	\$40.26
Marvin A Scheideler	meeting	mtg	\$18.90
Donald Vancura	meeting	mtg	\$18.90
Linda J Wadas	meeting	mtg	\$17.57
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	P & Z Fund	totals	\$1,168.65

#### **VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

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Nebr Life Magazine	Jan/Feb ad	adv	\$245.00
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	Visitors fund	totals	\$245.00
<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
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Roger C McCartney OD	office rent	ss/re	\$500.00
Ord Light & Water	office utilities	ss/ut	\$271.85
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	Relief fund	totals	\$771.85
<b>WEED FUND</b>			
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Payroll	December	Dec.	\$1,050.00
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Ameritas Life Ins Corp	retirement	rt	\$70.88
Holiday Inn-Omaha Central I-80	meeting	mtg	\$174.00
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	Weed fund	totals	\$1,294.88
		Spent	\$238,341.84