

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, and Waldmann present. Board members agreed that Sevenker should conduct the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year and nominations were opened. Cetak moved to nominate Sevenker as Chairman and Cullers as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Vogeler. Sevenker called for further nominations three times, there were none. Cetak moved that nominations cease, seconded by Van Slyke. Sevenker called for a vote on the first motion, nominating Sevenker as Chairman and Cullers as Vice-Chairman, and it carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The second motion, that nominations cease, was voted on and carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann and Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk verified that notice of meeting was published and agendas posted in the Courthouse and on the website. Minutes of the December 26, 2006 meeting were approved as published on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The addition of a report by the Sheriff was made to the agenda after the packets were mailed but prior to the 9:00 a.m. Monday morning deadline and new agendas were provided. The new agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Boardroom and copies were available for the public as required. No public comment was offered.

Valley County Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, reported on the recent ice storms. For benefit of new Board members, he explained some of his duties and noted that a copy of the LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) is available in the Clerk's Office and contains contact information, plans to handle major events, available equipment and where it is stored. He said power outages caused by the storms were widespread so it was hard to pinpoint who was out. Simpson, his assistant Shawn Owens of Arcadia, Nate Flessner, City of Ord's E.M. and Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup's Fire Chief, can all be reached through the Sheriff or Region 26 in an emergency. An emergency shelter was established in the Ord Methodist Church basement, but was not used. Red Cross supplied cots. With State and Federal disaster declaration certain costs pertaining to the ice storm can be reimbursed if the County also declares a disaster. The backup generator at the Region 26 tower would not start when the power went off, so pagers would not work. A new console purchased with grant funds is coming and will not require reliance on the tower.

Road Supt. Leth recommended refunding the deposit for Easement 05-230 for Ron Jensen. Refund of the deposit for Easement 05-230 was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth noted some concern with the access road to the ethanol plant with regard to drainage. He said the County cut the shoulders and hopes this will provide better drainage. Leth said he felt the road project was complete. Van Slyke moved to release the bond and declare the road project complete, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Receipt of the NDOR Right of Way Acquisition Guide was noted. A copy is on file in the Clerk's Office and the County Road Dept..

Leth reported a call from Region 26 at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday that the tower was down and the backup generator would not start. He investigated and found the road okay but a power line was down. REA put the line up and Region 26 was able to get to the generator and get it started. His crew was paid time and a half for Saturday and Sunday and double time for Monday. All roads were opened, 30 tons of salt were used. REA will reimburse work done to clear ice for them to get around. Some costs will be turned in to FEMA for possible reimbursement.

The State road project between Ord and North Loup which Leth thought would not be done this year has already been let and the pre-construction conference will be the 25th in St. Paul. He

will report back to the Board after the conference regarding closed roads and detours. There should be a conference for the public at a later date.

Leth reported that the County received \$3332.20 in addition to their regular \$40,000 or \$45,000 monthly allocation because of LB904 which allots 1/2 percent of motor vehicle sales tax to the highway allocation fund. The graders will be out today until around noon.

County Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski appeared to request Board approval of 2 letters of support for the State's noxious weed program, one to Senator McDonald and the other to the Governor. The letters to support the continued funding of the program. Baker moved to approve signing the letters of support for the State's noxious weed program, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo was not present, so Clerk Lindsey's monthly fee reports for District Court and County Clerk were presented. The reports show fees collected by each office and their disposition.

Treasurer Suminski reported fund balances for December, noting again that the General Fund Balance includes the Courthouse Bond. Road allocation this month was \$42,222.47, Visitors Fund received \$945.74, Courthouse Bond received \$4678.74 and Inheritance Tax received \$16,371.04. Suminski reported that elimination of the inheritance tax is on the Governor's agenda. She also presented the Semi-Annual Fund Report as it is printed in the Quiz and a more detailed breakdown of this report. A total of \$5,501,802.03 was collected and \$4,846,943.68 was spent between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. Suminski reported that delinquent taxes will be advertised in February and tax sales held in March. The Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. The Treasurer and Clerk were present.

The hearing on the Applications for Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles Owned by Qualifying Organizations was held. Suminski presented applications filed by Loup Basin RC&D Council, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mid Nebraska Individual Services, and Heartland Assembly of God Church. Each application lists the vehicles to be exempted and the purpose for which they are used. Suminski recommended approval of all of the applications. Cullers moved to approve all of the Exemption Applications presented, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Regular session was resumed at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Const. reported on the Courthouse renovation project. The window installation is going well, first floor is done and second floor begun. Clerk's Office has noticed a big difference in heating with the new windows installed and sealed. Kelly Electric of Kearney missed 10 days due to ice storm. Wadas Inc and Kelly Electric may be working Saturdays. Hope to start heat on west side of first floor by the 18th, Daiken representative will here for first start up. Projecting an early March completion date. Daiken would like to use the Valley County Courthouse to showcase their HVAC system for marketing purposes which would require approval of the Board. Hergott recommends waiting until the system is up and running before granting approval.

The old Supt. Office on the third floor has been cleaned to allow the County Attorney to begin using it, after the renovation project is complete the office is to be painted and recarpeted and the small adjoining room will be cleaned for their use. Clark intends to have someone in the office everyday. Custodian Cronk will check on getting locks for some of the doors where they are missing. Board directed that they should look as original as possible. Board agreed that the old brochure racks should be offered to RC&D as the Lodging Tax Committee did not want them.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

At the request of Scott Brady, Extension Office, Lori Bush was reappointed to the Extension Board on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

At the request of Region 26, a Disaster Declaration for Valley County was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding a debit card program for use by Section 125 Cafeteria Plan enrollees. The Board agreed that they were not interested in offering the debit card.

Appointment of Committees, Agency Representatives and a County Physician were discussed. It was noted that more reports need to be made by Committee Members and Agency Reps so that the Board is more informed. The following appointments were made: Road Committee Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Craig Vogeler, George Baker; Building & Grounds Committee Bob Sevenker, Allen Cetak, Helen Cullers; Hospital Committee Bob Sevenker, George Baker, Craig Vogeler; Bond Committee Pat Waldmann, Helen Cullers, Allen Cetak; Claims Committee Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Craig Vogeler; American Fund Committee Bob Sevenker, Craig Vogeler; Safety Committee Max Leth, Larry Kolar, Pam Arnold, Jenette Lindsey; Region 26 Representative Jack Van Slyke, Pat Waldmann, Region 3 Representative Helen Cullers, Mid-Nebraska Representative Allen Cetak, Economic Development Representatives Helen Cullers, Bob Sevenker, Loup Basin Health Dept. George Baker, Bill Brush. More information on meeting schedules and terms of appointments are needed for Mid Plains Center and Loup Basin RC&D so appointments will be made at the next meeting. Baker moved to appoint Dr. Hagge as County Physician then amended his motion to include the Ord Family Health Center in the appointment, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board signed the Annual Report of County Officers Signatures and Seals.

The following informational items were noted and/or discussed: notice of NIRMA Board vacancy; County Board Workshop in Kearney, Febr. 7-9 at a cost of \$70.00, \$80.00 after the Jan. 31 registration deadline, reminder on next Board agenda; AFLAC Rep., Roger Clark, will be here on Jan. 17, 2007; Current Expenditures Summary Report for December 2006 available for review.

County Attorney Clark reported the need to revise County Personnel Policy due to Supreme Court ruling on earned vacation time and possibly sick leave. This is to be on next meeting agenda.

There were no Committee reports.

Mail Folder items available for review: Chamber Newsletter, NIRMA AON Newsletter, VCHS Foundation Gala Invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 9 meeting and an agenda for the January 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 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 January 30, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, and Waldmann present. Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agenda in Courthouse and on County website. Minutes of the January 9 meeting were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the open meetings act is posted and copies are available to the public. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, reported on Road Dept. claims and balances for January. Road Fund balance is \$46,616.79, payroll for the month is \$39,385.69 and accounts payables totaled \$28,018.58. The larger expenses were for fuel, repairs, rolled salt, bulk oil, chemicals, diesel and tires. There is \$51,350 left in the fuel budget. Simpson worked with FEMA representative to provide information required to determine if the County qualifies for reimbursement of any expense related to the December ice storms.

Road Supt. Leth reported road maintenance difficult under present conditions and hard on equipment. Gravel freezes in the truck box and the trucks tear up thawed roads. The state consultant is starting to do the fracture critical bridge inspection for the counties. The failure of Congress to pass a transportation appropriations bill to provide sufficient investment levels could cost Nebraska 39 million dollars in federal highway dollars. The state is only doing the drainage portion of the Ord-North Loup highway project at this time, the surfacing portion will be let in 2011. The project is projected to take 145 days. The road will be closed on February 5 for a minimum of 12 weeks. Posts and delineators were ordered through a federal highway program at no cost to the county. NIRMA, the County's Liability Insurance carrier, provides a substantial savings on required drug testing for employees so is switching to their program. Van Slyke questioned Leth concerning the school bus routes. Leth said they try to get to them first, he will try to get them marked on the 911 map. Discussion of putting up signage for 911 roads. Board felt should check into cost. Leth will do some preliminary checking and report back to Board.

Billing statements from Olsson Assoc. and Werner Construction for the ethanol plant access road were approved by Leth and faxed on to Ord City for payment, they should be final billings.

County Attorney, Glenn Clark, reported on the need to revise the County Personnel Policy due to a Supreme Court decision regarding sick and vacation pay. The Court ruled that employment agreements cannot circumvent the statutory definition of wages and such definition includes fringe benefits. Clark had prepared a revision to the County's Personnel Policy on sick leave and vacation but he noted that this issue is to be addressed at the upcoming Central District Meeting and said the Board could delay a revision to see what information is provided at the meeting. He said as long as the County complies with the law, it doesn't matter what the personnel policy says. Clark also said there are other revisions needed in the current policy.

Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, presented his Year-end Report and 2007 Plan. Each Board Member received a copy of the report which includes a Board Roster, 2006 Infestation

Report, 2006 Activity Report, 2007 Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2007. He noted that the acres of infestation remain the same but the intensity was lowered to show that landowners are making an effort at weed control. Discussed use of insects for weed control. Baker moved, seconded by Vogeler to approve the Year-end Report and the 2007 Noxious Weed Control Plan presented by Kaminski. Carried. Yes: Baker, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:00 a.m. Cetak moved, seconded by Van Slyke, to go into Board of Equalization. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vanslyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Deputy Assessor were present.

Appraiser Chad Martinsen reported on the progress of the countywide reappraisal project. Eight townships have been appraised and seven remain to be done. He hopes to complete four this year and three next year to complete the project. Most people have been cooperative. He does not measure outbuildings, just checks their condition. Homes are measured and the condition is checked, including the inside if the homeowner agrees. Deputy Assessor Nance said informal notices will be sent to landowners in Springdale, Geranium, Michigan and Liberty Townships. The notices will offer landowners the opportunity to make an appointment with the Assessor and Appraiser to review the new valuations established through the reappraisal.

Notice from the Nebr. Dept. PAT that they will no longer supply updates to the Board's copy of the Assessor Manual was noted. Cetak moved, Cullers seconded the motion to move back into regular session at 10:10 a.m.. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The monthly Hospital report was presented by CEO Larry Schrage. Financial statistics were short of projected budget in some areas but are showing overall growth. They continue to look for ways to keep costs down, increase utilization of existing services and offer additional services to increase revenues. He further reported: graduated 5 CNA's; hiring a pharmacist to provide better patient care, not to compete with local pharmacists; Dr. Adams is here twice a month for OBGYN services, Dr. Kummer and Dr. Meckel rotate to provide weekly cardiology services; considering purchase of a scope for surgery; considering replacing old Chanticleer with new structure for the Heritage Program, which would free up space in the hospital and better address confidentiality requirements of the Program, construction costs would be paid by Medicare.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Bethanne Kunz presented the written VCED quarterly report, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's Office. The report included: annual meeting Feb. 24; printed information from strategic planning session of Chamber & VCED; have had 9 applications for housing grant, grant must be used by 2008; sales tax receipts continue to increase each year; podcasts to be developed and emailed to alumnus; wage survey conducted; list of grants awarded to VCED or Chamber; Garfield & Valley County Travel Guide project update.

Bethanne Kunz presented the written Tourism quarterly report, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's Office. The report included: Travel Guide ad sales exceeded expectations so no lodging tax funds are needed, \$8,685 Tourism Marketing Grant applied for by Burwell & Ord Chambers and Garfield & Valley County Visitors Bureaus, report on tourism evaluation by State Travel & Tourism presented Oct. 25, hospitality training conducted in partnership with Burwell with 25 participants, Visitor's Committee met Oct. 9 and Jan. 8.

Discussion was held regarding 2 vacancies on the Tourism Advisory Committee due to

the expiration of terms of Don Vancura and Judi Welniak. The Board was notified that Vancura did not wish to continue on the Committee, Welniak was willing to continue. Vancura recommended the appointment of David Yost of North Loup as his replacement. Yost was present and said he was willing to serve. Interest in serving has been expressed by Rolland Cronk and Tammy Soper. Vogeler moved to nominate David Yost to replace Don Vancura and to reappoint Judi Welniak, seconded by Pat Waldmann. Cullers said, while she appreciated Welniak's service on the Committee, she would like to suggest that the Board consider appointing Tammy Soper instead of Welniak as she felt it was important to continue to have 2 Committee Members who are in the lodging industry. Vogeler then amended his motion to appoint David Yost to replace Don Vancura and Tammy Soper to replace Judi Welniak, Waldmann seconded the motion as amended. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk was directed to notify the newly appointed members and send letters of appreciation to Vancura and Welniak.

Brian Hergott and John Rystrom of Beckenhauers reported on the Courthouse renovation project. The whole west side of the Courthouse now has heat and within the next 5 days the entire first floor should be on line. Weather permitting, the window installation should be finished next week. The electricians have been very accommodating. The Daikin inspector was very pleased with the installation of the new heating and air-conditioning equipment. Hergott asked if the Board wanted them to look at replacing the west entrance doors, Chairman Sevenker said the County would handle that themselves. Sevenker noted that the position of the large dumpster caused the County's dumpster to be placed in the sidewalk which blocked pedestrian traffic. Rystrom said he thought the large dumpster could be removed soon.

Discussion was held regarding the request to provide hot water in the second floor restroom. Sevenker said he had talked to Petska and thought a small unit could be placed in the restroom for less than \$500. It was moved by Cetak, seconded by Cullers to approve the purchase of a small unit to be installed in the second floor restroom if it can be done for \$500 or less. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The County ad proof for the Loup Valley Travel Guide was discussed. The Board wanted to change the caption to read Valley County Courthouse and leave out the reference to Courthouse tours. The Courthouse tours reference could remain in the body of the ad. The Board chose the third picture in the set of proofs provided, which was the one provided by Cullers. The Clerk will notify Nebraska Life of the Board's choices.

Jo Bob Atkins of Arnold Insurance presented a health insurance plan for the Board's consideration. The plan would be partially self-funded. He said this would provide a savings to the county over the long term not the short term. They shop the insurance market each year and employees would not know who the carrier is. The risk factor is determined largely by age and sex. Nuckolls, Dawson, Brown and Holt counties are currently on such a plan. He asked the Board to approve having him bid for the County's health insurance. The Board said they would check with other Counties and put this item on the next agenda.

At 12:30 p.m. Chairman Sevenker called a 45 minute recess, at 1:20 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Road Supt. Leth presented the One and Six Year Plan for Valley County roads. The plan included: a report of last years projects, a list of one-year projects with a descriptive sheet for each, a list of six-year projects with a descriptive sheet for each, and a map showing the location of each project. Leth went over each project for the Board. Hauling costs are figured

into each project so it is hard to compare projects as this can greatly affect the cost. A copy of the proposed plan is on file in the Clerk's Office. Van Slyke moved to schedule the hearing on the One and Six Year Road Plan for 9:30 a.m. on February 13, 2007, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Treasurer's Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances was the same as that provided at the last meeting with the addition of bank account information.

Vogeler agreed to serve as the County's Mid Plains representative and Waldmann as the County's representative on the Loup Valley RC&D Board.

The letter from UNL notifying the County that they did not receive the grant for landscaping the Courthouse lawn was noted.

No one was interested in attending the NIRMA Annual Conference. Sevenker and Vogeler will attend the County Board Workshop. The Clerk is to register them and secure motel accommodations for Vogeler.

At the request of Region 26, Van Slyke presented a sample resolution for Board consideration which provides that any new tower put up in the County must allow emergency services to use it at no charge. The Board felt the County Attorney should look at it before a decision is made.

Rasmussen Land Surveying billing statement, Beckenhauer Construction Inc. statement and the January Claims and Balances report were discussed. January claims were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Lodging tax receipts and expenses report was noted.

The Public Officials Bond for Arcadia Township Treasurer, Lola Staab, was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter from Jail Standards Division regarding the February 15, 2007 jail inspection was noted.

Information regarding the Central District Workshop will be on the next meeting agenda.

Supervisor Cullers, the County's representative on the Region 3 Board, presented printed information regarding services provided by Region 3. She noted that there are six regions in Nebraska and that 22 counties belong to Region 3. It costs the County only 8 or 9 thousand dollars a year and Region 3 provides services such as Mental Health Boards and EPC services that would cost the county much more to provide themselves.

Supervisor Cetak, the County's representative on the Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Board said they also serve a 22 county area. He noted that the cost to the counties is based on population. They meet quarterly.

Mail Folder items available for review were: Nebr. Crime Comm. Grants, CNCS Re-Cap, KARR Tuckpointing, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, NACO Leasing Manual.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 30 meeting and an agenda for the February 13 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and

available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room. Present: Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler. Clerk verified notice of meeting published, agenda posted in Courthouse and on website. Minutes of January 30 meeting approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted, copies available to public. No public comment.

Loup Basin Public Health Dept. Director, Chuck Cone, presented 2006 Report booklet which gives a brief overview of the creation and/or expansion of local district health departments and the services they offer. It also contains information about each department and highlights some of their activities. Cone focused on the "Loup Basin Smiles Project" LBPHD provides for their district counties: Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler. This project provides an oral dental exam for each student, a fluoride varnish and a referral for those who require it. The program is offered to all area elementary schools.

Easement 07-262, Frontier a Citizens Communications Company, was recommended for approval by Road Supt. Leth. The proposed easement is for installation of communication lines involving County Roads 813 and 474 north of Chuck Wagner. Following discussion, Easement 07-262 was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

At 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing for One & Six Year Road Plan opened. No one present to testify for or against plan. Discussion held regarding Project C88-119B, replacing an old fracture critical bridge with culvert. The plan can be amended at any time if this project needs to be moved from the 6-year to the 1-year plan. Public Hearing closed at 9:40 a.m.. Presented for Board approval were Resolution 07-01 (corrected from 07-36) approving the plan and an Affidavit certifying the hearing was held and proper notice given. Cullers moved to adopt Resolution 07-01 approving the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented and to approve the certification Affidavit, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

In an effort to accommodate ethanol plant start up operations, the State will begin construction of a box north of the plant at the same time as the scheduled road work, closing the Ord-North Loup Highway up to Knapp's. Seeking financial help from the State for maintenance of detour roads during State Highway project was discussed. State will furnish materials for roads that are designated as detour. Leth will draft a letter for Board consideration at their next meeting requesting state assistance with county roads used as a detour even though they are not a designated detour route.

Leth asked Board approval for an estimate on new wiring for his office and if it could be paid from B & G budget. Sheriff Ronzzo said his office also needs wiring. Board agreed an estimate should be obtained.

Turned in \$2932 overtime, hope portion is reimbursed by FEMA. 1982 140G motorgrader may need to be replaced as magneto filter full of iron. Cleaned filter and machine is running, will watch to see if more iron gets in filter. Sand-salted yesterday. Salt ordered January 22, not yet received, ordered another load. Discussed Quiz article indicating problem with snow

removal on hospital streets and parking lot. Leth said he talked to Rich McKinney and doesn't think there is a problem.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers, to consider requests for tax exemption for qualifying organizations. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor and Clerk were present. No applicants were present.

The Assessor's list of applicants and recommendations was provided to each Board member along with a copy of each application. The Assessor recommended disapproval for 2 GLVA, Inc. properties, 1 BPOE #2371 property and 1 P B K WHMZ, Inc. property. She recommended approval of a portion of 2 GLVA, Inc. properties, IOOF Lodge #90, Veteran's Memorial Building Corp., and American Legion Post #285. The remaining properties were recommended for approval. Following discussion, Cetak moved to approve the exemption requests as recommended by the Assessor with the exception of the following properties: IOOF Lodge #90 approve 100% exemption, GLVA, Inc. parcels 880036204, 880036633 and 880028770 approve 100% exemption, BPOE #2371 approve 100% exemption, P B K WHMZ, Inc. approve 100% exemption, American Legion Post #285 approve 100% exemption. The motion was seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. List of applicants, copy of applications and record of Board action are on file in the Clerk's Office.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Larry Ronzzo presented his Fees and Activities Reports for November and December. He had Leth put orange flags on all speed limit signs on detour roads to help prevent accidents as traffic increases. He attended a North Loup Village meeting and has agreed to give them a monthly report so they are kept informed and he reassured them no County deputy lived in Arcadia. He also met with Arcadia Village and will continue to provide service in their area now that they no longer have local law enforcement. Jail Standards conducted the jail inspection on Thursday and he thinks it went okay. Fire inspection was okay. Report of stolen vehicle in Mira Valley area and vandalism on Sargent Road.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.

Beckenbauer's John Rystrom reported that all windows are installed, 50% are stained. Ceiling build downs start this week, acoustical ceilings to be installed where access is needed, dry wall if access is not required. Two change orders were discussed, one for control circuits to allow fans in basement, courtroom and roof to work in conjunction with each other and the second for florescent lighting fixtures for the mechanical room on the fourth floor at a total additional cost of \$1772.32. Both change orders were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Kurt Genrich, Agent for the new NACO sponsored life insurance, was unable to attend due to the weather.

Treasurer Janet Suminski reported January collections and fund balances. A breakdown of collections to individual funds was provided. Discussed depositing interest from Inheritance Tax into specific fund, no action taken. Delinquent taxes were published, tax sales held in March. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The Clerk presented January fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of District Court.

Bob Sevenker and Craig Vogeler report on the County Board Workshop: Accountability and Disclosure to discontinue use of short form; board members must divulge conflict of interest and give reason for abstaining; NIRMA discussed safety in workplace and workmen's comp; Vogeler received updated NACO County Board Handbook; budgeting, cash flow, County Purcd/or acted on: Dana Cole billing statement will be submitted with this months claims, Board member will sign the claim. Loup River Scenic Byway \$25 membership approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Bond for Gerald F. Einspahr, Arcadia Rural Fire Dist. Secretary-Treasurer, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 07-02 (corrected from 07-37) was approved, setting salary of Civil Defense Director at \$175 per month as budgeted, on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Accountability and Disclosure forms must be submitted in April, short form will no longer be accepted, Clerk will provide each Board Member with copy of their current form. NIRMA telephonic conference on Employment Law is to be Feb. 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. NIRMA's notice regarding sufficient insurance coverage on communications towers does not apply as we do not own a tower. First quarter Workers Comp Report noted as were IV-D reimbursements of \$1852.84, \$3055.93 and \$111.65 for District Court and County Attorney. BCBS information regarding change in reimbursement of noncontracting providers was noted. Summary Report of January expenditures was reviewed. Valley County Health System Audit received and on file in Clerk's Office. Emails from Chamber provide update on Downtown Ord Project and a request regarding snow scooping by downtown businesses.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, General Administrator of Housing Assistance Grant received by County, was unable to attend due to weather. She spoke to Chairman Sevenker by phone prior to meeting and faxed necessary forms and information requiring Board action. Three forms received for Board consideration: Request for CDBG project funds for project activities, Request for CDBG funds General Administration and Approval Sheet for application number VC-01-DPA. The fund requests total \$6923 and include the down payment, housing administration, paint testing, and general administration fees. County contracted with Community Development Services for Housing Administration and Lead-based Paint Testing and with Miller and Associates for General Administration of the Grant. State required County to set up a line of credit to provide immediate access to down payment funds to facilitate the closing of the loan for the homebuyer as it takes several weeks to receive grant funds from the State. Funds were requested as follows: down payment \$2643, housing administration \$280, paint testing \$400, general administration \$3600. The home buyer contributes an additional \$1000 to the down payment and the City pays a portion of the down payment with City sales tax funds, in this instance \$148, for a total down payment of \$3791. Following discussion, the Approval Sheet for application number VC-01-DPA was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The request for General Administration fees in the amount of \$3600 was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: Vogeler. Absent: none. The request for project activities funding in the amount of \$3323 was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: Vogeler. Absent: none.

Supervisor Vogeler felt fund requests should not be approved until explained by Ms. Kuntz. County Attorney Glenn Clark was unable to attend due to the weather.

No Committee Reports but Baker noted chairs from District Courtroom are being repaired.

Mail folder items available for review: NE Crime Comm. Grant, VCED Annual Meeting, Chamber Pulse, Region 26 Minutes, Dana Cole letter, Rural News Bits, Center for Biopreparedness Education, NIRMA Interchange, Midwest Assistance Program, American Funds Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., and will reconvene on February 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 13 meeting and an agenda for the February 27 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.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on February 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Vogeler, Baker, Sevenker, Waldmann, Cetak, and Van Slyke present. Clerk verified posting and publishing of meeting notice. Cullers moved to approve minutes of the Feb. 13 meeting, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Sandy Simpson reported on February Road claims and line-item budget balances. Total expenses were \$60,071.76. Larger expenses were for: fuel, parts, chemical supplies, oil and diesel. The Road Budget should be sufficient for the fiscal year unless a major unexpected expense is required.

Leth reported on road maintenance difficulties due to weather conditions and general discussion was held on the issue. He works with bus barn on bus routes. Board members want to make sure public concerns are addressed and noted that most people understand the situation. Leth said his department is doing their best.

Leth said he was contacted by Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, requesting that the County sign a Disaster Declaration for the rain/snow storm occurring this past weekend. Van Slyke moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the Disaster Declaration for Valley County, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo reported sign vandalism is again occurring in the County, the jail has passed inspection although formal notice has not yet been received, and they are working with the State Patrol to cut down on speeding and semi-truck traffic on the Pizza Hut road. Ronzzo said the State is offering a grant for the purchase of a patrol car camera with audio. The unit would cost \$4995. The grant would pay \$3500, the County's share would be \$1495. The Board agreed to the purchase if he has the funds in his budget. He also noted that the jail passed the fire inspection about a month ago.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented information on demolition of the old Chanticleer building and the construction of a new facility to house the Heritage Program. The Hospital Board looked at four proposals and chose Chief Construction. It will be a 2240 square foot building at a cost of \$338,000 to be paid, over time, by Medicare. He noted that less than 3% of Medicare goes to rural critical access facilities so he does not anticipate that Medicare cutbacks would affect this. The new building will not have a basement since it could affect Medicare reimbursement. Chief Construction will use local subcontractors where possible. Demolition should be complete by the end of March and completion target date is end of September.

Hospital Board President, Kara Fischer, reported that the Hospital was notified they are a beneficiary of the will of Angeline Koelling. They are to receive the proceeds of a coin collection valued at \$2000 and 4322 shares of stock valued at \$50 per share. The Hospital Board is grateful to Ms. Koelling and her family. The funds are to be turned over to the Hospital Foundation.

Schrage presented the regular written monthly financial report and copy of the minutes of the last Hospital Board meeting. Overall revenues are good, expenses are up. They continue to

struggle with long term care numbers. Hospice programs have had an affect on that statewide. Agency staffing is a major factor in expenses, not only here but in most rural areas. Five CNA's were retained from the December training. There is soon to be an oncologist and a pharmacist on board. Dr. Hagge has resigned effective May 27, 2007.

Courthouse Custodian, Rolland Cronk, reported that a basement floor drain which he had plugged to prevent sewer gas odor is going to be needed for the new HVAC system. He has asked Petska to look at it and will report back to the Board. Discussed drapes, paint and carpet for third floor Judges Chambers. Building Committee and other interested County Officials will meet with Cronk at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday to look at the room and make recommendations. He is starting to work with lock smiths in Grand Island to see what can be done with repairing and/or replacing some Courthouse door locks.

John Rystrom of Beckenhauer Const. appeared to answer questions on the renovation project. Contract Change Order Request #8 for Gene's Electric's work to move moulding in Board room was discussed. Board felt the number of change orders was excessive and was an indication the initial engineering work was faulty, however, there was no retainage for engineering. Also discussed was the \$250 General Conditions charge by Beckenhauer's on the change order. Rystrom said it was to recoup their cost for getting estimates and the extra time it required of Brian Hergott and their office staff. Vogeler felt some of the Change Order costs should be the responsibility of the engineer or Beckenhauer. Rystrom noted that renovation of an existing structure usually requires more change orders than new construction. Cetak moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign Contract Change Order Request #8 in the amount of \$914.25 and the Application and Certificate for payment in the amount of \$62,640.00, Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: Vogeler. Absent: none. Rystrom reported the heat is up and running although there are a few control issues. Drywall work is starting, hopes to be finished in 2 weeks. Plans for covering some of the pipes may need to be changed as the covers may not fit in some areas. It will be 3 or 4 weeks before the jail roof top units are switched. Marvin Window Rep. said installation of windows was well done.

Ken Cullers offered to donate some of his mounts to be displayed in the Courthouse. Discussed hawk, owl and the rattlesnake that was caught locally. He also has deer and bobcat. Heads would need to be displayed on the wall, others would need to be in a glass case. Board directed this be put on next agenda for decision. Cullers said would have to get federal permit for a hawk and could take a year.

At 10:45 a.m. a recess was called, at 10:55 a.m. the meeting was reconvened with all members present.

Kurt Genrich, National Insurance Services, presented information about the voluntary life insurance available to employees who participate in the County's health insurance. He also presented information on other voluntary coverage they offer on a pre-tax basis, including vision and long-term disability. The Board agreed that this information could be presented to County employees during the work day. Genrich will contact the Road Dept. to set up a time and let the Clerk know when they are coming, Clerk will notify Board members.

Bethanne Kunz, VCED, Paul Markowski, Ord City, and Brent Soderlin, JEO, presented an update of the downtown improvement project. Markowski said they want to put outlets on some of the light poles around the square and would need an easement from the County to put a transformer and control panel on the north side of the Courthouse. The existing unit would be removed. JEO would draw up the easement agreement. Cetak moved to approve a permanent

easement for the City of Ord to locate a transformer and control panel on the north side of the Courthouse to replace the existing unit, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Soderlin displayed drawings of the downtown project. Cost to the County will be \$40,000. The drain on the northeast corner of the Courthouse will go underground instead of running over the sidewalk. Any of the irrigation system and sod that is disturbed for the new sidewalks will be replaced. The existing benches around the Courthouse will be removed and the Board needs to decide which ones will be replaced so pads for this purpose can be installed when the sidewalks are built. The project is to start April 9 and the completion date is November 27. Discussion of replacement of the benches is to be on the next meeting agenda.

The Board noted the reminder of the Central District meeting on March 15 in Grand Island and asked that it be placed on the next meeting agenda.

County Attorney, Glenn Clark, could not be present. Deputy County Attorney, Jason White, presented his report at this time as he had another commitment and had to leave. He noted that the Tort Claim filed by Barb Schamp could be discussed in executive session as a litigation matter, however, there is not sufficient information at this time for discussion. NIRMA has been informed of the claim and denied coverage. He advised that the Board needed to take no action at this time and that after 6 months the claimant could file suit. White said he thought more information should be requested. He reported that JoAnn Scott has been hired to staff their Ord Office on a full-time basis. The tower resolution requested by Region 26 was discussed and Van Slyke explained that the Board did not feel it was in the County's best interest to require free County use of any newly constructed communications tower since Region 26 charges for use of their tower and since there is a need for more towers in the County. The proposed revision of the County Personnel Policy regarding vacation time is to be on the next meeting agenda. White reported that the new County Attorney set up seems to be working okay. He covers County Court, County Attorney Clark covers District Court and Board Meetings. They both have cell phones and offices in Broken Bow as well as the Valley County office through which they can be contacted. The Davis Creek Cemetery was discussed. White said ownership of the cemetery needs to be established, for which a legal description is needed and a search of the real estate records. The Clerk will check the Register of Deed records and this item will be on the next meeting agenda.

February Claims were signed by the Claims Committee and the list of claims was available for review. Clerk reported that the grant funds for the Housing Assistance grant were received on Friday so the line of credit established by the County to facilitate access to down payment funds was able to be repaid along with the other charges connected with the grant which were presented at the last Board meeting. February Claims were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported that the brochure printed by Nebr. Community Foundation for the Courthouse Restoration Account was updated with the newly elected Board Members. NCF will print copies of the updated brochures for 10¢ each or the County can make their own copies or have them printed by someone else. Updating the Courthouse picture and printing them in color was discussed. Cullers will check and report back.

December Lodging Tax receipts received in February were \$2687.99. There were no Feb. expenses.

Clerk was directed to look into other options for maintenance of the County website since Nebraska Online now requires a contract and a \$50 per hour fee for maintenance. At present the only regular maintenance required is a new minutes folder each year.

NACO is hosting a Counties' Legislative Day on Thursday, April 12, 2007, which provides an opportunity for County Officials to observe the Legislature in action and visit with State Officials. Sign up sheets are to be returned by Friday, April 6, 2007.

NACO Attorney's email noting that the Appropriations Committee has tentatively cut \$2 million in jail reimbursement from the proposed state budget was discussed.

Mail folder items available for review: Loup Basin Public Health Dept. Mtg. Ntc., Region 26 Council Mtg. Agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Loup River Valley Travel Guide, NDOR 2006 Annual Report, Nebr. Economic Trends (2), NACo Rep. Lowenstein Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 27 meeting and an agenda for the March 13 meeting are available in the County Clerk's Office.

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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, March 13, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Sevenker, Cullers, Cetak and Baker present. Minutes of the Feb. 27 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted the posting of the Open Meetings Act and availability of printed copies for the public as required. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth presented Easement 07-263 for Nebr. Central Telephone Co. It covers a large area and he has looked at all of it. His one concern is the back slope on the new road. He is to meet with the engineer and feels they can come to agreement on this so he recommends approval of the easement. The engineer will provide a second map for the record. Cetak moved to approve Easement 07-263 for NCTC, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported that he intends to cut shoulders and rebuild crowns as soon as roads dry out. Gravel requests will be fulfilled as weather permits. Chairman Sevenker recently toured county roads with Leth and there were roads that required four-wheel drive. He felt the County had done their best considering the weather conditions and thanked Valley County residents for their patience. Discussion was held on cleaning ditches. Leth said it is better if the County does it and to let him know where it is needed. It will take time to get the roads back in shape and Leth asked that he be made aware of complaints so they can be addressed. He has put weight limits on Sargent and Loup City roads. Some patching needed on Sargent road. Vogeler asked if Pizza Hut road was in the 1 & 6 Year Plan, especially the curve a mile or two north of Hwy 22. Leth said it is in the maintenance budget. The County road used for access to the ethanol plant is holding up well. Discussion was held regarding a letter requesting state assistance with road maintenance due to increased usage caused by the closing of Hwy 11. It was felt that all Board members should sign the letter. The letter drafted by County Attorney Clark was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Leth reported that the State, the contractor and the County are working together on the road by Knapp's. The contractor has graveled it and the County will maintain it. Leth will attend the Central Dist. meeting on Thursday as well as a required CDL meeting on alcohol and drug testing. Some culvert work will be necessary, most culverts are in stock. Vogeler asked if remaining gravel budget will be adequate and Leth said he doesn't know but it will be close.

Weed Supt. Kaminski reported that, at his request, Chairman Sevenker signed a letter in support of the State's Noxious Weed program. This was due to the fact that the Appropriations Committee was considering eliminating State Weed Inspectors which would have a direct effect on enforcement of the State's Noxious Weed laws. The hearing for this was held on March 7 and the County's support letter was not mailed until the 9th, however, he thought it was important that the County's support of the program be on record. Kaminski said it was first thought that the Program was in danger of being eliminated and letters were drafted in support of it, but at their Spring Conference it was reported that everything was okay and letters were not needed. Then they were notified that the Appropriations Committee was considering

eliminating Inspectors and support letters were needed. Kaminski thanked the Board for their support.

The Sheriff and County Attorney will appear after District Court is finished.

The Sheriff's written Fees and Activities reports for January and February were noted. Ronzzo reported passing the jail inspection at the last meeting and the report is now on file in the Clerk's Office. Replacement of dialer for fire alarm system will be delayed until Ronzzo is present.

Planning and Zoning Admn. Nancy Glaubke reviewed information on the set up of the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. Consultant Orval Stahr was hired to help with the adoption of a plan. North Loup, Arcadia and Elyria also adopted plans. Interlocal agreements are presented for village approval annually. The Planning Commission is a recommending body only consisting of 12 members, 9 appointed by the County Board and 1 by each village. The terms are 3 years and are staggered. A fee of \$50 is charged for each petition. The petition is heard by the PC at a public hearing which is advertised and open to the public. Their recommendation is presented to the County Board during a second public hearing and the County Board makes the final decision. A petitioner can appeal the Board's decision to District Court. The Board of Adjustment consists of 5 members appointed by the County Board and hears requests to allow something that is not within regulations, a variance. It takes 4 votes to approve a variance. They can hear an appeal if a petitioner feels an error was made by Glaubke or the Board. Villages can act as their own BOA. Statute requires one BOA member be on the Planning Commission. The BOA has only been used twice in 10 years. Orval did a good job to keep the plan flexible and it has worked well.

Glaubke said Sherman County is looking at getting a livestock friendly designation. She said only 2 counties have done this since it was proposed. It involves making some changes in planning and zoning regulations and she felt our regulations are already livestock friendly.

She said nothing more has been heard from FEMA so it is assumed the preliminary flood plain maps were okay. There will be hearings for public input before the maps are finalized.

Marv Scheideler received the NPA Appointed Official award this year, David Yost received it last year. This reflects well on Valley County.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Dennis Hruza was present for discussion of his letter regarding the possibility of renting the Elk's Club out for special events and what, if any, change this would make in their tax exempt status. Assessor Arnold said County Attorney Clark advised that renting the building would change the exempt status. Hruza said rental of the facility is under consideration, no final decision has been made. Anyone renting the facility would need to provide their own liquor license and food would have to be catered.. The County Board felt the facility should remain tax exempt because by the time a final decision is reached much of the year will be gone and there is no way to know how often it would be rented. Waldmann moved to honor the County Board's prior tax exempt designation for the Elk's Club, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Tax List Correction for the Y'all Come Back Saloon, Inc. was presented. The business was sold February 27, 2007 and the accelerated tax amount is \$64.90. Said Tax List Correction was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Assessor Arnold explained that the wrong form was used for Bethel Baptist Church in Ord when tax exempt applications were considered by the Board at their Feb. 13, 2007 meeting. Form 451A, Exemption Application for continued exemption, was used in error. Form 451, Exemption Application for Qualifying Organization, should have been used since this property had not previously been considered for exemption. Vogeler moved to approve the Form 451 exemption application for Bethel Baptist Church, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Arnold reported that 2007 values must be set by Monday and she is almost ready to print the abstract to send to the state. Pick-up work is done. Ag values will not be changed this year as we are at 74%, site values will change. Residential in Ord City will go up 5% as will commercial in Arcadia. Appraiser Chad Martinsen is starting on North Loup, Enterprise and Vinton Townships and said he may go ahead and finish out the County even though he would not get paid for the additional townships until the new fiscal year.

At 10:20 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Sevenker called a recess at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present.

February Fee Reports for the Clerk's Office and the District Court were presented.

No one from Beckenhauers was present to give an update on the renovation project at this time.

Discussion was held regarding paint, carpet and window covering for the District Courtroom, Judges Chambers, Jury Room, Law Library, and County Attorney's Office. Custodian Cronk, B & G Committee members Cullers and Cetak, the Treasurer, Clerk Magistrate and County Clerk met to discuss this topic. Vertical blinds were determined to be the best choice for window coverings and it was felt that estimates need to be solicited to establish a cost for each room in order to determine a time line for proceeding with the necessary updates. Ord Family Furniture was asked to measure these areas for carpet and window coverings. Leslie Sikyta, who stained the new Courthouse windows, had expressed an interest in painting and was asked to submit a bid. It was unclear whether or not she would be willing to do the patching of cracks necessary prior to painting. Many other Courthouse offices are in need of new paint and installation of the new heating and cooling system will require lowering of some ceilings and drywalling to cover ducts in some areas. Painting of the new drywalled areas is included in the renovation and the County should be consulted regarding the paint color to be used. Cullers noted that she received a suggestion that murals be painted in the alcoves at the rear of the District Courtroom where the old heating registers were removed. She checked with the school and found that they do not have the materials required to paint on metal.

Custodian Cronk said the drywallers started this week. The proposed coverings for the piping for the heating and cooling system were discussed. No one is happy with them. Cronk reported that he had a new floor drain installed in the basement. He said he had budgeted \$5000 for roof repairs to be done after the renovation is completed and, since it appears this might not happen until next fiscal year, these funds might be available for other uses.

David Yost and Bethanne Kunz presented a proposal to apply for a grant to renovate the old brick gas station in North Loup to be used as a tourist/visitors' center. Yost felt the chances of receiving grant funds are good as Hwy 11 is designated as a scenic byway and there is currently no visitors' center located on it. He provided a written proposal which indicated that

the projected cost would be \$150,000, the grant would be \$125,000 and the required match \$25,000. This project would benefit not just North Loup but all of Valley County and the surrounding area as information on attractions in the entire area would be available at the center. In order to qualify for the grant, the center would need to be staffed from May to September. Yost's plan is for the County to purchase the building from the Village for \$1.00 with the option to buy it back if it ceases to be used as a visitor's center. The County would then be responsible for the grant application and meeting all of the grant requirements. He suggested that the required matching funds be split between North Loup Village, North Loup Development Board, Valley County Economic Development, and Valley County Tourism Committee. Yost also suggested that Garfield County Tourism and Burwell and Ord Chambers be contacted to see if they would be interested in participating in the project. The issue of possible soil contamination from the gas station was raised by Baker. Sevenker noted that the County does not have extra funds at this time. It was decided that a committee should be established to look into the feasibility of the proposal. Vogeler and Waldmann volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Linda Studnicka of Keep Loup Basin Beautiful appeared to request County support for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. It is held in conjunction with Grand Island Area Clean Community System and provides for disposal of waste that is not allowed in landfills. The cost is established by population. The collection point is the fairgrounds. The \$1000 cost to the County for participation in the May 12, 2007 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event was approved by Baker, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Jeffrey G. DeLine, Mick Puckett and Gary Hinrichs of Dana F. Cole & Co., LLP appeared to present the preliminary County audit. DeLine reviewed the preliminary audit and explained the information contained in each section. He also reviewed the audit findings for each office and recommendations for procedural changes. The audit findings were categorized as Reportable Condition, Management Letter or Exit Conference. The first two are reported to the State Auditor, the last is brought to the County's attention for correction. Vogeler noted that this was the first year Dana Cole had audited Valley County and felt that some of the Management Letter items could have been listed as Exit Conference items to give the County opportunity to make changes. If these same items appeared on the second year audit report, they could be listed in the Management Letter category. DeLine said he would consider that when he puts together the final audit report. The County will receive the final audit report as soon as DeLine receives the letter signed by the required County Officials stating that all materials provided were accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge.

John Rystrom of Beckenhauer Construction appeared to provide an update and answer questions on the renovation project. The proposed covers for the heating/cooling system piping were discussed. They are looking at boxing some of the pipes in with wood stained to match the existing trim while other pipes would just be painted. The drywall will be to a smooth finish and painted. The Board can choose the paint color. Some of the duct work will be painted rather than drywalled. They are waiting for a new electrical diagram for the Clerk's Office. They are working on the roof today, the next project will be the jail. A gas meter is needed until the jail is completed. A crack in the County Attorney Office caused by the workers will be repaired.

The Davis Creek Cemetery was discussed. All agreed that a pivot should not be spraying or crossing a cemetery. Vogeler said this should be handled according to law. County Attorney Clark said if it is an abandoned cemetery the County is responsible for it. He will

review the records and report at the next meeting.

Central District Meeting is at the Interstate Holiday Inn in Grand Island on Thursday. Cullers is unable to attend, Sevenker still plans to go.

A decision on Ken Cullers' offer of some of his mounts for display in the Courthouse will be delayed until the next meeting as will a decision on replacement of the benches around the Courthouse.

Supervisor Cullers reported that she has ordered 200 updated brochures for the Courthouse Restoration Fund from Nebr. Community Foundation at a cost of 10¢ each.

Berggren Architects provided an updated cost estimate to be used in the grant application process for funds for a Courthouse elevator. The estimate for the elevator is \$395,829 to \$452,376, for the fire sprinklers \$158,332 to \$169,641 and the outside stairway \$282,735 to \$327,973. It is Berggren's understanding that the sprinklers and stairway are required by the fire marshal if an elevator is installed. The cost of these two items is significant. Sevenker will contact the fire marshal to clarify the requirements.

Chairman Sevenker appointed Supervisor Baker to the Claims Committee.

The following items were available for Board review: The Current Expenditures Summary Report for Feb. and the NIRMA Safety Committee Handbook. The Board was reminded of the Town Hall Meeting regarding the Downtown project on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds

County Attorney Clark said the amendment to the County Personnel Policy regarding payment of unused vacation will be presented at the next meeting.

Sheriff Ronzzo was present to discuss the proposal received from Protex Centrac 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, March 27, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke and Waldmann present. Deputy County Attorney Jason White was present. Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of the agenda. Minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Law is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Road Claims and Balances were reported by Road Secretary Sandy Simpson. Expenditures for March were \$67,306.34, fuel budget has \$23,253 remaining and gravel \$53,212.

Leth said the County is to receive \$5164 from FEMA due to the recent ice storm, road crew is working on river road today, difficult to haul gravel without damaging roads, ethanol plant begins accepting corn March 29th, task start and end dates for North Loup to Ord drainage structures was presented, State may work some Saturdays and Sundays, part of the highway will be opened after the culvert at Fish's is completed. Discussion was held regarding posting weight limits on gravel road due to 84 trucks per day delivering corn to ethanol plant. Leth felt it could be controlled with local traffic only signs and Sheriff patrols so that farmers living on the road could haul their own corn. White will provide a definition of local traffic for publication.

Easement 07-264 requested by the City of Ord for the Downtown Historic Replica Lighting NDOR Project No. NEH-88 (22) was discussed but no action was taken since more information is needed. Someone from the City or JEO is to be invited to the next meeting to provide more information.

Deposit refund for Easement 06-241 issued to Dennis Fauss on March 14, 2006 was approved as recommended by Road Supt. Leth on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth requested approval of Resolution 07-03 for a stop sign on the NE corner of NE4 of Section 23, Twp 18, Range 13 in Valley County, Nebraska. Vogeler moved, Waldmann seconded approval of Resolution 07-03. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: highway monitoring program requires providing information on a highway they designate, will attend a speed limit setting workshop in Broken Bow, new plan of action and monitoring for closure form is required by bridge inspection program, Nebraska Machinery changed their name to High Plains Cat, no answer from state on assistance with County road maintenance due to close of Hwy 11. Likely be fall before bridge project south of Paul Boyce's can be done.

Hospital Board Pres., Kara Fischer, gave the monthly Hospital report. Usage numbers are up in most areas including clinics and PT. Offering new procedures and bringing in new equipment provides more local services. Of 12 students attending a long-term CNA course offered here, seven are staying.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented month-end fund balances, tax sales report, certification to close tax sale, delinquent tax and assessment report, and requested Board approval for Resolution 07-04 to foreclose on County Tax Sale Certificates. February receipts include Road Allocation of \$38,112.95, Inheritance Tax \$2881.36 and General Fund \$33,701.36. General Fund balance again includes remaining Courthouse Bond funds. Forty-two Tax Sale Certificates issued totaling \$44,187.98 plus \$420 in certificate fees. Certification of Closing Tax Sales on March 20, 2007 was presented. Delinquent real estate taxes and city assessments report was presented for the record. A list of County Tax Sale Certificates due for foreclosure was presented. Resolution 07-04 authorizing the County Attorney to foreclose on real estate taxes and assessments, etc. which are delinquent for two or more years was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Suminski consulted State Auditor's Office regarding some findings of Dana Cole during the County audit and sent a letter outlining the State's response to Jeffrey DeLine of Dana Cole with a copy to each Board member. The Board said the letter was very clear and had no questions. Misc. Receipts folder was available for review.

Beckenhauer Rep., John Rystrom, could not attend the meeting but left a written report on the progress of the renovation noting that the heating/cooling system should be completed by the week of April 9 and listing items remaining to be completed. Custodian Cronk noted concerns with electric heating units installed on the third floor that have no temperature control or shut off switch on the outside of the unit. Chairman Sevenker called Beckenhauer's this morning with questions on the billing and Brian Hergott may stop in this morning.

Replacing the west Courthouse entrance door was discussed. Hinges are worn out and it is not energy efficient. The cost would be under \$5000 so does not require bidding. Sevenker would donate his labor to help install it and he has an estimate of \$3430 from Ord Glass & Paint for a single 3' door similar to the one on the east side with a bronze frame and insulated glass but no automatic open/close feature. Baker moved to approve having Ord Glass & Paint provide and install a new west entrance door at the estimated cost of \$3430, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Sevenker said the Fire Marshall indicated the Courthouse is required to have an outside stairway from the 3rd floor and a fire sprinkler system and the Fire Marshall would like to see the County proceed with plans for both. The high end of cost estimates for a stairway and sprinkler system provided by Berggren Architects as part of an elevator installation project was \$452,376 for an elevator, \$169,641 for fire sprinklers and \$327,973 for a stairway. The Fire Marshall felt the stairway requirement could be met for less than Berggren's estimate. Baker offered to check on a used stairway he saw that came from a grain elevator. Sevenker said the Fire Marshall was not concerned with the elevator as that is a Federal requirement.

CNEDD is writing a \$250,000 grant for the County for the installation of an elevator in the Courthouse. They are asking that the County pay the \$250 cost of an environmental study which is a requirement of the grant. Cetak moved to approve the \$250 for the environmental study, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The grant requires that a public hearing be held and CNEDD provided a notice of hearing for publication. Concern was expressed that the notice includes the cost of a stairway and sprinkler system. The Board felt this was misleading since the grant is only for elevator installation. Deadline for completion of the grant is April 16 so a decision cannot be delayed. The wording was changed to reflect only elevator costs. Concern

was noted regarding the short time frame for the application but it was also noted that the grant application process does not obligate the County to anything. Waldmann moved to approve proceeding with the grant application, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Sevenker reported on the March 20 meeting on the downtown renovation project. It is to begin April 9 and be completed November 27. Progress meetings will be held every Friday at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. Sevenker said answers were not available for some of his questions: the need for larger pipes for water service if the Courthouse installs a fire sprinkler system, the affect on the flag pole holders around the Courthouse, and downtown parking during the renovation. These questions can be raised at the next meeting if a JEO or City Rep. is able to attend to discuss the lighting easement.

Decisions on the replacement of benches around the Courthouse and the offer of Ken Cullers of mounts for display will be delayed until the next meeting.

Aaron Jacobs was present for discussion of the Davis Creek Cemetery. Attorney White said Attorney Clark had researched the issue and he did not think ownership of the Cemetery had yet been established. This is the first step in determining if it is an abandoned cemetery under the Board's control. Vogeler asked that a decision be reached soon so that Jacobs can farm that quarter. White will convey that message to Clark.

Reminder of April 6 deadline to sign up for Counties Legislative Day on Thursday, April 12 was noted.

Dana Moudry-Cooper and Stephanie Brock of Ord Family Furniture presented information on carpet and window coverings. A rough estimate of cost for carpet, pad and labor for the County Attorney Office, Judges' Chamber, Jury Room and Law Library was \$4000. Discussion was held and this item will be on the next Board agenda for further discussion.

Deputy County Attorney White asked if he could give his report at this time as he has to leave. The Personnel Policy revision regarding vacation pay was presented and discussed. The current policy states that employees lose unused vacation each year and this is no longer allowed, the revision would provide that earned, unused vacation days be paid. The Clerk is to provide copies of the proposed revision to all County Officials and Dept. Heads for their input and this item will be on the next Board agenda.

Discussion was held regarding appointing a County Representative to the Housing Task Force. Van Slyke moved to appoint Sevenker. Following further discussion, Van Slyke withdrew his motion and Cullers moved to appoint Vogeler as the County Rep. for the Housing Task Force, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

At 12:10 p.m. the Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection, at 12:25 p.m. the meeting reconvened in the Boardroom with all members present.

The current lawn care contract with Collier's Lawn Care was discussed. Sevenker reported Jerry Collier is willing to continue providing the service but requests \$5.00 more per week for mowing and \$10.00 more for each fertilizer application. Following discussion, Cetak moved to increase the mowing to \$90 and the fertilizer application to \$220 each and to stipulate a maximum of two leaf pickup charges per season. Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction appeared to answer questions regarding the renovation and the billing statement. The factory representative is to do a walk-through on April 5 for the HVAC system and Board members may take part. He will notify the County if

this date changes. He will check the separate heating units on the third floor for thermostat and controls. Final billing should be in May and there is a 1 year warranty beginning on the final walk-through date. Project should be completed by end of April.

The March Claims & Balances Report, list of claims and Fund Request were presented for Board approval. Baker moved to approve Beckenhauer's Application and Certificate for Payment and payment of the March Claims, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported the possibility of students from the high school providing volunteer cleaning services for some of the Courthouse storage areas. There were no objections. She will get further details.

Discussion was held regarding condensing the minutes that are published due to the cost and providing a copy of the minutes in the Board packets. The Clerk is to condense the published minutes, noting the complete minutes are on record in the Clerk's Office and to mail a copy of the complete version in the Board packets.

Request for state reimbursement of direct costs relating to space provided for the Nebr. Dept. of Health & Human Services Office was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were noted: Region 26 notice of March 28 meeting with NEMA and FEMA on a Mitigation Plan for disasters; Lodging Tax receipts \$1140.30 and expenses \$1929.50; receipt of County Farm Rent; receipt of IV-D reimbursement \$1561.32 District Court and \$3781.43 County Attorney.

Cullers presented a written report of Region 3 activities to each County Board member.

Mail Folder items available for review: Region 26 Council Agenda, Mid-Nebr. Individual Services Agenda, Loup Basin SC&D Newsletter/Agenda, CNCS Newsletter, NPAIT Publication, NIRMA Publication, Nebr. Economic Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 27 meeting and an agenda for the April 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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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in regular session in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. Clerk verified publishing and posting meeting notice. March 27 meeting minutes were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda with emergency addition of Resolution 07-05 under item 8A6 due to deterioration of County road north of Methodist Church in North Loup to provide authorization for County Road Supt. to restrict road use, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted as required with copies available for public.

Terry Christensen spoke under public comment on progress of Technology Center in fairgrounds building. Construction has begun, grant awarded through RC&D for equipment, end of month loan closing. Center should be completed by summer and an open house will be held.

At 9:05 a.m. public hearing on CDBG funds application for Courthouse elevator was opened. Present were Terri Van Houten and Laurie Hansen of CNEDD who are writing the grant. No public comment was offered. Elevator cost estimate of Berggren Associates is \$450,000, grant is \$250,000 or less and County must match 25% of total project cost. Application due April 16 and decision may take 60 days. No penalty for not using an awarded grant, however, it may hurt chances for future grants. Funding options include Inheritance Tax Fund, property taxes and possible no interest USDA loan. Sevenker said capitol outlay can be outside levy limit and, based on last year's valuation, his rough calculation shows \$50,000 elevator payment could be raised with a tax increase of about \$13 on a \$100,000 house. If grant awarded, County has 2 years to complete project. Cullers said a no interest loan through USDA is still being pursued and Bethanne Kunz will write an application for the County. Cullers moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Public hearing was closed at 9:30 a.m.

Chris Riha of Viaero Wireless asked about the process to request a road to a specific site. Viaero is interested in erecting a tower in North Loup area. They are looking at 2 sites, one off Hwy. 11 between Burson's and Kokes', a second south of Hwy 22 on Huebner's, both require about 1/2 mile of road. Leth said the County and State Board of Classifications must approve a change from minimum maintenance to local. Leth said requester pays costs and ROW may need to be purchased to meet requirements, he will get cost information. A tower is planned for Ord with retail stores in Ord, Loup City and Broken Bow.

Leth recommended approval of Easement 07-265 for Michael Jackson for a waterline between sections 14 and 13 in Township 18 Range 16. Cetak moved to approve said easement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

NDOR's letter in response to County's request for state assistance with road maintenance due to closing of Hwy 11 between Ord and North Loup was noted. During phase II of the project the south end will be open and the north end closed and the state will provide some gravel for the detour road.

Resolution 07-05 authorizing Leth to restrict use of a county road was discussed. County Attorney Clark said this resolution can be approved each year so it is in place if needed. Weight limit or local traffic only signs were discussed. Vogeler moved to put weight limits on the gravel road north of the Methodist Church in North Loup to restrict semi use other than people who live on the road, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor and Clerk were present. A Tax List Correction was presented for Sara Case due to sale of a mobile home with accelerated tax of \$40.10. The Tax List Correction was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. At 10:12 a.m. the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Van Slyke moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 authorizing Leth to restrict use of a county road when necessary, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The resolution is effective for 90 days after signs are erected, Clark will prepare new resolutions as needed. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to amend his previous motion regarding the road north of the Methodist Church in North Loup from weight restriction to closing it to truck traffic. Van Slyke seconded the amended motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

State Board of Classifications and Standards letter accepting County's 1 & 6 Year Plan was noted.

Leth asked the Board to waive informal bid process for purchase of asphalt spreader costing about \$5800 as it is a special and unique piece of equipment for which he knows of only one supplier. Cetak moved to approve purchase of the asphalt spreader and waive bid requirement, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

HDR Engineering is inspecting County's 2 fracture critical bridges. Leth to attend speed setting workshop in Broken Bow. Culvert letting with Custer County was held. Van Slyke asked about road signs for 911 addresses. Leth estimated cost of \$60 or \$70 per intersection but not sure how many are needed.

Steve Parr of JEO, Paul Markowski and Bethanne Kunz were present for discussion of Easement 07-264 for Ord downtown project around Courthouse square. Parr provided drawing of Courthouse square noting placement of new lights and existing bench pads. Discussed installing Courthouse fire sprinkler system requiring larger underground piping. Water main work will be done this week so changes must be made now. Parr estimated \$3300 cost to run 8" pipe. Markowski advised coming in to Courthouse where utility room located, bring pipe 5' past new sidewalk and cap off till needed. City will bill the County. Waldmann moved to approve installation of 8" waterline across the street on the east side, seconded by Allen. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Easement 07-264 approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. County will be notified when water is to be shut down.

Chairman Sevenker called a recess at 11:00 a.m., reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all present.

Cullers said City purchased walking trail benches for \$411 each. Maintenance free benches preferred. Will check to see if there is a source in Nebraska to save shipping costs.

Sevenker reported he, Cullers and Waldmann attended walk-through of new heating and cooling system. Brian Hergott of Beckenhauers, Daikin Reps and other contractors were present. Some issues with lack of controls on separate heating units on third floor. Final billing will likely be submitted this month.

Discussed installation of Courthouse elevator. Sevenker said Brian Hergott felt Berggren cost estimates were high based on elevator project JEO did for Clay County Courthouse. Baker can get a used ladder with a cage around it for an outside stairway but is not high enough and would have to be added to, not sure it will meet fire marshall requirements. Sevenker will get more information on requirements.

Weed Supt. Kaminski was present for discussion of his annual contract. No changes were made and contract renewal was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer's written Month-end Fund Report was presented in her absence and the Misc. Receipts Folder was available for review.

Region 26 asked Cullers to serve on Local Emergency Planning Committee as recommended by Emergency Manager Simpson. Cullers felt the Board should appoint a member. Cetak volunteered, and his appointment to the LEPC was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The BOE seminar will be on the next Agenda and the Expenditure Summary Report was reviewed.

Discussed Elyria Village Board letter expressing disappointment Judi Welniak was not reappointed to Tourism Committee. Response drafted by Cullers was presented for consideration. Vogeler was not in favor of response letter, he felt Waldmann should talk to the Village Board. Waldmann approved the response letter, saying he has received no comments on the subject, but he will talk to the Village Board if the County Board so directs. Van Slyke moved to approve the response letter, Baker seconded. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: Vogeler. Absent: none.

County Attorney Clark presented proposed revision of County's Personnel Policy with regard to vacation to comply with a recent court ruling that unused, earned vacation must be paid. He also presented his earlier proposed revision of the sick leave policy to provide that payment of unused sick leave above the allowable accumulated 60 days be made at the employee's rate of pay at the time the sick leave was accrued. Copies of proposed revisions were provided to Officials and Office heads in advance for their comments. It was noted that some County Offices figure vacation days based on hire date, some on fiscal year and some on calendar year. Clark said he would revise the revision wording to allow for that and send a new copy. Waldmann moved to approve the revised vacation policy with amended wording and the sick leave policy revision as presented. Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The Davis Creek Cemetery was discussed with regard to an irrigation pivot. An email from Larue Marshall was presented noting her opposition to any disruption or alteration of the

cemetery. Aaron Jacobs was at the last Board meeting and agreed to follow whatever decision the Board made. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board cannot allow any cemetery to be crossed or watered by an irrigation pivot. Vogeler moved to authorize County Attorney Clark to send a letter to Betty Jacobs, Jacobs Corporation, Aaron Jacobs and Dennis Jacobs advising that the Board directed that no part of a cemetery shall be watered by a pivot or crossed by pivot tracks, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Clark reported, based on the recent order sustaining a motion for summary judgment in the Shauers' lawsuit against Ord City, it would appear that their lawsuit against the County would be resolved in the County's favor. He further reported an amended complaint was filed in the Ammerman lawsuit.

Sevenker reported attending the County Housing Task Force meeting, whose purpose is to identify housing needs throughout the County and ways to provide for them. Representatives from North Loup, Elyria and Arcadia are on the Task Force. A study is necessary to qualify for grant funds.

Discussed Wozab Fund celebration. The County will advertise the celebration. Cullers will check on art work for the poster NCF has provided in the past and see if the Quiz can print it. Desired changes include: updated amounts, include the Wozab name and some personal information about them and omit reference to NCF and VCED. The Board approved Cullers proposed entertainment by North Loup Scotia Community Theater of a 10 minute skit from their last performance. Approved publication of a list of recipients and an annual fund statement. A letter is to be sent to prior pledge recipients informing them of a time limit for requesting the pledge. Future letters to recipients will include the amount. The program is to include a welcome, introduction of Board members, Wozab tribute, presentation of checks with each recipient giving a short description of their project, skit by NLS Community Theater and refreshments.

Mail Folder items available for review include NACo Publication, Ord Area Chamber Newsletter, Rural News Bits, NDOR Transportation Enhancement Program, Senator Hagel Annual Report, Midwest Assistance Program, Economic Trends, NIRMA/AON Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 10 meeting and an agenda for the April 24 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley 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 April 24, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke and Waldmann present. Clerk verified publishing of meeting notice and posting of agenda. April 10 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted as presented on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. No public comment was offered.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson gave the April Claims and Balances report for the Road Dept. Payroll totaled \$32,095.37, accounts payable \$39,622.87. The overall Road budget is in good shape, however, the sand/salt line item is over and fuel and gravel are likely to be over by fiscal year end.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement 07-266 requested by Bruce Eppenbach for electrical wiring. Said easement was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth requested approval of Resolution 07-06 authorizing a weight limit restriction of 24 thousand pounds on a portion of county road described as "from 23rd Ave. junction with Hwy 22, North to the Ord junction with 23rd Ave and Hwy 11 (North Loup)". Van Slyke moved to approve Resolution 07-06, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported road maintenance difficult due to rain, will get to problem areas as soon as conditions allow. State road project between Ord and North Loup will probably be delayed at least a week by rain. Transmission went out of the 2002 GMC pickup, will be back in service in couple of days. Asked what Board wanted done with the approximately 13 old Courthouse window air conditioners. Board advised put ID number on each unit and advertise for sealed bids with \$50 minimum, set bid deadline date and list Leth as contact. Patched holes in asphalt seams, no funds left in asphalt budget. Discussion of road project C88-119B, replacement of truss bridge with culverts, that Leth is requesting be moved from 6 to 1 year plan. The old bridge, which the state has designated as structurally and functionally obsolete, will be dismantled and sold. This will allow passage of newer agricultural equipment. This will be placed on the next Board agenda.

Larry Schrage presented the regular monthly written report for the Hospital including the March meeting minutes, the April meeting agenda and the financial report for March and YTD 2007. Acute care numbers are even with last year, Home Health and Hospice are up 4%, long-term is 19% below last year. Hiring of agency help has been very costly and they hope to eliminate this cost by May. Investment in expanded services has resulted in additional one-time expenses this year, but will provide more revenue in the future. Dr. Hagge will be leaving the end of May. New ambulance is well utilized. Plan to use operations budget allowed by County for repair of old ambulance to use for short trips. Discussion was held regarding the need for an updated facility.

Planning & Zoning Admn., Nancy Glaubke, presented the Valley County Area Planning Commission Recommendation of approval for subdivision of approximately 1.50 acres requested by Janie Zadina for Todd & Sandy Pelton. Janie Zadina was present. Following discussion,

Vogeler moved to approve the Zadina subdivision request, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Janie Zadina was also present for agenda item 9D, a request for use of Courthouse lawn for ExtraOrdinary Days celebration May 26 and 27, so it was heard at this time. Zadina said they are requesting use of the Courthouse lawn, steps and sidewalk area. Hotdogs will be served on Saturday, Sunday there is to be a barbecue and bands will perform. There will be no bouncers this year. Cullers moved to approve the request, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke reported receipt of information from DEQ regarding possible expansion of a livestock feeding operation. The Planning Commission has 30 days to review it and respond. The feeding operation plans to spread the waste material as fertilizer through a pivot, however, there is a residence within the County's required set back. The parties have been notified that the County requires the feeding operation to get a signed impact easement from the person living within the set back area. An impact easement states that the person does not object to the plan.

March Fee Reports of the County Clerk and District Court Clerk as well as the accounts receivable report of old ambulance bill collections were reviewed.

Beckenhauer's John Rystrom reported a final walk through is planned for next Tuesday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. In a week or 10 days he will turn over the owners manuals and other close out documents. Daiken reps will be here Wednesday and Thursday this week. A training session will be scheduled for the complete heating/cooling system and operating instructions. Cullers, Cetak and Van Slyke will try to attend the walk through. Condition of the jail roof was noted by Board, Rystrom will look at it. Authorization to sign the Application & Certificate for Payment from Beckenhauers in the amount of \$36,944.62 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Replacing existing benches around the Courthouse was discussed. The Building and Grounds Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding number of benches and style.

Vogeler, Cullers and Sevenker are planning to attend the BOE Workshop in Kearney, May 10.

Linda Studnicka asked if the County would be willing to participate in a grant application for 50% of the cost of cigarette butt receptacles to be placed around the Courthouse. The County would pay the remaining 50%. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the project, not to exceed \$600 in matching funds, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m., reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with all members present.

Miller & Associates Representative Jacque Haupt appeared to present the Housing Assistance Grant applicant information. Informational packets were provided regarding the fund requests. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to approve agenda items 9A1-5 as requested by Miller & Assoc. authorizing grant funds as requested: applicant #VC-01-HR \$5000 for housing rehab, applicant #VC-02-DPA \$13,800 for down payment assistance, applicant #VC-02-HR \$300 housing rehab, Community Services invoices for lead based paint and housing administration services \$1507. Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Installing a speaker system in the District Courtroom as requested by Judge Noakes was discussed. Co. Atty. White will contact Judge Noakes as to what is needed and report to the

Board.

The choice of a gas supplier for the County Shop and Social Services Office was discussed in the absence of Paul Markowski who was to have appeared to advise the Board. It was noted that the Courthouse no longer uses gas and the deadline to choose a supplier is May 1. A motion was made by Baker to go with ACE as supplier at the market index rate. Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

April Claims were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. April expenses from General Fund are \$5409.58 over the Treasurer's ending balance for March. On motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers, Resolution 07-07 was approved authorizing the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer funds, not to exceed \$5409.58, from Inheritance Tax to General Fund if a General Fund shortage remains after the Treasurer closes the books for April collections. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The bond interest payment due May 15 will be considered at the next Board meeting.

A joint meeting of the County Board and the Economic Development Board May 29th, at 12:30 p.m., at the NRD Office was approved. The Clerk will advertise the meeting.

Discussed Notice of Public Hearing on possible declaration by City of Ord of a blighted and substandard area. Hearing is at 7:30 p.m., May 7, 2007, at the Ord City Hall Council Chambers.

Receipts of \$4326.29 for direct costs for the HHS Office and \$174.75 County Attorney IV-D reimbursement were acknowledged.

The bond of Ronald Wolf as Manager of the TL Reclamation District and TL Irrigation District was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak reported the first meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was mostly organizational. All three villages are represented. Their purpose is to prepare for any emergency that might affect the County. They will meet again in May.

Vogeler reported attending the Mid Plains meeting. Their budget was discussed, including the 2.1 million dollars allotted to Hastings Regional Center with only 4 patients.

The Wozab Board was convened on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker moved to authorize Sevenker, Cullers and Lindsey to sign disbursement requests for Wozab Funds, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board agreed to have VCED print a 2"X3" and 75 legal size colored posters updating the Wozab distribution amounts. They also agreed to disburse the amount pledged to the Arcadia Methodist Youth Trip as requested by Rolan Sell's letter. Cullers will request the funds.

Presentation ceremony agenda and letter drafted by Cullers to those who have not requested prior years' pledges were approved. The letter sets a deadline for those pledges to be requested.

Mail Folder items included NIMS training dates, Region 26 council Agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Council Newsletter, NDOR letters on the Soft Match Programs and STIP.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization and 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Board. Complete minutes of the April 24 meeting and an agenda for the May 8 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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The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Sevenker, and Vogeler present. Clerk verified publishing and posting of meeting notice. Vogeler requested the April 24, 2007 meeting minutes concerning his Mid Plains report be amended to state that "The Mid Plains Board approved their 2007-2008 budget. They also discussed the expenditure by HHS of 2.1 million dollars on 4 patients at the Hastings Regional Center". Cetak moved to approve the April 24 minutes as amended, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was approved as presented on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. There was no public comment.

On recommendation of Road Supt. Leth, refunds for Easements 06-242 for Verl Timmerman, 06-243 for Dennis Jacobs, 06-244 for Jay Knapp and 06-245 for R. Kokes Farms, Inc. were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Following discussion and on recommendation of Leth, Easement requests 07-267 for Edward E. Bruha, 07-268 and 07-269 for Citizens Communications, and 07-270 for Rick Masin were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolution 07-08 was adopted to approve moving road project C88-119B from the 6 year to the 1 year plan on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Leth will submit the proposed change in the County's 1 & 6 year plan to the state for their approval.

Resolution 07-09, setting out for the record the County's policy on installing culverts at the request of county residents to provide ingress and egress to private property, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The State of Nebr. Dept. of Roads letter regarding FY2006 Surface Transportation Program Activity and Allocation of FY2007 Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds was discussed.

At the conclusion of the regular portion of the meeting, the Board members and Leth will inspect county roads northeast of Ord, after which the meeting will be adjourned.

The May 16th date for opening the highway from North Loup to the ethanol plant may be delayed again due to weather. The State has reopened the RR crossing to allow Shauers' to get in and out of their property during the closing of the highway and the State assumes responsibility for the opening. Vogeler said the overall completion date of June 30 has not changed. The head wall failed on structure 02813 on the Comstock Road due to ground saturation. Rather than repairing the structure as it is, Leth would like to put 48' tubes inside culverts and extend culverts 20' each side. There will not be time to repair this structure before the Comstock festival because of the work needed on the Sargent Highway, which carries the most traffic during the festivals. Leth will provide cost estimates for repair of structure 02813 at the next meeting. The used airconditioners from the Courthouse have not been advertised yet. Leth is working on estimate of number of signs required for 911 posting. Discussed use of overtime for road maintenance on good weather days.

Board of Equalization convened at 10:10 a.m. on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor and Clerk were present. The Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Jerry and Brenda Lee was discussed. Assessor Arnold noted the applicant may appeal the rejection but, based on the information presented, Mr. Lee did not qualify for the exemption. Arnold presented information regarding an amendment to LB334 that would require a systematic inspection and review of property every six years. Following discussion, Property Valuation Protest hearings were set for June 12, 26 and July 10 at 1:00 p.m. and July 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

Don Vancura and Dave Williams of the Airport Authority Board were present to discuss the Valley County Airport's recent land purchase. Additional land was needed to comply with new regulations requiring more clearance space due to reclassification of airports by FAA. Land was purchased from James Knapp, Al Moudry and Bob Dworak at a cost of \$302,000 for 67 acres. The FAA will reimburse 95%, the State will reimburse 2%. The federal and state funds used for the reimbursement come from aviation gas tax.

Baker reported that the jail roof discussion will have to be postponed to the May 29 meeting as Boden is unable to attend today. He said the jail is not leaking badly at this time. Boden has suggested that the jail roof be replaced with a steel roof.

John Rystrom of Beckenhauer Const. discussed the latest punch list of work remaining on the Courthouse renovation project. The last walk through is planned for May 17th and they would like at least 2 Board members present to sign off at its completion. Instructions for maintenance of the new heating/cooling system will be video taped, owners manuals will be provided to the County and employees will be trained on use of the controls in each office. The electrical inspector and Fire Marshall have some concerns regarding conduits through floors and stairs that are not patched in. These are not part of this project, but will need to be addressed by the County at some point. Old thermostats were removed from plaster walls but left on paneled walls. Construction Change Order #9, installation of a dryer vent in the Custodian's Office, was discussed. Wadas Inc. billing included sales tax which does not apply to the County. Vogeler moved to approve Contract Change Order #9 reduced by the sales tax amount and recalculate the 6% fee, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report. Sufficient funds were collected in April so that no Inheritance Tax funds had to be transferred. A new fund has been set up for Stop Program fees. County Attorney Clark will be asked to explain how this program works at the next meeting. People can now pay their taxes at the banks in North Loup and Arcadia. The tax payment is deposited directly into the County's account and notice is sent to the Treasurer's Office where a receipt is issued and sent to the taxpayer. The investment report was also discussed.

The Clerk presented a claim, fund request and check for payment of the \$19,462 interest due on the Courthouse bond. Payment is due by May 15. Payment of the Courthouse bond interest was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The April fee reports for the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the Dist. Court were also presented. A letter from HHS

was reviewed that noted a change in how IV-D reimbursement is figured that will result in less reimbursement.

Discussion of a sound system in the District Courtroom will be postponed until the next meeting to allow receipt of information from Judge Noakes as to what is needed.

No report on downtown renovation project. Discussed Courthouse employee parking. Vogeler moved that the Clerk draft a memo on behalf of the Board to ask Courthouse employees not to park around the Courthouse during the downtown renovation project, Cullers seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Lodging Tax receipts and expenses for April were noted. Sevenker said contract with Ord Area Chamber is up now and needs to be on next agenda for consideration. It will also be discussed at the joint meeting with Economic Development Board at 12:30 p.m. on May 29.

Summary Report of Current Expenditures for April 30, 2007 was reviewed.

TierOne Bank's request for a Public Unit Resolution of Authority and updated authorized signers for the Easement Savings Account and the Payroll and Claims Account was discussed. Van Slyke moved to approve Public Unit Resolution 07-10 for the Easement Savings Account and Resolution 07-11 for the Payroll and Claims Account, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Bond of Dale Zadina, treasurer of Ord Fire District #2, was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Reminder of BOE Workshop in Kearney on May 10 was noted, as was notation that County Attorney is absent due to his attendance at required training workshop.

Cetak moved to convene the Wozab Fund Board, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers presented the quarterly report received from NCF. Discussed the \$900 remaining in the Dollars for Scholars Fund. NCF will begin charging \$10 fee quarterly for each fund. Baker moved, seconded by Waldmann, that Cullers check with NLS SD, Arcadia SD and Ord SD and divide the \$900 between the three schools to be used for scholarship purposes. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler volunteered to serve as the County Rep for the new affiliated fund with NCF. Cetak moved to appoint Vogeler to the position, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Thank you letters to the Ord Methodist Church for use of their facilities for the Wozab Celebration and to North Loup Scotia Theater for providing entertainment, were signed by all Board members. Cetak moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Mail Folder items available for review: Area Chamber/ED Report, Rural News Bits, Economic Trends, CNCS Annual Report.

Regular business concluded at 12:30 p.m. and, as noted in agenda item 7A5, the Board joined Road Supt. Leth to inspect county roads northeast of Ord which was completed at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization and 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Fund Board. Complete minutes of the May 8 meeting and an agenda for the May 29 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

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Sandy Simpson gave the Road Dept. Payroll & Claims report for May: payroll \$33,410.61, claims \$66,410.61. Larger expenses were for fuel, culverts, parts, signs, gravel, tires and tire repair. A written budget report was also provided. The overall budget should be within it's limits.

On Leth's recommendation Easements 07-271 for a gas pipeline for SourceGas Distribution LLC and 07-272 for electric wire for James Novotny were approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Gravel bids will be accepted June 26 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed the \$648.96 the Road Dept. has been unable to collect for purchase of planks. Three billing statements and a letter from the County Attorney have been sent. Vogeler moved, seconded by Cullers, to authorize the County Attorney to take the necessary action to collect the bill. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed filling in ditch in front of the Todd place south of North Loup. It serves no purpose, does not drain and attracts mosquitoes. The Board approved filling in the ditch on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Slides filled on Sargent and Comstock roads, will seed as soon as possible. Installed high intensity lights on Sargent Road this morning in preparation for Comstock Festival. Highway 11 from North Loup to ethanol plant now open, Ord to plant closed. Asphalt quotes are less than last year. Old Courthouse air conditioners have been advertised, sealed bids will be taken the 30th and 31st. Leth to check road east of Ord Cemetery and talk to City regarding drainage. Discussed cleaning ditch by Hawley's, holes on Davis Creek Road, possible plugged culvert.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski presented Resolution 07-10 for Board consideration to authorize sending noxious weed notices. The County Attorney approved the resolution. Vogeler moved to approve Resolution 07-10, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m., reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present.

Sheriff Ronzzo's written Fees and Activities reports for March and April were reviewed.

At 10:00 a.m., Cetak moved to go into Board of Equalization, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Tax List Corrections for Double T Steakhouse and Southside Bar, Inc. were presented due to sale of both businesses in May, 2007. Said Tax List Corrections were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed Nebr. TERC Findings and Orders indicating that no adjustment to the value of a class or subclass of real property in Valley County is required by law. Also discussed the assessment of gas pipe lines and railroads, which Assessor Arnold will look into and report to the Board about.

At 10:25 a.m. Cetak moved to return to regular session, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Ronzzo appeared to present the Fees and Activities Reports mentioned earlier and to report that people continue to drive on Highway 11 even though it is closed to all but local traffic. He has issued warnings but will now issue tickets as he is concerned about a possible accident.

Brian Hergott and John Rystrom of Beckenhauers Inc. reported the Courthouse renovation project (new windows and HVAC system) is completed. A video was made on use of the HVAC controls. Custodian Cronk received maintenance instructions and seems comfortable with it. One copy of the O & M manual was presented to the Board, 2 more will be coming. There is a one year warranty on everything. The final bill was turned in this month. Daikin AC, Inc. has asked the County to sign a release allowing them to use images and photos of the Courthouse for promotional marketing purposes. Baker moved to approve Daikin's request, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Hergott's offer of a detailed estimate for installing a Courthouse elevator at no charge to the County was accepted.

Scott Boden recommended a steel roof for the jail with a 212 pitch. The HVAC units would have to be raised. The Courthouse roof and the need to coordinate both roofs was discussed. Hergott said Beckenhauers would provide their services for the roof project and estimated a fee of \$1500 to \$2000 up front and about 6% of the project cost if it goes forward. Cullers moved to go through Beckenhauers for the roof project at the cost estimates given and to authorize Beckenhauers to provide an estimate for the installation of an elevator at no cost, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Representatives from Arcadia, including Susan Emory and Richard Anderson, were present to discuss including Arcadia Village in Arcadia Rural Fire District. The FD would need to request more tax funding to do this and asked for Board assurance that they would get the additional funds. Accountant Chuck Abel was present and said he did not think allowing more funds to Arcadia Rural FD would affect the overall County levy. He offered to prepare a worksheet and return with it following the Board's joint meeting with the VCED Board.

Bethanne Kunz, Executive Director, presented her written Quarterly Report touching on some of the highlights in housing efforts, use of the sales tax fund by 18 businesses, increase in real and personal property, 48 new full-time jobs created and various other activities.

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Sevenker recessed the meeting to reconvene at the conclusion of the 12:30 noon joint meeting with the Valley County Economic Development Board at the NRD Office, as advertised. At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Sevenker reconvened the Board of Supervisors' meeting with all County Board members present.

Accountant Abel provided a worksheet indicating that, based on last years values, increased funding for the Arcadia Rural FD should not affect the overall County levy. Van Slyke will inform Arcadia Village and the Rural FD that it appears funding would be available.

Bethanne Kunz presented a written Quarterly Report for the County Visitors Bureau. The travel guide developed in conjunction with Garfield County was distributed and a \$5000 grant was received to help market it. Receipts and expenses were listed and the unanimous recommendation of the Visitors Committee that the contract between the Chamber and the County continue. The Clerk's report of Lodging Tax Receipts and Expenditures for May was also presented.

The proposed Agreement Between Valley County, Nebraska and The Ord Area Chamber of Commerce was presented with essentially no changes and at the same \$4500 fee. Said agreement was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Kunz reported that the Lodging Tax Committee will turn in a line item budget in June and that she will begin sending a meeting agenda and minutes to the County Board as she has discovered it is a requirement of the by-laws.

Kunz also spoke regarding agenda item 10F, stating that a donor has offered to pay for a clock on the Courthouse square. A picture of the proposed clock was provided. Installation would involve running wiring and conduit and pouring a foundation, all of which could be done at the time the sidewalks are replaced. There would be no cost to the County. The proposed location is the NW corner of the Courthouse lawn. A time capsule was also discussed. Baker moved to allow placement of the clock in the NW corner of the Courthouse lawn, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The NACO sponsored BCBS Health Insurance Plan is due to be renewed effective July 1, 2007. The renewal application is due by June 1. Rates will go up 8.46% effective July 1. Following discussion, Baker moved to continue the health insurance plan at the new rates without change to coverage or deductible amounts, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Valley County Audit prepared by Dana F. Cole & Co., LLP was presented and discussed. The bid for the audit was \$5950, however, \$8700 was billed. The auditors were contacted, but were unable to attend this meeting. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

All claims having been signed by the designated Board members and the May Claims & Balances Report reviewed, Cullers moved to approve May Claims and authorize the Chairman to sign the Fund Request, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney, Glenn Clark, approved the response letter to NDOR regarding the Intent to Apply Form, Transportation Enhancement Program, stating that the form did not come from the County. Clark presented information on the Safety Training Option Program (STOP). He advised the Board that the County has no involvement in water runoff problems between landowners. He also advised that the 1985 resolution regarding Road Bill Collection should be updated to require County Board authorization before court action is taken on an uncollected bill.

Cullers presented a written report as the County Rep. on the Region 3 Board.

Supervisor Baker left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Vogeler moved to go into Wozab Fund Board, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The NCF Inc. letter regarding the new administrative fee schedule was discussed. The quarterly Membership Fee raised to \$100. Also discussed was the amendment which changes the designated fund from the Valley County Foundation Fund to the John & Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund, notes that the Fund Advisory Committee will be made up of the members of the Valley County Board of Supervisors and the County is responsible for only the Wozab Memorial Fund. The First Amendment to the Designated Fund Agreement between the NCF, Inc. and Valley County was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to approve paying Wozab Memorial Fund expenses from the Wozab Memorial Fund, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Waldmann, Cullers, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Cetak moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Mail Folder items available for review: VC Health System Foundation Annual Report 2007, Loup Basin SC&D Council packet, American Funds Semi-annual Report, Nebr. Economic Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Fund Advisory Committee and 1:00 p.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 29 meeting and an agenda for the June 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

VALLEY COUNTY 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 12, 2007. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Vogeler, Baker, Sevenker, Waldmann, Van Slyke and Cetak present. Publication of meeting notice and posting of the agenda was verified by the Clerk. Minutes of the May 29 meeting were approved as published on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Information was received this morning regarding the Courthouse elevator grant application which requires the Board to decide today whether or not to proceed with the application, therefore, it was moved by Cetak, seconded by Cullers to amend the agenda to include item 8D, the Courthouse elevator grant application and adopt the agenda as amended. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are provided for the public. No public comment was presented.

Road Supt. Leth was absent, attending Highway Supt. Workshop. The NDOR letter approving the County's request to move project C-88-119B from the 6 year to the 1 year plan was noted. Leth had left word that, as of May 5, the State still planned to open the road between North Loup & Ord by June 30.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski presented a list of County properties the State showed as needing follow up action and indicated what has been done with them. He introduced Brent Meyer, the State Ag Inspection Specialist assigned to this area. Discussion included when to spray, chemicals to use, 10 and 15 day notices and noxious weeds visible from Pizza Hut Road.

Nancy Glaubke, Planning & Zoning Admn. reported receipt of preliminary flood plain maps from FEMA. Ord, North Loup and Arcadia also received preliminary maps. FEMA allows 30 days to review the maps and register any complaints regarding areas designated as flood plain. A copy of the maps will be available in the Economic Development Office and the County Clerk's Office. Anyone with property close to a water area should look at the maps. The County will need to decide if they want to join the program and she noted they can hire a separate Flood Plain Manager, it does not have to be the Planning & Zoning Admn.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Month-end Fund Balance Report. General is at \$391,179.78 which includes the Courthouse Bond balance of \$81,461.25. Road allocation for the month was \$44,572.02, Visitors Promotion and Improvement Funds received \$768.99 each this month. Inheritance Tax balance is \$848,306.06. Airport checking stands at \$28,285 and investments at \$72,000. The County has met the required match for Road Allocation.

The monthly fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were presented.

The billing invoice from Dana Cole for the County's 2005 - 2006 audit was discussed. The Clerk reported that Mick Puckett asked that the County pay the \$1450 that is within the bid price and that he will meet with the Board in August to discuss the \$2750 additional charges. Vogeler moved to approve payment of the \$1450 portion of invoice # 00608395, bringing the total paid to the bid price of \$5950, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussed replacement of Courthouse benches, including style, size, cost and public sponsorship. It was agreed that ten, 6' benches will be purchased and the amount of sponsorship will be determined after a style is chosen.

The Summary Report of Current Expenditures for May 31, 2007 was reviewed.

The elevator grant application was discussed. The Clerk received a phone call this morning from Laurie Hansen of CNEDD, the grant writers, regarding a discrepancy in the cost estimates from the architect. The state requested a more detailed cost estimate which was found to be for an outside elevator. Following discussion, Baker moved to approve a letter to the state withdrawing the County's application with the intention of resubmitting it next year, seconded by Cullers. Further discussion resulted in a recess at 10:50 a.m. to call CNEDD. At 11:10 a.m., the meeting was reconvened with all members present. Following a phone call to Hansen, Cullers reported the concern is the inconsistent cost information provided to the state. It was also noted that another elevator project had been granted for \$130,000 so the state was questioning the estimates. The estimate's bottom line was not changed, the breakdown amounts were just rearranged. The \$250 the County paid for the required environmental study is not refundable. The vote was taken on the motion by Baker, seconded by Cullers and the motion carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board agreed to continue participation in the South Central Area Agency on Aging at a cost of \$912.00.

Discussion of the claim of JNR Farms and the Board meeting notices and agenda will be delayed until the County Attorney arrives.

Following discussion, it was moved by Baker, seconded by Vogeler, to pay the City's Invoice for the installation of a fire service line in the amount of \$2925.56 from the Inheritance Tax Fund. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Glenn Clark was present for discussion of the claim of JNR Farms. It was decided to table further discussion until the next meeting to get input from Road Supt. Leth.

Attorney Clark advised that the County publish separate notices for County Board Meetings and Board of Equalization Meetings and separate agendas at least until the appeal of the Banner County case has been decided. He also advised that official sites for posting meeting notice should be set annually in January. He explained that since meeting notice is published it is not required to be posted, however, in an emergency situation where meeting notice could not be published it would need to be posted and official sites must be established and on record. Discussion included designation of the post office in Arcadia and North Loup. The Clerk will check with Elyria Village on a posting site and report at the next meeting. This item will be tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Clark reported the need to reposition the witness stand in the 3rd floor courtroom and noted that he will talk to Scott's Radio & TV regarding a speaker system for the courtroom.

There were no committee reports.

At 12:20 the Board moved into the Wozab Fund Board. Previously approved agreements for the Courthouse Restoration Fund and the Courthouse Restoration Endowment Fund were signed. Cullers moved, seconded by Vogeler to approve closing the Dollars for Scholars Fund by distributing the remaining funds equally among Ord High School, North Loup-Scotia High School and Arcadia High School to be used as a one-time scholarship for a Valley County student. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Each member signed a thank you card for Diane Wilson with NCF for the informational book she put together regarding past activity in the Wozab Fund. The Board moved back into regular session at 12:25 p.m.

Mail folder items: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Final Report, VC Health

System Quarterly Newsletter, NIRMA Interchange, Thank You to Wozab Fund Committee.

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. to reconvene as Board of Equalization at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:10 p.m. on June 12, 2007, the County Board meeting reconvened with all members present and moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker.

Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Also present were: Treasurer Suminski, Assessor Arnold, Clerk Lindsey, and Appraiser Larry Rexroth.

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented the Exemption Application for Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles for Mid-Nebr. Individual Services on a 2004 Ford pickup for which they had traded their previously exempted 1994 Ford pickup. Cullers moved to approve said vehicle tax exemption for MNIS, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Marvin Lukesh was present to testify on Property Valuation Protests which he had filed: PVP #3, Parcel #880026166, L4-10 B8; PVP #4, Parcel # 880026383, L5-6 lying S & W of river & all L7-31 B13; PVP #5, Parcel #880026194, L33-44 B9; PVP #6, Parcel #880026327, L1-11 & L41-44 B12; all in Ord Woodbury Add. Lukesh said the value is too high because part of the property had been a dump site and part of it is low and swampy. Arnold noted that valuation adjustments allowed by the Board are only good for a year and have been removed so that all properties are valued on the same criteria. Rexroth explained the process used to determine value and noted that the old dump site was officially sealed so is not considered when determining the value. Board action on PVPs #3, #4, #5, and #6 filed by Marvin J. & Carolyn K. Lukesh was tabled.

Rexroth noted that he follows the rules and regulations governing the valuation process and that if a property owner disputes their valuation, they should provide a valuation from an independent appraiser. Adjusting valuation by changing the classification from platted to ag could affect ag land values if the adjusted property were sold.

PVP #1, Jimmy Urbanovsky, Parcel #880019110, Eureka Twp, P NE4NE4 34-20-16, 1 ac. was considered. No one was present to testify. Urbanovsky's written testimony indicated the house was vacant and not worth the valuation amount. Arnold, Nance, Waldmann & Cullers viewed the house. Arnold recommends house be valued as storage, not livable, in the amount of \$1080 with the land value to remain at \$7450 for a total value of \$8530 as Urbanovsky requested. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

PVP #2, Edward E. & Jean M. Bruha, Parcel #880014238, Geranium Twp., SE4 less canal, 10-19-14, 144.3 ac. was considered. No one was present to testify. The written testimony indicated the house is not in livable condition and requested storage valuation. Arnold, Nance, Cullers & Waldmann viewed the house. Arnold recommends lower house to storage and change site value to grass bringing buildings value to \$132,750 and land to \$106,150 for total value of \$238,900. Waldmann moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Assessor report of 2007 Level of Value was reviewed and accepted for filing as was the Notice of 2007 Valuation for County owned property. County Parcel #880036752 changed because 2 new business on the Mortensen site changed property from ag to commercial. County Parcel #880010934 changed due to fewer irrigated acres.

Property valuation changes after March 20 require Board approval. Following are the 2007 Valuation Change Notices presented and the Board's action:

Parcel #880010941 for AJM Farms LTD, Ord Twp, W2 W of hwy less 31.6 ac in SE4SW4 & 51.41 ac in NE4SW4 & less 2.55 ac to Dept. Roads, 8-19-14, 99.29 ac., portion of property sold, change approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880036767, Brent Bengston, Ord Twp, 15.94 ac tract W2NE4NE4 & pt E2E2NW4NE4 less 2.879 ac tract W2NE4NE4 & less .42 ac tract in E2E2NW4NE4, 20-19-14, detached garage omitted in error, change approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880001806, Kenneth A. Bills, Davis Creek Twp, S2, 28-17-14, 320 ac., land use change per FSA map, change approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880025487, Charles E Blaha, Ord Hillside Add, L1 & 2 less N20' B3, correct computer error, change approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880036817, Sandra J. Blankenbaker, Elyria Twp, 3.825 ac tract L3 NE4 22-20-15, computer did not update land value, change approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880036801, Alvin Bose, Ord Twp IOLL 16-19-14, missed change of mobile home to storage not livable, change approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Cullers. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880015491, Craig S. Bredthauer, Noble Twp, SW4 4-20-13, 160 ac., land use change per FSA map, change approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880015526, Craig S. Bredthauer, Noble Twp, E2SW4, SE4 5-20-13, 240 ac, land use change per FSA map, change approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880014343, Marlion L. Bruha, Geranium Twp, NW4 less canal, 14-19-16, 156.3 ac, land use change per FSA map, change approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Parcel #880002884, Burlington Northern Railroad, Yale Twp, strip in 31-17-15, 3.16 ac, computer error, change approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The following notices were reviewed and acted upon together: Parcel #880006930, Cook & Cook Inc., Enterprise Twp, S2, 21-18-14, 320 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880007168, Cook & Cook Inc., Enterprise Twp, NW4, 28-18-14, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002296, H. Eugene Cook, Yale Twp, SE4, Pt E2E2SW4 (24.2 ac) less .36 ac tract in E2E2SW4, 11-17-15, 183.84 ac, 1 acre site to grass & grain bin moved; Parcel #880002282, Lela B. Cook, Yale Twp, SW4 & .36 ac tract in E2E2SW4, less 24.2 ac in E2E2SW4, 11-17-15, 136.16 ac, add grain bin & land it sets on; Parcel #880007154, Robert Ray Cook, Enterprise Twp, NE4 less .826 ac tract in NE4NE4, 28-18-14, 159.174, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880007210, Robert Ray Cook, Enterprise Twp, SE4, 29-18-14, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880005495, Todd A Cook, North Loup Twp, S2SW4 lying E of canal less .74 to Dept. of Rds, 23-18-13, 49.90 ac, .74 ac sold to NDOR; Parcel #880017549, Lex E Jeffres, Elyria Twp, N2 & Pt SE4 all E of T O Can, less 3.30 ac to St. of NE, 22-20-15 101.55 ac, land use change per FSA

map; Parcel #880013307, Cheryl M. Larkowski, Michigan Twp, NE4 less canal, 16-19-15, 148.2 ac, land use change for NRD; Parcel #880013412, Larry D. Larkowski, Michigan Twp, S2 less 1 ac in SW4SW4, 18-19-15, 313.65 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880013790, Larry D Larkowski, Michigan Twp, SW4, 31-19-15, 152.85 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002429, Jeffrey D Lutz, Yale Twp, NE4, N2SE4 18-17-15, 240 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002569, Joy R Lutz, Yale Twp, NE4, 22-17-15, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002611, Joy R Lutz, Yale Twp, N2SW4, 23-17-15, 80 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002604, Robert V. Lutz, Yale Twp, NW4 23-17-15, 160 acres, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880003024, Robert V Lutz, Yale Twp, NW4, Pt SW4 W US Hwy 58, 35-17-15, 300 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002618, Robert V Lutz, Yale Twp, S2SW4 & Pt SE4 W US Hwy 70, 23-17-15, 80.52 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880036781, Robert V Lutz, Yale Twp, SE4 less 4.88 ac tract, 22-17-15, 155.12 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880002541, Robert V Lutz, Yale Twp, NE4, 21-17-15, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880001785, Anthony M McCarville, Davis Creek Twp, NW4 27-17-14, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880001911, Anthony M McCarville, Davis Creek Twp, NE4, SW4 34-17-14, 320 ac, combined 2 parcels and land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880001792, Anthony M McCarville, Davis Creek Twp, SW4 27-17-14, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880007476, Roberta J Meese, Vinton Twp, NW4 1-18-15, 159.88 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880007406, Stanley E. Nolte, Enterprise Twp, NW4 35-18-14, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880007931, Stanley E Nolte, Vinton Twp, NE4 14-18-15, 160 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880015519, Peterson-H Ranch Inc., Noble Twp, W2SW4, pt NW4, Div C in NE4, 5-20-13, 293.28 ac, removed concrete pad; Parcel #880019558, Adrian J Sonnenfeld, Elyria Twp, N2NW4 31-20-14, 74.47 ac, land use change per FSA map; Parcel #880035462, William R Trofholz, Elyria-Subdivisions, 2.66 ac tract in Div Q SE4 26-20-15 less a .62 ac tract to St. of NE, DOR survey indicates square footage error; Parcel #880012341, James A Trotter, Ord Twp, Pt E2SE4 Btwn T O can & RR, 26-19-14, 8.145 ac, correct computer error; Parcel #880007693, Vodehnal Land Co. LTD, Vinton Twp, NW4 7-18-15, 154.32 ac, land use change per owner; all valuation changes listed were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Tax List Corrections for Rita L Eppenbach due to sale of property and for Eldon Baker due to denial of homestead exemption were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m., to reconvene on June 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, 11:00 a.m. as Wozab Fund board, 1:00 p.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 12 meeting and an agenda for the June 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

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, June 26, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers and Baker present, Vogeler absent (excused). Clerk verified notice of meeting was published and agendas posted and provided to requesting media. Minutes of the last meeting were in the Board packets and were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and that copies are available. There was no public comment.

Marv Scheideler, who has served as Chairman of the Valley County Planning Commission since it was formed 10 years ago, was recently chosen by the NPZA to receive the Appointed Official Award in District 2. Chairman Sevenker presented the NPZA award plaque to Scheideler and expressed the County's appreciation for his service. Scheideler thanked the Board for their vision in establishing the County Planning and Zoning Plan and gave credit to the other Commission members and PZ Admin. Glaubke.

Road Secretary Simpson reported the June Road Claims and Balances. Accounts payable totaled \$36,1999.67, payroll was \$33,393.77.

Leth reported the State has changed the opening of Hwy 11 from North Loup to Ord from June 30th to July 19th. Met with FEMA and appears some areas may qualify for FEMA funds.

Gravel bids were opened at 9:30 a.m. Ulrich Gravel Inc. was the only bidder. Scott Ulrich was present. The bid was opened and read, it was up about a quarter from last year. Following discussion, Cetak moved to accept the bid of Ulrich Gravel Inc., seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Bidding was closed at 9:35 a.m.

Leth reported regarding the JNR Farms claim that the pothole in question had been patched 10 days prior to the JNR incident but the patch broke down due to semi-truck traffic. He felt Shoemakers should have been aware of the pothole and that the amount of the claim is high.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented written reports for May and June. He reviewed the May statistics, revenue and expenses from the June report. Usage counts are up except for long-term care. Expenses are up due in part to hiring CRNA and in-house Pharmacist, adding the sleep clinic, Nuclear Med. and MRI. Due to a large premium increase for the coming year, they have contracted with Tim Olson from The Olson Group to design a health insurance plan for Hospital employees. The Heritage building is on schedule. They are not requesting the \$30,000 budgeted by the County for the ambulance for FY 06-07.

At 10:15 a.m. a recess was called, at 10:25 a.m. the meeting reconvened with all Board members present except Vogeler.

Custodian Cronk reported that the new heating/cooling system appears to be working well. He is working with Wadas to regulate those rooms not used daily. Contacted Kokes regarding tightening old coal chute lid. Talked to McKenney regarding the street lip at the end of the handicap ramp. Steps on east side of Courthouse need to be replaced, asked if could be done at the same time new sidewalks are poured. Requested Board direction on flower bed south of jail, would like to tear it out and sod or seed grass. Sevenker advised consulting Clamp

regarding operation of handicap door.

Baker moved to accept the County Audit for FY 2005-2006 prepared by Dana Cole, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. It was noted that the portion of the billing for said audit that exceeded the bid has not been paid. These charges will be discussed with Dana Cole. A copy of the completed audit is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Following discussion, the claim of JNR Farms for \$571.56 for a tire rim was denied on motion of Cetak, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. The Clerk is to notify the Shoemakers.

On motion of Van Slyke, the Board designated that meeting notice is to be posted in Arcadia, North Loup, Elyria and Ord in the event of an emergency meeting that does not allow time for publishing meeting notice, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Attorney Clark advised that a Sheriff's Deputy could be asked to distribute the notices to the villages.

The letter from Gerald Severson expressing his concern regarding the Board's possible action in repair or replacement of the jail and courthouse roof was reviewed.

Cullers presented information on replacement benches for the Courthouse lawn. Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to go with 10 of the City View Benches from SiteScapes, a Lincoln Nebr. company, in the matte finish, at a per bench cost of \$750 plus \$275 for the sponsorship program, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

The FEMA letter giving notice of the final meeting for the Flood Insurance Study on Monday, July 9, 2:00 p.m., at Ord City Hall was noted. PZ Admn. Glaubke encouraged attendance and said she had published a press release in this week's Quiz so that the public will be informed.

The meeting moved to the County Courtroom for a presentation by Mitch Clark, owner and operator of Great Plains GIS Consulting in Ravenna. Clark gave a demonstration for Valley County using information he had gathered from the Assessor's Office, FSA and NRD. He proposes to map the County at a cost of \$1000 per township. He would have to update the information periodically at a cost of \$25 per hour. This could be integrated into the Assessor's current Terra Scan system by parcel ID number. He also scans documents at a cost of .08 cents per document.

The Board recessed at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. as Board of Equalization, after which the remainder of the Supervisor agenda will be heard.

At 2:35, following the conclusion of the Board of Equalization meeting, the Board of Supervisors meeting continued with all Board members present except Vogeler.

Van Slyke will take care of certification of County owned irrigated acres for NRD.

Resolution 07-11 authorizing the transfer of funds within the General Fund to cover the \$1178.57 deficit in the County Board Budget was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

Van Slyke moved to approve June Claims and authorize the Fund Request to the Treasurer, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

A letter from NACO regarding the recent purchase of Fountaine Microfilming by MIPS and a reminder of the importance of record preservation was reviewed. The Clerk will check

into costs and report to the Board so that record preservation can be considered with the new FY budget.

The BCBS letter regarding a revision of the Coordination of Benefits provision of the master group contract for health insurance was reviewed. An Endorsement page explaining the change was included to be added to the Master Group Contract and takes effect July 1, 2007.

The following informational items were noted: receipts of \$1212.47 by the District Court for IV-D reimbursement and \$1431.88 in Lodging Tax and the July 9 Personnel Management Telephonic Conference offered by NIRMA.

There was no County Attorney or Committee reports.

The following Mail Folder items were available for review: Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, Loup Basin Public Health Dept. Newsletter, Region 26 Meeting Agenda, Beckenhauer Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., to reconvene on July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the June 27 meeting and an agenda for the July 10 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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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 1:05 p.m. the Valley County Board of Supervisors moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler, Cetak. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, and Waldmann present, Vogeler and Cetak absent. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. The BOE portion of the minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler, Cetak. The BOE agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler, Cetak. Chairman noted posting and availability of the open meetings act. Assessor Arnold, Appraiser Rexroth, and Clerk Lindsey were present.

James Hansen was present to testify regarding PVP #9, parcel #880027671, Ord City View Add, L1 less S30', W2 vac 13th St adj to L1 & 2 B7. The land is assessed at \$3510 and

Hansen is requesting \$1000 due to the property not being suitable for construction. Arnold, Nance and Cullers inspected the property. Arnold noted that the previous BOE adjustments were removed as they were only good for a year and that, according to the sales studies the valuation is accurate. Following discussion, Cetak moved to lower the land value to \$1000, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

Supervisor Cetak arrived at 1:15 p.m., during discussion of above PVP.

Tom Kruml was present to testify regarding PVP #13, parcel #880036595, pt NW4NW4, N of NLID lateral & pt NE4NW4, N2 W of NLID lateral, 10-19-14, 20.77 ac. The land is assessed at \$36,965, buildings at \$214,440. Kruml is requesting land value of \$26,797 due to land use, confirmed by FSA map, of 16.3 acres as dry land farming of wheat. Arnold recommends the 16.3 acres be valued as grass, bringing the land value to \$25,265 for a total valuation of \$239,705. Cetak moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

No one was present to testify regarding PVP #7, Dale R. Wilson, parcel #880011984, Ord Twp, Div. X SW4SE4 less 1.05 ac, 22-19-14, 7.1314 ac. Assessed value is \$22,475, written testimony requests value \$10,697 due to road and water taking up most of property, leaving less than 1 usable acre and it is next to a feedlot. Arnold, Nance and Cullers inspected the property. Arnold noted the property is outside city limits, that prior Board adjustments were removed and recommends no change due to 2007 sales studies. Following discussion, the Board felt it was probable that protests of similar properties may be filed and should be acted on together, therefore, Cetak moved to table PVP #7 for Dale R. Wilson to be considered at a later date, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

No one was present to testify regarding PVP #8, Jerome B. Turek, parcel #880026257, Ord, Woodbury Add, L27-34, B10. Assessed value is land \$5330, buildings \$6060, requested value is land \$5330, buildings \$1025 due to gas and water disconnected, basement leaks, house not livable. Arnold and Nance inspected property. Assessor recommends value house as storage at \$2.00 sq. ft. for value of \$1025, leave garage at \$955 for total value of \$7310. Cetak moved to approve valuation recommended by Assessor, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

No one was present to testify regarding PVP #10, Sharon Z. and Galen R. Michalski, parcel #880020671, Ord Original Add, L1, B22. Assessed value is land \$3290, buildings \$67,605, requested value is land \$3290, buildings \$53,157 due to age of home, location, lack of yard, upstairs bedrooms, 30% valuation increase in 2 years. Arnold, Nance and Cullers inspected the property and explained to Michalski that the raise in valuation over the last 2 years was due to their renovation of the property. In 2006 renovations were factored in at 80% complete, for 2007 100%. Assessor notes that garage is not in good shape and recommends it be valued as unfinished for a difference of \$845. The resulting adjusted valuation would be land \$3290, buildings \$66,760. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

No one was present to testify regarding PVP #11, Martha M. Hoevet, parcel #880008071, Vinton Twp, pt NW4, 19-18-15, 156.65 ac. Assessed value is land \$78,475, buildings \$8970, requested value land \$74,050, buildings \$8825 due to FSA map showing 29.7 acres change from

dry to grass and Martinsen Appraisal notation of no value on garage. Assessor recommends land use change and remove value on garage making land value \$74,050 and building value \$8825. Waldmann moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

No one was present to testify regarding PVP #14, Milo and Dolores Florian, parcel #880028658, Ord North Hwy Add, pt SW4NW4 W of Aband. RR, & .4 ac. described in Bk 76-145, 16-19-14, 74 ac. Assessed value is land \$25,080, buildings \$122,620, requested value land \$15,750, buildings \$110,000 due to no improvements added and is valued higher than son's property in Hastings. Arnold, Nance and Cullers inspected property. Assessor's records appear to be correct so no change is recommended. Cetak moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers. No: Baker, Van Slyke. Absent: Vogeler.

Baker moved to approve Notice of Homestead Exemption Rejection for Norma Ackles as it does not qualify due to removal of household furnishings prior to August 15, 2007 and plans to sell the house, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Waldmann moved to approve Notice of Homestead Exemption Rejection for Mildred Peterson as it does not qualify due to Physician's Certificate, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

Valuation Change Notices for 2007 were presented, 35 were due to land use changes and 2 were due to an error in processing a sale. The following property valuation changes for 2007 were considered, due to land use changes per FSA map unless otherwise noted: Laddie E & Darlene Bruha, parcel #880014413, Geranium Twp, NE4 16-19-16, 160 ac.; parcel #880014707, Geranium Twp, SW4 23-19-16, 160 ac.; James D. Hawley, parcel #880003549, Arcadia Twp, pt SW4 11-17-16, 137.93 ac.; Hillcrest Ranch, parcel 880036774, Elyria Twp, all 5-20-14 except 9 ac in SW4, 603.12 ac.; Eugene A & Nellie Hunt, parcel #880003402, Arcadia Twp., L6, 7 & 8 E2, SE4NE4, 8-17-16, 140.9 ac.; Marie Ann Iwanski, parcel #880036794, Elyria, 3.53 ac tract in Div O, NE4 26-20-15; parcel #880035273, Elyria Div D, E, F & G & N2 Div H, NE4 26-20-15, 13.16 ac.; Floyd J & Marie A. Iwanski, parcel #880035322, Elyria, E170' L19 & all L20-21 Div A, NE4NE4, 26-20-15, 11.17 ac.; Duane W & Laureen F Krajnik, parcel #880013909, Michigan Twp, NW4, 36-19-15, 160 ac.; parcel #880007973, Vinton Twp, NW4, N2NE4 less canal, 15-18-15, 224.8 ac.; parcel #880007945, Vinton Twp, NW4 less canal, 14-18-15, 147.3 ac.; James J & Kristina K Lech, parcel #880036795, Elyria L18 & W80' L19 Div A, NE4NE4, 26-20-15, 3.53 ac.; James R & Mary Ann Lutz, parcel #880002933, Yale Twp, pt N2NW4 W ML canal, 23-17-15, 30.3 ac.; Donald L & Norma E Petska, parcel #880013608, Michigan Twp, SW4 25-19-15, 160 ac.; parcel #880016247, Noble Twp, S2 3-20-14, 320 ac; Kerry P Petska, parcel #880012656, Ord Twp., SW4, SE4 N of Hwy, 30-19-14, 297.41 ac.; Michelle A Petska, parcel #880012649, Ord Twp, N2 30-19-14, 317.71 ac.; parcel #880011711, Ord Twp, S2 less 8.47 ac in SE4SE4, 19-19-14, 309.03 ac.; Dale & Beverly Proskocil, parcel #880010388, Springdale Twp, N2NW4 less 3 ac tract, SE4NW4 & SW4NE4, 28-19-13, 157.03 ac.; Leonard J Sedlacek, parcel #880012579, Ord Twp, all NW4 less Hwy 29-19-14, 155.58 ac.; parcel #880013846, Michigan Twp, S2 less canal 33-29-15, 301.6 ac.; Carole J Shuck, parcel #880003703, Arcadia Twp, pt NE4NW4 15-17-16, 37.36 ac.; Ricky L & Jeanne M Skolil, parcel #880036463, North Loup twp, NW4 less 1.64 ac tract in pt NW4NW4 & pt SW4NW4, L4 & 5 NE4, L6 SE4 exc S 13.3 ac., 24-18-13, 251.86 ac.; Ronald R & Rick Skolil and Elvin & Delores Skolil, parcel #880005222, North Loup twp, pt S2NW4 lying E RR ROW 14-18-13, 19 ac.;

Ronald R & Rick L Skolil, parcel #880015414, North Loup Twp, L6 & 7 E2 & SWSE4, 35-19-13, 173.2 ac.; Bradley R Staab, parcel #880006727, Enterprise Twp, N2 less canal, SW4, 16-18-14, 445 ac.; Lynette A Staab, parcel #880006748, Enterprise Twp, SE4, 16-18-14, 160 ac.; parcel #880006503, Enterprise Twp, pt SW4, S2S2NW4, 7-18-14, 190.06 ac.; Rollie R & Gloria D Staab, parcel #880006489, Enterprise Twp, NE4 7-18-14, 160 ac.; parcel #880006517, Enterprise Twp, SE4 7-18-14, 160 ac.; parcel #880006804, Enterprise Twp, NE4 less canal, 18-18-14, 141.4 ac.; Ruth Elaine Werner, parcel #880005698, North Loup Twp, Div G in SW4SE4, 26-18-13, 4ac.; Jack D & Elaine M Van Slyke, parcel #880003556, Arcadia Twp, pt SE4 S of Sherman Feeder canal, 11-17-16, 16.33 ac.; parcel #880003528, Arcadia Twp, pt E2 N of Sherman Feeder Canal, 11-17-16, 288 ac.; Jeremy J Van Slyke, parcel #880036729, Arcadia Twp, NE4, E2W2 less 5.5 ac. tract in SE4SW4, 2-17-16, 313.70 ac.; James D Parkos, parcel #880036833, Enterprise Twp, 5.05 ac. tract in SW4, 18-18-14, corrected to reflect Deed 89-375 retained 5.05 ac. & buildings; Curtis A Sikyta PR Virginia Parkos Estate, parcel #880006825, Enterprise Twp, S2NW4, SW4 less canal & less 5.05 ac. tract in SW4, 18-18-14, 214.62 ac., corrected to reflect Deed 89-375 less 5.05 ac. and buildings retained by James Parkos. Baker moved to approve all of the above listed valuation changes except parcel #'s 880003556, 880003528 and 880036729, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Cullers moved to approve valuation changes for parcel #'s 880003556, 880003528 and 880036729, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Baker. Abstain due to relationship: Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

The Assessor's 2007 Plan of Assessment was presented and accepted for filing.

There being no further business to come before the BOE, Van Slyke moved to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m., to reconvene on July 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 26 meeting and an agenda for the July 9 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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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Equalization met in their Courthouse meeting room on July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider Property Valuation Protests. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler and Waldmann present, Cetak was absent (excused). Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the June 26, 2007 BOE meeting were amended to include the meeting date and approved as amended on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The current agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted and public copies available. There was no public comment. Assessor Arnold, Appraiser Rexroth and Clerk Lindsey were present. Protests of those in attendance were heard first.

Max and Lola Staab were present for PVP #20, parcel #880034727, tract in NE4NW4 beg 160' W SE cor Blk 13 Original, thence N145'; W140'; S145'; E140'to POB NW4 26-17-16. Assessed value \$570, requested \$100. Staab testified property bought from city for \$50, river continues to cover land despite efforts to control, available land is grass. Supervisor Van Slyke confirmed this. Assessor advised need survey to show correct square footage. Baker moved to drop property value back to requested valuation, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Rosalie Leggett was present for PVP #32, parcel 880029239, E2W2 Div Q, SW4 21-19-14. Only land value was protested. Assessed value \$14,065, requested \$9620. Leggett testified only access to property is through driveway. Assessor advised lot priced in accordance with others in the area. Rexroth noted that .90 sq. ft. is not an average, but was considered most representative of the area based on his "highest and best use" analysis. Vogeler moved to accept the protestor's requested land value, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker, Waldmann. No: Cullers. Absent: Cetak.

Julie Wilson was present for PVP #24, parcel 880024850, L1&2 B8, West Ord Addition. Assessed value \$13,165, requested \$9,170. Wilson testified no improvements made to vacant lots. Assessor advised property was used in sales study for unimproved lots and they are buildable, felt value was correct. Discussion included: corner lot with street on north and east, better access than Leggett property, pricing came from sales. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's valuation, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Baker. No: Van Slyke. Absent: Cetak.

Sara and Jason Neemeyer were present for PVP #29, parcel 880024864, West Ord Add, S47.5 L7; N52.5' L6 B8. Only building value was protested. Assessed value \$79,435, requested \$68,000. Neemeys testified regarding damage to building. Arnold, Cullers and Cetak inspected the property. After inspection, Assessor recommends removal of patio and fireplace and lowering square feet of finish in basement until repair is completed for building value of \$67,730. Van Slyke moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Steve Bruha was present for PVP #43, parcel 880036657, 5.8349 ac tract SE4SE4 14-18-13. Only land value was protested. Assessed value \$18,290, requested \$12,945. Bruha testified only 1.3 acres are tillable. Assessor noted site values increased across the county this year. Bruha paid \$35,000 for the property, total valuation is \$29,500. Vogeler moved to approve Assessor valuation of \$18,290 for land, \$11,210 for buildings, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #15 & #16, Dennis & Carolyn Hurlbert. PVP #15, parcel 880026390, Ord Woodbury Add, L3-44 B15, 3.72 ac. Assessed value \$8655, requested \$1489. PVP #16, parcel 880026670, Ord Woodbury Add, L1-20 B20. Assessed value \$8850, requested \$465. Waldmann moved to table PVP #15 & 16 until tomorrow's meeting to be heard with other similar properties, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #12, Susan McCall, parcel 880022407, Ord Original Add, L5-8 B56. Only land value was protested. Assessed value \$12,505, requested \$6410. Protester's written testimony indicates half of lots slope too steeply to be usable. Arnold, Nance & Cullers inspected property. Assessor notes trees and undergrowth on property but feels flat area sufficient for building and recommends property remain as valued. Cullers moved to approve the 2007 assessed valuation, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #17, Valerie Wahlstrom, parcel 880024311, L1 B17, Ord Milfords Add. Assessed value \$7585 land, \$14,845 buildings; requested \$6000 land, \$2000 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates a realtor estimated property would bring \$4000 to \$6000 at auction. Arnold, Nance and Cullers inspected property. Based on inspection, Assessor felt house was livable but recommends changing condition from good to badly worn and quality to low for value of \$6820, leaving land as assessed at \$7585 for total value \$14,405. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #18, Willis D and Rhoda M Plate, parcel 880010297, S2 25-19-13, 320.06 ac. Assessed value \$147,040 land, \$40,320 buildings; requested \$147,040 land, \$1395 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates house needs to be torn down and garage in poor condition. Arnold, Nance, Cullers and Waldmann inspected the property and found house not livable, hopper bin rusted out. Assessor recommends house valued as storage at \$1525, removal of hopper bin, leaving garage, concrete pad and granary for total improvements value of \$4365, making the total overall valuation \$151,405. Van Slyke moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Waldmann, Cullers, Vogeler, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #19, Marion & Kathryn Fowler, parcel 880025326, West Ord Add, S50' L3, N 50' L2, B17. Assessed value \$18,630 land, \$72,110 buildings; requested \$11,905 land, \$68,675 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates at time of purchase property was in below average condition and would not qualify for a loan and no improvements have been made. Arnold, Nance, Cullers and Baker inspected the property. Due to condition of outside of house, Assessor recommends changing condition from average plus to average for a value of \$65,840 and leaving land as assessed. Cullers moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #21, Popcorn County USA, William Brush, Pres., parcel 880031241, North Loup TC Davis Add, all B4-7 & vac alleys & vac st btwn B4-5 5-6 6-7 & 4-7, 5.7 ac. Assessed value \$24,830 land, \$14,350 buildings; requested \$9,225 land, \$14,350 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates 2006 value is more appropriate as land is non-irrigated hay field with some bins. Arnold reviewed the property and noted is currently valued as commercial but since it is adjacent to suburban farmland recommends using suburban site pricing bringing land total to \$18,125, buildings to remain as assessed for total valuation of \$32,475. Van Slyke moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #22 & #23, Bradley Lowe. PVP #22, parcel 880004088, pt div K SE4 23-17-16. Assessed value \$19625 land, requested value \$15,325. Protester's written testimony indicates 15 plus acres are valued as irrigated and should be 10.52 acres. Assessor indicates FSA map was presented and recommends change to 10.52 acres irrigated, 5.18 acres grass and 1 acre road for a total valuation of \$15,325. PVP #23, parcel 880036703, Arcadia inside corp, N220' div X; div K lying W Hawthorne Creek; div N E Hawthorne Creek, SE4, 9.64 ac. Protester's written testimony indicates farmland. Assessor recommended changing value to reflect FSA map showing 8.54 acres irrigated and 1.10 acres grass for total value of \$11,135. Assessor noted that after her written recommendation was made she realized that the land described in PVP #23 is not eligible to be valued as agland as it is within Arcadia Village and if the change is approved this year it will have to be corrected next year. Vogeler moved to approve the Assessor's recommended values for PVP #22 and #23, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #25, Howard & Peggy Fairbairn, parcel 880016709, pt SW4 E of RR exc river & less 6.37 ac tract, 5-20-15, 30.67 ac. Assessed value \$40,270 land, requested value \$25,195. Protester's written testimony indicates dryland farm ground and pasture grass. Assessor notes FSA map was presented and recommends changing 13.82 acres to dry and 3.18 acres to grass, 1 acre for house site and 2 acre site for buildings. Outbuildings and house not protested. Assessor recommends land value of \$25,195, house \$205,600 and outbuildings \$32,870 for total valuation of \$263,665. Van Slyke moved to approve Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to reconvene on July 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Complete minutes of the July 9, 2007 meeting and an agenda for the July 10, 2007 are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken with Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, and Waldmann present, Cetak absent (excused). Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and agenda posted. The minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting were corrected to show the correct cost for the Courthouse benches: \$850 each plus \$175 for the sponsorship program. Said minutes were approved as corrected on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Waldmann moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Sevenker noted Open Meeting Law is posted and public copies are available. There was no public comment.

Notice of the outstate meeting of the Nebr. State Highway Commission was acknowledged. Road Supt. Leth reported: will begin patching Loup City and Ashton roads, hope to complete bridge project B2813 before Rock Fest, hauling gravel, July 19 date to open Hwy 11 is realistic. Maintenance of rural drives used by County as turnarounds when maintaining roads was discussed, Leth will report on cost estimate. The roads to Walkowiak's and Knight's will be graveled. Pivots watering roads and condition of the Pizza Hut Road were discussed.

Treasurer Suminski presented Month End Fund Report showing receipts of \$384,000 for the month and fund balances of \$305,095.38 General, \$46,441.54 Road, \$844, 927.52 Inheritance Tax. Distributions were also listed. The Semi-annual Report listed collections, disbursements and balances from January through June of 2007. NDR estimates \$13,424.17 in State Aid and \$32,484.43 in Property Tax Relief for FY 07-08. Suminski provided a comparison chart of assistance payments by year from 1999-2000 to the present. The Misc. Receipts Folder is available for review.

Cullers reported on new information received on Courthouse benches after the last meeting when the benches from SiteScapes were approved and asked for Board approval to pursue it. She hopes the County, City and Linda Studnicka can work together on benches, trash cans and ash receptacles so the items would match and the cost should be less. The Board agreed that the joint effort should be pursued.

Estimates on a speaker system for the District Courtroom from Scott's TV Inc. include a microphone for the Judge's bench, the witness stand, the prosecuting attorney and the defense attorney with two speakers on either side of the room behind the Judge's bench. The \$1300 estimate is for wired, stationary microphones for the attorneys, the \$1600 one is for wireless microphones that could be hand held or stationary. Wireless microphones for the attorneys would be preferable and the Clerk is to seek the approval of Judge Noakes. Van Slyke moved to approve the installation of the \$1600 system in the District Courtroom contingent on the approval of Judge Noakes, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all Board Members present except Cetak.

Road Supt. Leth sent word that the State plans to open Hwy 11 to North Loup on July 16th.

Bethanne Kunz presented the Tourism Committee's budget request for the 2007-2008 FY. Their projected expenses for 07-08, receipts for 06-07 and fund balances were listed. They plan to update the fund application form and require proof that funds are spent on advertising outside a 50 mile radius as required by law. She noted they may have to go to a reimbursement payment so that bills can be submitted to verify that requirements are met.

Kunz also appeared for VCED to ask the Board to approve a resolution declaring the County is an official entrant in the Nebr. Community Improvement Program for 2007. This is required so that the joint travel guide put together this year in conjunction with Garfield County can be submitted for a NCIP award. Cullers moved to approve Resolution 07-12, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

The report of Buster Beckenhauer will be heard when he arrives.

The following informational items were noted: the USDA invitation to the open house for the Loup Basin Technology Center and the Summary Report Expenditures for June 30, 2007.

Baker moved to set a budget meeting on August 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to review budget requests for FY 2007-2008, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Disposal of old computers was discussed. Clerk is to check into what is involved in clearing a computer memory. The County Attorney was unable to attend due to a court hearing.

Buster Beckenhauer arrived to report on the cost of an elevator and repair of the courthouse/jail roof. Laurie Hansen and Terri Van Houten of CNEDD were present for this report to help prepare for the submission of a grant application for an elevator. Beckenhauer estimated the cost of an elevator would be \$400,000 to \$500,000. More investigation would be required to get a closer estimate. He asked if the Board wanted him to proceed. There would be no charge for further investigation, only if the Board wanted to proceed with the actual project. He is looking at the same type of elevator that is in the Clay County Courthouse. It would go from the ground floor to the third floor. Also discussed was the need to develop a plan for an outside exit from the third floor and fire sprinklers.

Beckenhauer said he measured both the courthouse and jail roof and took core samples. Water was found under the top membrane. Everything is saturated so all would need to be removed down to the concrete. There is likely no insulating value due to the water. His recommendation is to stay with a flat roof as he does not feel that a good seal could be obtained with a pitched roof due to the items on the roof that would need to be sealed around. He also recommended that some tuck pointing be done on the chimney and the cap replaced. The chimney currently functions as an air intake for the heating/cooling system so it needs to remain operational. His cost estimate for replacement of both roofs is \$150,000 to \$175,000, for the jail alone \$35,000 to \$40,000. He felt it was important to replace the jail roof soon and that the courthouse roof could wait, but not indefinitely. Bids could be let separately for the jail roof and the courthouse roof as long as it was noted in the specs that the county was committed to the jail roof project and hopeful of the courthouse roof project. He felt it would be a good idea to choose the same bidder for both projects. Also discussed was the possibility of the jail bidder patching the courthouse roof or a separate bid package for the patching which could be done by a local contractor. Baker moved to take separate bids on the jail and courthouse roofs, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Beckenhauer will send a Notice to Bidders for the Clerk to advertise in the Quiz. Bids will be received at the last August Board meeting on the 28th. At this point, a \$1500 fee will be due Beckenhauer for putting together the documents and figures for the bidding. If a bid is accepted, more fees will be required.

County Attorney was present and will check on using the \$1600 Stop Program fees for the speaker system in the District Courtroom.

There were no Committee Reports and the following Mail Folder items were available for review: Attorney Charles W. Campbell letter re: Schauer v. Valley County, Midwest Assistance program Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on July 31, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the July 10 meeting and an agenda for the July 31 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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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Equalization met in their Courthouse meeting room on July 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Waldmann and Vogeler present, Cetak absent (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of 7:00 p.m., July 9, 2007 BOE meeting will be presented for approval at the next BOE meeting. The current agenda was amended to include PVP #15 & #16, Dennis & Carolyn Hurlbert, tabled from the July 9 meeting and the amended agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act is posted and public copies available. There was no public comment. Assessor Arnold, Appraiser Rexroth and Clerk Lindsey were present. Protests of those in attendance were heard first.

Tom Kruml was present for PVP #27, US Bio Energy – Ord, parcel 880036789, 103.134 ac tract, Ord City Div, 33-19-13. Assessed value \$689,480 land, \$0 buildings; requested \$689,480 land, \$10,000,000 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates a Redevelopment Contract between the City of Ord and Val-E Ethanol, LLC (nka US Bio Energy-Ord, LLC) requires \$10,000,000 of real property value on site by Jan. 1, 2007. US Bio feels the requirement was met and provided a list of buildings, tanks and vessels completed and in place by Jan. 1, 2007. Assessor noted Nance and Rexroth inspected the property after Jan. 1, 2007 and the determination was made to wait until 2008 to assess it. Assessor had not been made aware of the contract, but has no objection to adding the requested value for 2007. Discussion was held regarding notification of the County when a contract involves property assessment. Rexroth noted new legislation passed this year has changed definition of real property with regard to ethanol plants. Many items listed by the plant as real property this year will be personal property next year. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation for PVP #27 to add \$10,000,000 building valuation for a total property valuation of \$10,689,480, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Carl & Charlene Schauer were present for PVP #28, parcel 880004788, pt NE4 less T/O Can, UP RR & St Hwy; less 2.83 ac to Dept. Assessed value \$117,365 land, \$4940 buildings; requested \$112,905 land, \$4940 buildings. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates difficult access to property due to road closing and water runoff problems due to building new road. Assessor notes FSA map shows land use is correct so she is unable to recommend a change. Following discussion, the Board offered to table PVP #28 until the end of the meeting, view the property in question and come back to make their determination, the Schauers agreed.

Simon Walkowiak was present for PVP #30, parcel 880013804, NW4 32-19-15, 160 ac. Assessed value \$152,190 land, \$83,755 buildings; requested \$152,190 land, \$81,000 buildings. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates his land use is correct but he objects to tax increase on his house until his road is fixed. Assessor notes protester did not think an inspection of his house was necessary, that she cannot do anything about his road and recommends no change to the 2007 valuation of the property. Protester acknowledged his road is staked for gravel. Van Slyke moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Dean Miska was present for PVP #34, parcel 880023618, Ord Haskells Add, all B24. Assessed value \$7615 land, \$1000 buildings; requested \$2400 land, \$1000 buildings. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates undesirable location, garage cannot be built on property due to new City ruling requiring ownership of adjacent property, adjacent property owners not interested in purchasing, streets not paved. Rexroth said because of a less desirable location, the per square foot amount of properties east of RR ROW were lowered and it appears this property would fall into that category and should be lowered. Assessor recommends lowering land value from .45 to .18 per square foot, bringing the land valuation to \$3045 and leaving the buildings at \$1000. Baker moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation for a total value of \$4045, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Sue Staab was present for PVP #37, #38, #39, Sandhills Properties. PVP #37, parcel 880029764, Ord City Div, pt NW4 lying W Co Road & S Hwy, 27-19-14, 2.02 ac. Assessed value \$6100, requested \$3500. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates no access road on the north end, is steep bank beside Pizza Hut, access is from east side through driveway owned by adjacent property owner, is part of grass pasture the remainder of which is valued at \$526 per acre. Assessor recommendation notes prior adjustments removed, value is same as other property in the neighborhood and recommends no change. PVP #38, parcel 880012425, pt NW4 lying W Co Road 27-19-14, 2.29 ac. Assessed value \$5610,

requested \$3500. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates no access on north end, only access from south is through adjoining property, used for livestock pasture, remaining pasture valued at \$526 per acre, most of it is steep bank on Pizza Hut road. Assessor notes this is classified suburban and valuation went down this year due to sales studies and recommends no change. PVP #39, parcel 880022827, Ord Original Add, Div DDD B68. Assessed value \$3940, requested \$1500. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates property is 25' wide and city block long, located between 3 landowners and a city alley that is not maintained and used as pasture, is inaccessible and unusable. Assessor recommendation notes prior adjustment was removed, it is valued the same as other properties in the area and recommends no change. Discussion included fact PVP #38 is suburban (within mile of city) and the other two are in the city, cannot combine land inside city with land outside. Van Slyke moved to approve the protester's requested valuations on PVP #37, #38 and #39, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: Vogeler. Absent: Cetak.

Bonnie Anderson was present for PVP #41, #42. PVP #41, parcel 8800124670, E400' N2NW4 28-19-14, 12 ac. Assessed value \$21,000, requested \$15,725. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates property is farm, grazing, pasture land. Assessor recommendation notes BOE adjusted last year's valuation to rural but this year sales studies have made rural and suburban pricing the same, however, parcels with no buildings are calculated differently this year. She recommends no change for 2007. PVP #42, parcel 880011879, E400' pt Div OO, SW4 less 180'X 110" & less 100'X 150' & less acc road 30'X 335' & 30'X 180' 21-19-14, 7.12 ac. Assessed value \$19,900 land, \$950 buildings; requested \$12,525 land, \$950 buildings. Protester's written and oral testimony indicates land used for pasture and grazing. Assessor recommendation notes this property was lowered to rural pricing last year, but this year rural and suburban are the same. This property has a barn on it which changes the calculation and the barn has water and electricity. She recommends no change as it is valued the same as like properties. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation on PVP #41 and PVP #42, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Curt & Susan Schauer were present for PVP #44, #45. PVP #44, parcel 880004844, all, less canal 5-18-13, 607.02 ac. Assessed value \$267,820, requested \$200,000. Protester's written and oral testimony lists noise & odor from ethanol plant and poor access to fields as reasons for lower valuation. Assessor notes no indication land use is incorrect and no way to lower valuation due to the plant, recommends no change. PVP #45, parcel 880004809, pt N2NW4 exc RR ROW; pt S2NW4 less canal; less .43 ac to dept of roads 4-18-13, 69.64 ac. Assessed value \$40,825 land, \$71,210 buildings; requested \$20,000 land, \$25,000 buildings. Protester's written and oral testimony lists noise, odor, light from ethanol plant and health issues as reasons for lower valuation. Arnold, Nance, Cullers and Vogeler inspected the property and were told by the Schauers that there is nothing wrong with their buildings and that the land use is correct, but that the proximity of the ethanol plant has caused the problems. Assessor notes she checked with Pierce County where 2 homes are across the road from an ethanol plant and found that no special consideration is given to those homes and she recommends no change. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would stop at this property at the same time as the Carl and Charlene Schauer property and return to the meeting room to make their decision.

Meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m., reconvened at 3:10 p.m. with everyone present.

No one was present for PVP #31, Lumir Bruha, parcel 880018746, W2 NE4SW4; NW4SW4; S2SW4; 24-20-16, 140 ac. Assessed value \$71,575 land, \$515 buildings; requested \$66,575 land, \$515 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates no water or electricity to buildings. Due to lack of amenities to buildings, Assessor recommends changing site pricing bringing land value to \$66,575 and leaving buildings at \$515 for total valuation of \$67,090. Cullers moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #33, Albin & Alice Bruha, parcel 880014014, N2NW4 3-19-16 79.90 ac. Assessed value \$47,885 land, \$55,815 buildings; requested \$47,885 land, \$18,255 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates building values have tripled but no improvements have been made and all are in poor shape. Arnold, Nance, Cullers & Waldmann inspected property. Assessor recommends changing condition of house from very good to good plus bringing the valuation to \$42,145 and leaving the outbuildings at \$960 and land at \$47,885 for a total valuation of \$90,990. Waldmann moved to approve the Assessor recommendation, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #35 & #36, James Christensen & Karen Wilson. PVP #35, parcel 880026047, Ord Woodbury Add, L18-20 less E8' L18, B5. Assessed value \$3735 land, \$73,635 buildings; requested \$3735 land, \$60,000

buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates water in basement has required much repair and part of deck was torn off. Arnold, Nance & Cullers inspected the property. Assessor recommends putting physical depreciation on partition finish in basement for one year, removing one plumbing fixture for one year and taking 120 square feet off the deck which brings the valuation of the house to \$66,730, leaving the land at \$3735 for a total valuation of \$70,465. PVP #36, parcel 880026040, Ord Woodbury Add, L17; E8' L18, B5. Assessed value \$925 land, \$65 buildings; requested \$925 land, \$0 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates building was removed in 2006. Arnold, Nance & Cullers inspected property. Assessor recommends removing the building and leaving the land at \$925. Cullers moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation for PVP #35 & PVP #36, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Baker, Van Slyke. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for PVP #40, Larry White, parcel 880005761, NW4 28-18-13. Assessed value \$116,920 land, \$62,795 buildings; requested \$75,065 land, \$62,795 buildings. Protester's written testimony indicates land no longer irrigated. Assessor said FSA map confirms this and recommends land valuation of \$75,065. Vogeler moved to approve Assessor recommendation, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for previously tabled PVP #3, #4, #5 & #6, Marvin & Carolyn Lukesh. PVP #3, parcel 880026166, Ord Woodbury Add, L4-10, B8. Assessed value \$2430 land, requested \$620 land. Protester's written testimony indicates valuation was raised too much when nothing on property has changed. Assessor noted lots in this addition have sold for the .18 per square foot pricing used in the valuation and recommends no change. PVP #4, parcel 880026383, Ord Woodbury Add, L5-6 lying S & W River & all L7-31 B13. Assessed value \$5200 land, requested \$2675 land. Protester's written testimony indicates land is not worth the valuation. Assessor indicates prior adjustment was removed, sales studies indicate value was too low and recommends no change. PVP #5, parcel 880026194, Ord Woodbury Add all L33-44 B9. Assessed value \$4665 land, requested \$2120 land. Protester's written testimony indicates value too high as there are no buildings, just hay ground. Assessor indicates prior adjustment was removed and sales studies show value was too low and recommends no change. PVP #6, parcel 880026327, Ord Woodbury Add, L1-11 & L41-44 B12. Assessed value \$10,425 land, requested \$6855 land. Protester's written testimony indicates land not worth valuation. Following discussion, Assessor suggested pricing as rural, first acre \$7450 plus \$2450 up to 5 acres. Van Slyke moved to set the total valuation of all property listed on PVP #3, #4, #5 & #6 at \$15,095, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for previously tabled PVP #7, Dale Wilson, parcel 880011984, Div X SW4SE4 less 1.05 ac, 22-19-14, 7.1314 ac. Assessed value \$22,475 land, requested \$10,697 land. Protester's written testimony indicates road takes up 2 acres, over 50% under water this spring, less than 1 acre of usable high ground, feed lot next door. Arnold, Nance & Cullers inspected property. Following discussion, Assessor suggested using suburban pricing bringing the valuation to \$14,915. Van Slyke moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

No one was present for previously tabled PVP #15 & #16, Dennis & Carolyn Hurlbert. PVP #15, parcel 880026390, Ord Woodbury Add, L3-44 B15, 3.722 ac. Assessed value \$8655 land, requested \$1489. Protester supplied FSA map showing land is grassland. Arnold & Nance inspected property. PVP #16, parcel 880026670, Ord Woodbury Add L1-20 B20. Assessed value \$8850 land, requested \$465. Protester supplied FSA map showing land is grassland. Assessor noted she had first thought the property could be classified as grassland upon certification by FSA, however, she later learned property within city limits cannot carry agland classification. Following discussion, Assessor suggested applying same logic to these parcels as was used for the Lukesh properties, bringing the valuation of PVP #15 to \$14,115 and PVP #16 to \$2770. Vogeler moved to approve the Assessor recommendation, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

The following 2007 Property Valuation Change Notices due to land use changes per FSA certification were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Brent & Jennifer Bengston, parcel 880036767, 15.94 ac tract W2NE4NE4 & pt E2E2NW4NE4 less a 2.879 ac tract in W2NE4NE4 & less.42 ac tract E2E2NW4NE4 20-19-14; Bossen Livestock Co., parcel 880004130, W2NW4 24-17-16, 80 ac; Richard & Margene Bossen, parcel 880003675, SE4 14-17-16, 160 ac; parcel 880002947, pt SW4 W MLPP canal, 32-17-15, 143.48 ac.; parcel 880004676, pt NW4, L2 & 3 NE4NE4 S CB&Q RR, pt SE4 all E ML can, 36-17-16, 153.2 ac.; parcel 880002177 pt SW4, div C SE4 8-17-15, 158.7 ac.; parcel 880004074, pt NW4 N CB&Q RR 23-17-16, 127.9 ac.; Ronnie & Darles Boyce, parcel 880000602, SE4 19-17-13, 160 ac.; parcel 880000854, N2NE4 30-17-13, 80

ac.; parcel 880006139, pt NE4SW4 35-18-13, 39.5 ac.; parcel 880000245, NW4 8-17-13, 160 ac.; Harry Dean & Heloise Bresley, parcel 880036435, pt SE4NE4 S B/S can, NE4SE4 less 5.83 ac, 69.68 ac.; Clara Epley & Elden Epley Trust, parcel 880009135, NW4, N2NE4 24-18-16, 240 ac.; Tom & Patricia Frazer, parcel 880000147, S2SW4 4-17-13, 80 ac.; parcel 880000168, SE4SE4, SE4NE4 N2SE4 5-17-13, 160 ac.; Larry & Barbara Freouf, parcel 880011704, NW4 19-19-14, 156.92 ac.; Thomas & Deloris Gregg, parcel 880005768, S2 28-18-13, 320 ac.; Roger & Judith Groetzinger, parcel 880000203, NE4 7-17-13, 160 ac.; parcel 880000252, SW4 less canal 8-17-13, 144.7 ac.; Eugene & Jean Hawley, parcel 880009079, S2NE4, W2, SE4, 22-18-16, 560 ac.; parcel 880009233, S2NE4, SE4, E2SW4, 27-18-16, 320 ac.; Huebner Corp., parcel 880005929, NE4 33-18-13, 160 ac.; parcel 880006006, S2 less E 24 rods NE4SW4 34-18-13, 308 ac.; Kenneth Kirby, parcel 880032158, North Loup Rublees Add, W88' L23 & all L24-27, 10.5 ac.; parcel 880006027, div I & J SW4 NE4, 35-18-13, 10.68 ac.; parcel 880006090, div F ND4 NW4, S2NW4NW4 less TO canal, E2SW4NW4 lying N & E Irr lateral 35-18-13, 39.9 ac.; Gerald Krikac, parcel 880014196, NW4 9-19-16, 160 ac.; parcel 880014182, SE4 8-19-16, 160 ac.; Vera Lange, parcel 880007077, div A, pt div C NE4 & SE4 26-18-14, 215.55 ac.; parcel 880007056, div c NW4 25-18-14, 44.835 ac.; Leonard Lech, parcel 880017808, SE4 27-20-15, 160 ac.; parcel 880018011, W2 35-20-15, 320 ac.; Roman & Regina Lech, parcel 880017241, SW4 13-20-15, 160 ac.; Eugene Lenz, parcel 880007189, N2 less 7.35 ac & 4.321 ac tract in NE4 29-18-14, 308.33 ac.; Royce & Bonnie Mack, parcel 880014546, SW4NW4, NW4SW4, 19-19-16, 81.12 ac.; parcel 880014539, S2SW4 19-19-16, 80 ac.; Ardon McDermott, parcel 880005138, L3&4 SW4, S2SE4, 12-18-13, 166.7 ac.; Ronald & Fern Paider, parcel 880014854, NW4 less canal 27-19-16, 141.2 ac.; Richard & Linda Penas, parcel 880012866, NW4, W2NE4 less st hwy, TO canal & UPRR, 225.38 ac.; Robyn Reed, parcel 880017990, NE4 less TO can 35-20-15, 157.26 ac.; Bryce & Rosemarie Ritz, parcel 880009002, all 20-18-16, 640 ac.; Harry Ritz, parcel 880003892, E2 19-17-16, 320 ac.; Carl & Charlene Schauer, parcel 880004788, pt NE4 less TO can, UPRR & st hwy, less 2.83 ac to dept roads, 4-18-13, 124.23 ac.; Charles Setlik, parcel 880013419, NE4 19-19-15, 160 ac.; Eldon & Bernice Sintek, parcel 880005628, S10 rods W2NE4 less .20 ac tract to dept roads, 26-18-13, 9.80 ac.; Joseph & Susan Sonnenfeld, parcel 880016387, E2NW4 & NE4 & N2SE4 24-20-14, 320 ac.; Jennifer Svoboda & Alison Garrelts, parcel 880004214, Pt S2 W CB&A RR exc W 33.2 ac, 25-17-16, 131.55 ac.; Virginia Timmerman, parcel 880010052, W2NW4 19-19-13, 75.24 ac.; Calvin & Raejean Treptow, parcel 880014938, NE4 30-19-16, 160 ac.; Simon & Garnett Walkowiak, parcel 880013713, W2SW4 29-19-15, 80 ac.; parcel 880013699, NE4 less .46 ac & 16.43 ac SE4NE4 29-19-15, 143.11 ac.; parcel 880013692, SE4 less canal 28-19-15, 158.4 ac.; parcel 880013461, S2 20-19-15, 320 ac.; parcel 880013804, NW4 32-29-15, 160 ac.; Roland & Dorothy & Paul Zulkoski, parcel 880035301, pt L1-16 NE4NE4 26-20-15, 14.61 ac. The 2007 Notice of Valuation Change for Dale Nelson corrects an error discovered in processing a sale to include a quonset and 2 sheds on the property valuation for parcel 880035196, Elyria 2nd Add, L4-6 B2. The 2007 Notice of Valuation Change on parcel 880035196 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

At 4:10p.m. the meeting was recessed to allow the Board to inspect the Schauer's property. At 5:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all Board members, the Assessor and Clerk present.

Following discussion of PVP #44 for Curt & Susan Schauer, it was moved by Vogeler, seconded by Cullers to approve the 2007 assessed valuation of \$267,820. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: None. Absent: Cetak. Following further discussion, Cullers moved to approve the 2007 assessed valuation of \$112,035 on PVP #45 for Curt & Susan Schauer, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Discussion was held regarding PVP #28 for Carl & Charlene Schauer with the Board agreeing that County Road Supt. Leth should look at the water issue to see if the County could do anything to help. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to approve the 2007 assessed valuation of \$122,305 for PVP #28, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: None. Absent: Cetak.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. to reconvene as needed following required notice. Complete minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting and an agenda for future BOE meetings are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board of Equalization, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and

copying by members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke and Waldmann present. The Clerk verified publication of meeting notice and posting of agenda. Minutes of July 10 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary, Sandy Simpson, gave the Road Claims & Balances report for July, noting totals of \$33,093.99 for payroll and \$80,206.81 for Accounts Payable. The larger expenses were fuel, gravel, sheet piling, asphalt, and tires.

Easement 07-273 requested by Michael Cruikshank, Hayes Creek Farms, to install underground electrical wiring for a pivot was approved, as recommended by Leth, on motion of Cetak, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The temporary easement requested by NDOR for Arcadia Middle Loup Bridge, Project 70-4(107) was discussed. Said easement was approved authorizing Chairman Sevenker to sign required documents on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported on the sale of Courthouse window air conditioners: 6 have sold for a total of \$417.06, 9 remain. Following discussion, Leth was directed to advertise them again.

Leth's general report included: fuel prices continue to go up; Ord/Burwell Hwy project was let on the 26th and Warners was chosen, culverts and shoulders to be done this year, paving next year; the County can apply for federal funds through the High Risk Rural Roads Program for road signs that contribute to road safety, could save the County \$10,000 or more, Board agreed and he will bring the required resolution to the next meeting; received \$7787 from FEMA, plans to apply for additional reimbursement; received and forwarded report on traffic fatality to NIRMA; fixed north side of bridge project B2813 prior to Rock Fest, south side remains to be done; received state 1 & 6 Year Plan.

North Loup's request to use Ashton Road between Hwys 11 and 22 as detour during Popcorn Days was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Vogeler reported complaints that people are farming road ditches. County Attorney Clark said this is not allowed by law. Discussion was held, Board directed Leth to compile a list of those farming road ditches and those who have fenced within the ROW.

Weed Supt., Kaminski, was present to address a weed complaint received from Martin Mason. Mason complained that neighboring properties did not control noxious weeds. Kaminski inspected the area and found a property owner who did not appear have attempted control of noxious weeds. He apologized for not having caught it before and said he sent a letter requesting the landowner to spray this fall. He reported he has received compliance from most of those who received the 15 day notice and asked those who did not comply to agree to spray this fall.

Hospital report was presented by CEO, Larry Schrage. Statistics and income sections were reviewed. Hospital audit to begin next week, overall stats are good, long term care up to 49 patients, many in-house services invested in this year and is hoped will pay in future, need to hold the line on expenses, possible name change for long-term care facility to Valley View Living Center or Loup Valley Living Center. This would be a "Doing Business As" name; the legal name would remain the same. Recently completed asphalt overlay near ER entrance. State Fire Marshall required new generator and electrical panel. Open house for the Heritage Building planned for October.

Ken Collins and Everett Lech were present to discuss agenda item 9A, the Veterans' Aid Fund. County auditors recommended funds held by the VSO and VS Committee be turned over to the County. Collins said, according to the State Veterans organization, in past years many Veterans' Service Officers were given their County budget in a lump sum

and invested leftover dollars for future use. While it is not clear that this is how these funds originated, Collins and Lech agreed they would be turned over to the County. A separate fund, Veterans' Aid Fund, will be established by resolution so the funds remain separate from other County funds. The County is not taxing for these funds, but providing a means for investment and expenditure of existing funds. The VSO will maintain a checking account and replenish it from the new fund through the County claim process. The Veterans' Service Office budget will remain a part of the County General Fund as always. Resolution 07-13 establishing the Veterans' Aid Fund was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m., reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

Bethanne Kunz presented the written Annual Visitors Bureau report including minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meetings for the year. The report noted accomplishments, ongoing and in progress projects as well as their budget request for 07-08 and receipts and expenditures for the year.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Supervisors recessed to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting. At 11:15 a.m. the Board of Supervisors reconvened with all Board members present.

Planning and Zoning Admn., Glaubke, presented proposed subdivision regulations and ask that a public hearing date and time be set for the proposed regulations. Discussion was held and Baker moved to set a public hearing for the review and possible adoption of the proposed subdivision regulations for August 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Not many people attended the public hearing regarding the FEMA flood plain map, some who did felt their home should not be in the flood plain. FEMA is sending a surveyor to look at some homes. The Board will need to decide if the County should join the Flood Insurance Program and a Flood Plain Manager will need to be appointed.

Board of Adjustment terms are up for Marv Scheideler and alternate, Sara Andreeson. Planning Commission terms are up for Don Vancura, Crystal Lech and Jean Hawley. All are willing to continue if reappointed. Following discussion, Cetak moved to reappoint Scheideler and Andreeson to the Board of Adjustment and Vancura, Lech and Hawley to the Planning Commission, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Accountant Abel gave a preliminary budget report based on projected revenue and County Office/Dept. budget requests for FY 07-08. Abel's summary shows the requested budget amounts exceed projected revenue by \$113,000, however, his revenue projection is on the low side and there are usually funds left in the budget. The Assessor's projected 07-08 valuations at last year's levy would raise an additional \$60,000 this year. Subdivision levy requests are due August 1; the Clerk is to provide this information to Abel and the Board prior to the August 13 budget meeting.

A recess was called at 12:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m. with all members present.

The following reports were reviewed: Sheriff's May and June Fees and Activities Reports; County Clerk's June Fee Report, FY Fee Report, and FY Comparison Report for last 4 years; FY Report of old ambulance bill collections; District Court Clerk June Fee Report.

Courthouse benches and trash cans were discussed. Bench costs of \$850 each are based on order of 10 benches, 8 benches for the Courthouse, 2 benches for other entities. Baker moved to approve ordering 10 benches from SiteScapes, paying for 8 of them from the Inheritance Tax Fund and reimbursing the Inheritance Tax Fund with the bench sponsorship money that is received, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler moved to set the bench sponsorship at \$750, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The sponsorship ad presented by Cullers was approved. Sponsorship plaques will be paid for by the County and ordered through Diamonds Too. Sponsorship forms are available at the Clerk's Office. Sponsorship will on a first come first served basis. A bench will be considered "sold" upon receipt of \$750 and a signed sponsorship form. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to delay a decision on trash receptacles until a later date, seconded by Baker. Not Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Baker. No: Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Waldmann. Absent: none. Cullers moved to purchase two 32 gallon

trash cans for the Courthouse square, in the same style as those the City is getting but smaller, at \$675 each, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: Vogeler, Baker. Absent: none.

Clerk reported she contacted Buster Beckenhauer regarding the Contract Bond Status Query from Liberty Mutual and received information on filling out the form, indicating the contract was completed, the acceptance date was May 29, 2007 and the total amount of the completed contract was \$1,067,846.

Following discussion, June claims were approved and the fund request authorized on motion of Cetak, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were reviewed: billings for FY 07-08 from Region 26 \$55,037.23, Mid-Nebr. Individual Services \$4647, Region 3 \$8495.81, NIRMA \$67,923; Lodging Tax receipts for May of \$2173.46; County Attorney IV-D reimbursement \$2218.03, medical reimbursement \$177.84; Valley County Wage Schedule as published.

A new proposal from Scott's TV for District Courtroom speaker system was presented. At the request of Judge Noakes, additional speakers were added and all microphones were wireless, raising the cost from \$1600 to \$2400. County Attorney Clark said the Sheriff and Police Dept. have already planned expenses for the STOP Program funds so they will not be available for use in paying for the speaker system. He will visit with Judge Noakes regarding the system, probably in September, so this item is to be placed on the last Sept. meeting agenda.

County Attorney Clark had no report.

Cullers presented a written report on Region 3.

Wozab Fund Advisory Committee reviewed requests from Historical Society for \$2000 pledge from 2005 and Ord Senior Center for \$2500 pledge in 2007. Both were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Thank you letters were reviewed.

The following mail folder items were available for review: Attorney Campbell letter re: Schauer v Valley County (motion to dismiss withdrawn due to appeal of City suit), Loup Basin RC&D, American Funds, Nebr. Dept. Revenue, NDOR Newsletter, NDOR Surface Transportation Program Book.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to reconvene on August 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in special session for budget discussion and August 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the July 31 meeting and an agenda for the August 13 and 14 meetings are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session to consider the 2007-2008 budget and subdivision levy authorization requests at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2007 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Sevenker, Cetak, Vogeler and Waldmann present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Law was posted and copies available for the public.

Accountant, Chuck Abel, provided information regarding the subdivision levy authorization requests, explained the procedure used to fund the township libraries and noted that no taxing district is to exceed \$.50 per \$100 valuation.

Present to discuss their requests were: Ron Wolf, Twin Loups Reclamation Dist.; Terry Christensen, Loup Valley Ag Society; Rolland Cronk, Custodian; Pam Arnold, Assessor; Janet Suminski, Treasurer; Larry Ronzzo, Sheriff; Max Leth, Road Supt.; Jenette Lindsey, Clerk.

Subdivision requests were discussed first. Twin Loups' request is the same as it has been for a number of years, \$31,392. The Ag Society request is \$2500 higher than last year as they are looking at replacing doors and a furnace.

Discussion was held regarding restricted funds, projected revenue, Interlocal Agreements and the ability of the subdivisions to override the levy authority authorized by the County. It was also noted that a subdivision bond does not affect the County Levy.

The County Office/Dept. budgets were discussed. Proposed raises for County employees were based in part on the increase in health insurance costs. A lease/purchase was discussed for a new motor grader. Building & Grounds budget request does not include the cost of roof repairs/replacement for the courthouse and jail. Jail costs and revenue were discussed, including the lack of state reimbursement.

Since it was agreed that a motor grader would likely be purchased through a lease agreement, Vogeler moved to reduce the Road budget request from \$100,000 to \$50,000 in the capital outlay line item 5-0307 Motor Graders, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Veterans' Service Office budget request was discussed. The request included a salary increase from \$5000 to \$9000 and the addition of part-time office help for \$3536. Baker presented information regarding VSO budgets in other counties and noted that he was informed that Valley County VSO Smith has been very active in helping veterans. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of a report to the County Board by VSO Smith documenting his activities and expenses. Following discussion, Cullers moved to increase the VSO salary from \$5000 to \$7000 per year, seconded by Cetak. Carried by tie breaking vote of Chairman. Yes: Cullers, Cetak, Waldmann, Sevenker. No: Baker, Van Slyke, Vogeler. Absent: none. Vogeler moved to reduce the VSO budget request by \$3536 from line item 1-0405 part time clerical, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Cetak. No: Van Slyke. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding the Assessor's request to budget \$16,000 in Misc. General for the GIS mapping system demonstrated to the Board by Mitch Clark. Following discussion, it was agreed that more information regarding the system was needed and this amount should be cut from this year's budget and reviewed again next year. Vogeler moved to cut the \$16,000 request in Misc. General line item 2-1100 data processing costs, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m., to reconvene on August 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 13 meeting and the agenda for the August 14 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Baker, Cetak and Van Slyke present. The Clerk verified that meeting notice was published and the agenda posted. Minutes of the July 31 meeting, included in the Board's packets, were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the open meetings act and available copies for the public. No public comment offered.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates, General Adm. of the Housing Down Payment Assistance Grant, presented items for Board approval. Down payment assistance of \$8500 was approved for applicant #VC-03-DPA on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Housing rehab costs of \$5000 for applicant #VC-01-HR was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Community Development Services' Invoices of \$200 for lead based paint testing for applicant #VC-03-DPA and \$1330 for Housing Adm. Services were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Miller & Associates' Invoice No. 070592 for General Adm. in the amount of \$1200 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The \$14,579 Request For CDBG Funds for Project Activity was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The \$1200 Request For CDBG Funds for Activity 0181 (Gen. Adm.) for Miller & Assoc. was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion included: the grant period ends Aug. 2008 and the state will retain remaining funds, possible request for extension, working on new marketing ideas, CDS and M&A will receive their allotted fee regardless of how many applicants are processed.

Resolution 07-15, approving the County's participation in the Hazard Elimination Program to provide horizontal curve warning signage at no cost to the County, was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Grader blade bid letting was set for Sept. 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: Project 246B, replace cattle pass, should be done this week; made 2 windrows of asphalt, will patch Loup City Road and Ashton Road, will start overlay on south end of Loup City Road, a third windrow will be needed for maintenance; ordered cutting teeth and will cut again as in the past; remaining air conditioners will be taken to auction; will attend FEMA meeting in Ord regarding flood damage reimbursement. Discussion included: mowing concrete at ethanol plant, various drainage complaints, road south and west of Gretskey's is a mail route so receives more gravel. Following discussion, the Board approved the installation of a north-south culvert at the intersection east of Edghills on the west side of the road to Dean Nelson's home on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

A recess was called at 10:05 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present.

Treasurer Suminski gave the month end fund report, showing a General Fund balance of \$103,819.23 (includes courthouse bond balance of \$20,693), road allocations for July \$46,650 and Inheritance Tax Fund balance of \$846,628.90. Pathway Bank pledged security of \$175,000 through Federal Home Loan Bank with a maturity date of 1/25/2011. The Misc. Receipts folder is available for review.

Clerk Lindsey presented July Fee Reports for District Court and County Clerk. She also reported regarding the two computers that were replaced in her office and the two from the Assessor's office. One of the Assessor's computers is now being used by Custodian Cronk. Central Computer Services will charge \$30 per computer to remove the information contained on them so that they can be offered for sale. The Board directed that the 3 remaining computers be placed in a public area of the Courthouse, marked for sale to the highest bidder over \$30, with the notation that the purchase price would be used to remove the contents before the buyer take's possession.

Alma Beland, Region 26 Director, presented Resolution 07-16 approving the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Application made by Region 26 on behalf of the county's first responders. Beland noted that she is in contact with local fire dept., EMT's, Law Enforcement and others in each county represented by Region 26 in order to determine their needs. The state requires that a resolution approving the application be adopted by each county. Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to approve Resolution 07-16, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann,

Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Region 26 costs assessed to the county were discussed. Costs are based on usage, population and valuation. The Supervisors were invited to visit the Region 26 center in Taylor.

Beland presented information on a Table Top Exercise on mass vaccination procedures which is to be held in cooperation with the Loup Basin Public Health Dept. at the Ord Ag Complex in October. This will be a "by invitation only" exercise to review and update the plan and make sure it is workable. She also noted that a FEMA meeting to discuss application for damage reimbursement is to be held in Ord on August 16.

BCBS Representative Gary Streeks was on the agenda but did not appear.

At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting was recessed in order to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting. At 11:25 the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

Courtyard maintenance was discussed, particularly the vegetation growth over the new windows. It was decided that the Building & Grounds Committee would meet on this issue.

The letter from Linda Studnicka regarding the ash receptacles allotted to the Courthouse was discussed. Sevenker called Studnicka to clarify that the County is to receive 5 receptacles at no cost. Following discussion it was determined that 4 would be used, one at the east entrance, one at the west entrance and one by each of the two trash receptacles the County has purchased. Trash and ash receptacles would be placed by the south bench on the west side and the east bench on the north side.

Following discussion of the Region 3 Emergency Protective Custody agreement, said agreement was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The match request in the amount of \$8495.81 for Region 3 was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

The following items were presented for Board review: copies of the completed Certification of Irrigated Acres from Lower Loup NRD, the Current Expenditures Summary for July 31, 2007, NCF Quarterly Financial Reports for the Valley County Foundation Fund and the John & Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund.

There was no County Attorney report as he was unable to attend.

At 12:15 p.m. a lunch recess was called until 1:00 p.m., at 1:05 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

Accountant Abel presented information which includes the Assessor's updated valuation and changes made to the budget requests at last night's meeting. Abel noted that his figures are based on a conservative revenue estimate and expenditure of everything that is budgeted. The Board felt an additional \$40,000 should cut from the requests.

Discussion included: cost of the new sidewalks, purchase of motor grader, possibility of LVRPP grant, use of Inheritance Tax funds, bonds are not included in levy limit.

The Ambulance and Civil Defense budget requests were reviewed.

Sevenker called Weed Supt. Kaminski regarding \$5000 he had budgeted for Misc. Labor and \$3000 for chemicals. Kaminski said the \$5000 was in case the County had to pay for spraying someone's property and put a lien on the property and the chemicals were for the Road Dept. Leth was called and indicated he did not need the chemicals. Vogeler moved to cut the Weed Budget requests in line item 2-2545 in the amount of \$5000 and line item 3-0102 in the amount of \$3000, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning & Zoning Admin. Glaubke was called and agreed to appear to discuss her budget request. The budgeted \$5000 Attorney Fees has been used to pay some of the costs in the Schauers lawsuit and is there as a precaution. Glaubke has no problem with cutting the \$5000 if the Board chooses. Vogeler moved to cut the Planning & Zoning budget request of \$5000 in line item 2-2400 Attorney Fees, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk noted that Election Systems and Software, providers of the voter registration and election system hardware and software, have indicated they are raising prices but have not said how much. Election costs will have to be paid from other County funds if the Election budget is not sufficient.

District Court, County Court and Extension Agent budget requests were discussed.

Subdivision requests were discussed. Cullers moved to approve the subdivision levy authority requests as presented, with the exception of the Valley County Airport approved at \$30,000 General and \$36,000 Bond and the townships approved at the dollar amount requested with levy authority to be determined according to the accountant's limit calculations, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. As required by statute, a resolution will be presented at the next meeting to formally set the subdivision levy authority.

Baker moved to set the budget hearings on September 11, 2007, the Budget Hearing at 10:30 a.m. and the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

There were no committee reports.

Mail Folder items available for review: CNCS Newsletter, American Funds, NIRMA Interchange, Ord Family Furniture, Nebraska machinery, Chamber Newsletter, Economic Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m., to reconvene on August 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 14 meeting and the agenda for the August 28 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization met on August 14, 2007 at 11:10 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. The meeting was advertised and an agenda posted. A copy of the minutes of the July 31, 2007 meeting were in the Board packets and were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted and public copies are available. There was no public comment. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

A Tax List Correction for Richard Beran was presented due to receipt of a letter from the State Tax Commissioner indicating the 2005 household income exceeds the statutory limit for homestead exemption. The applicant has 30 days to appeal this ruling to the Nebr. Dept. of Revenue. Vogeler moved to approve the correction for Richard Beran, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Two Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption were presented; both were unable to meet the requirement of owning and occupying the property through August 15. Cullers moved to accept the rejection of homestead exemption for Adeline M. Adamek, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The rejection of homestead exemption for Douglas L. Benson was approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on August 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if necessary. Complete minutes of the August 14 meeting and the agenda for the August 28 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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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Van Slyke, Baker, Vogeler, Cetak, Sevenker, and Waldmann present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the August 13, 2007 budget meeting and August 14, 2007 regular meeting, mailed to each Board member, were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt today's agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Posting of the Open Meetings Act and availability of public copies were noted.

Ord City Utilities Supt., Paul Markowski, was given permission to install temporary lights on the Courthouse lawn during the 16 to 23 week wait for the new permanent light poles on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

In the absence of Road Secretary Simpson, Road Supt. Leth gave the August Road Claims and Balances Report. August Road expenditures totaled \$74,738.07 with the larger expenses being fuel, gravel, asphalt and tire repair.

Alex Straatman, Aide to Congressman Smith, appeared to inform the Board of the Congressman's outreach program. Straatman will be available to meet with local citizens in the Courthouse today from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This had been done in 16 counties so far and the plan is to provide this access in each county 2 or 3 times per year.

Easements 07-274 and 07-275 for John McCarville to install electric wiring and water pipes were recommended for approval by Leth and were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported: gravel washed off and minor shoulder repair needed after last week's rain; met with FEMA last week and learned that they do not pay on Federal Aid roads which is where the County's major expense occurred due to slides, could possibly apply for Federal Highway Disaster funds but could take 3 or 4 years to receive reimbursement, he will do more research on this; overlay on Loup City road rained out last week, left windrow on edge of road marked with lights and illuminated cones and completed project yesterday; 2 more windrows will be needed; will begin armor coating tomorrow; took remaining 8 used Courthouse air conditioners to auction; removed Courthouse benches, salvaged 2 or 3, remaining pieces at yard, 2 were given to Carp & Crow.

Further discussion included: working on list of road ditches being farmed and fences in County ROW and will present to Board when finished, letter to be sent by County Attorney; Leth will look at request of Gary Cadek for culvert; the culvert discussed at the last meeting cannot be installed 36' deep due to location of cable serving Region 26 tower.

Larry Schrage gave the monthly Hospital report. Subject to state approval, the name of the nursing home has been changed to Valley View Living Center. Statistical trend is down for first month of fiscal year for both budget and expenses. Following survey and interviews, decision has been made to go forward with the capital fund raising campaign for expansion. Copies of feasibility and debt capacity study are available. Schrage noted his primary concern is quality health care service to the area and he feels it is his job to promote what he believes is best for the future of the community based on his knowledge and experience. Technical improvements made include automated pharmacy system and computerized radiography. Parking lot was overlaid at cost of \$13,000. Following the 10:00 a.m. public hearing, further discussion was held with Schrage. The possibility of changing from county to district hospital was discussed. It was agreed that the only control the County Board has with regard to the Hospital is the appointment of the Hospital Board of Trustees.

At 10:05 a.m. the Public Hearing for Subdivision Regulations was opened. Consultant Orval Stahr and Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Glaubke were present. No public testimony was offered. The proposed Subdivision Regulations were drafted by Stahr and reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's written recommendation of approval was presented. Stahr noted the proposed regulations would apply to subdivisions of less than 10 acres and provide a method by which the County can be sure streets, roads, drainage and other issues requiring County maintenance meet requirements. Because many subdivision requests are for the purpose of providing a home site for a son or daughter on the family farm, the regulations allow a minor subdivision (1 lot meeting certain criteria) to be made without going before both the Planning Commission and the County Board. Glaubke will review these requests and, if requirements are met, the County Board Chairperson can sign approval on behalf of the Board. Stahr also noted that the regulations can be amended or rescinded in the future if necessary. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m. Resolution 07-17, adopting the proposed subdivision regulations, was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Filing fees were discussed: none charged at this time, Glaubke will bring recommendation to the Board at a later date.

Glaubke also appeared to request County support for the Valley County Economic Development Board's application for a BECA Grant to continue the project designed to help provide information and incentives to draw local graduates back to the area. The grant has been applied for through Ord City who will administer the funds, however, the support of a second government entity is required. No funds would be required from the County. Cullers moved to support the VCED's application for the BECA Grant through the City of Ord, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Cullers presented the order for Courthouse benches and trash receptacles and noted it could take 60-75 days to receive them and storage space may need to be found if they cannot be installed when received. The Board approved sending in the order now.

A recess was called at 10:45 a.m., the meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all Board members present.

Budget cuts noted from last meeting were reviewed and approved. Resolution 07-18, setting the final levy allocation for requesting subdivisions, was reviewed and approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:05 a.m. bids for the repair or replacement of the Courthouse and Jail roofs were opened and read by Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction. Western Roofing Co. of Norfolk bid \$82,674 on Courthouse roof, \$18,563 on jail and \$101,237 for both with a completion date of December 14, 2007. Hackel Construction bid \$121,441 on Courthouse roof with an additional \$24,497 depending upon required method, \$22,600 on jail roof with additional \$4,810 depending upon required method and \$144,041 for both with a completion date 90 days from contract. Hackel also bid \$5000 for the general trades portion. The Board approved Hergott's recommendation that he take the bids under review and report back to the Board at their Sept. 11 meeting. He will also report on the fees required by Beckenhauer Const. and may have a report on status of elevator grant options.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board of Supervisor's meeting recessed to convene as Board of Equalization. At 11:25 the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

BCBS Rep. Gary Streeks spoke regarding the advantages of the NACO sponsored BCBS health insurance plan. The last four years saw a legitimate 5% premium increase each year, however, this year the increase was originally 17.14% and NACO was able to buy down the increase to 8.46%. Streeks said 73 of the 93 Nebraska counties participate in this plan. The \$250 deductible plan was eliminated, out-of-pocket maximum was increased as well as out-of-network costs. The \$750 and \$1500 deductible plans were added. He noted they offer a plan similar to a partially self-funded plan and it is properly funded. He cautioned the Board to be careful when looking at this type of plan offered by others.

The August Claims & Balances Report and the list of August Claims were reviewed. August Claims and the August Fund Request were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were noted: June 2007 Lodging Tax receipts \$1442.04; August 2007 expenses \$995; receipt of County Farm rent \$12,305; MAXIMUS letter, cost recovery statement and billing statement.

The County Office inventories were reviewed and approved by the Board on motion of Cetak, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion was held regarding the auditors' recommendations for County inventories. The Clerk was directed to provide a copy of Resolution 04-22 setting out the County's inventory policy to the County auditors, Dana Cole. A copy of this resolution and an advisory memo from the County Board is to be provided to each County office or department required to submit an inventory to the County.

The exit conference comments provided by Dana F. Cole & Co. regarding their recent audit were reviewed. The auditors asked that a member of management be appointed to oversee and understand the audit process and to prepare the required Management Discussion and Analysis portion of the final audit report. The Board would like to ask Accountant Chuck Abel to help with the MD&A and be appointed to oversee the audit. Chairman Sevenker was authorized to sign letters to Nebr. Community Foundation and the County Attorney asking that information be provided to Dana F. Cole & Co. as part of the County audit on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board was reminded of the Central District Meeting at the Fairgrounds in Minden on Sept. 20, 2007.

County Attorney Glenn Clark reported that a change in legislation regarding the operation of ATVs allows the County to pass regulations regarding their use in unincorporated areas of the County. The regulations would have to comply with state and federal law.

There were no Committee Reports and no items in the Mail Folder.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on September 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 28 meeting and an agenda for the September 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:20 a.m. on August 28, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. All Board members, the Deputy Assessor and Clerk were present. Notice of meeting was verified. Minutes of the August 14 meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the posting of the Open Meetings Act and available copies for the public. There was no public comment.

Deputy Assessor Nance presented a Tax List Correction for Doug Sedlacek due the sale of a mobile home. Said Tax List Correction was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., to reconvene on September 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if necessary. Complete minutes of the August 28 meeting and an agenda for the September 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cetak, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Baker, Sevenker, Cullers, and Vogeler present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the August 28, 2007 meeting were included in the Board packets and approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act and availability of copies for the public. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth's general report included: will attend District Transportation Meeting regarding Dist. 4 projects on Nov. 7, Central District Meeting and highway meeting on Sept. 20; should finish work on South Ave. (Loup City Road) this week; on completion of maintaining will start 3-4 miles armor coating; pre-construction conference on STPD 11-3 (Ord/Burwell) Sept. 13 in St. Paul, will report at next meeting.

Discussion followed regarding responsibility for noxious weed control in road ditches. County Attorney Clark noted Nebr. Rev. Statutes Section 2-956 indicates the County is responsible for controlling noxious weeds on County roads and Nebr. Rev. Statutes Section 39-1811 indicates the landowner is responsible for mowing weeds to the middle of the road and drainage ditches along their lands at least twice a year. As time allows, Leth will check into areas in road ditches that may need spraying.

As advertised, grader blade bids were opened at 9:30 a. m. Bids were received from Midwest Service and Sales Co., The Island Supply Co., Nebr. Machinery Co., BARCO, Presco Sales & Service, Inc., and B's Enterprises, Inc. Representatives were present from Nebr. Machinery Co., Presco Sales & Service, Inc. and B's Enterprises, Inc. Bids were as follows: Midwest \$47.68 for 8' blades, \$41.72 for 7' blades; Presco \$39.75 for 8' blades, \$34.80 for 7' blades; Island Supply \$36.65 for 8' blades, \$41.60 for 7' blades; BARCO \$39.90 for 8' blades, 35.86 for 7' blades; NMC \$36.92 for 8' blades, 32.23 for 7' blades; B's \$40.07 for 8' blades, \$35.06 for 7' blades. Following discussion, Van Slyke moved to accept the bid of Nebr. Machinery Co., seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The bidding was closed at 9:50 a.m.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented written reports of the July and August Fees and Activities for his office. The current charge for prisoner housing in Valley County Jail is \$50 per day. They need to hire one more dispatcher. Discussion was held regarding his use of an unmarked car. Several Board members have received negative comments from the public about the unmarked car. Ronzzo indicated he had not received any negative comments and the lights he uses on this car are brighter than a light bar. He also said many other County Sheriffs use an unmarked car. Ronzzo agreed to have the star logo and the words Valley County Sheriff put on the car door.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board recessed to conduct their quarterly jail inspection. At 10:30 a.m. the meeting was reconvened with all members present.

At 10:30 a.m. the Budget Hearing was opened, as advertised. County Budget Accountant Chuck Abel was present. No one was present to testify regarding the County's proposed budget. Abel explained the County cannot levy more than \$.50 and also discussed restricted funds. He noted that the State Auditor advises it is in the County's best interest to authorize the additional 1% increase in the FY 07-08 budget allowed by a 75% affirmative vote of the governing body. Resolution 07-19 authorizing the County to increase the FY 07-08 budget by an additional 1% was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Abel explained that an error was made in the published budget summary where the Necessary Cash Reserve for the Courthouse Bond Fund was shown as \$46,464 and should have been \$56,464. He will publish a statement noting the error and the corrected amount. Resolution 07-20 adopting the FY 07-08 budget as published, with the noted correction to the Courthouse Bond Fund Cash Reserve, was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

At 10:45 a.m., as advertised, the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened. No one was present to testify. Resolution 07-21 setting the final tax request was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 07-22 regarding the reimbursement of townships was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 07-23 authorizing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the General Fund to those funds without their own levy

(Road, Planning & Zoning and Weed) as needed to ensure sufficient funding to pay their monthly claims. Both Hearings were closed at 11:05 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the Boards request that Abel assist the County with the MD&A Statement and oversight of the County audit as required by County Auditor, Dana F. Cole & Co.. Abel said he would be willing to assist with the MD&A Statement but would not be comfortable overseeing the County audit. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to appoint Clerk Lindsey as the person responsible for the MD&A Statement and oversight of the audit, with the assistance of Accountant Abel, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski provided a written Month End Fund Report showing the month's receipts by fund and the balance of each fund. She noted the inclusion of the Veterans Aid Fund and said the interest earned on these funds will remain with the fund. A listing of the various accounts turned over to the County by the Veterans Service Office was provided and Suminski said she would like to reduce the number of accounts to facilitate bookkeeping and felt that a larger, combined amount would get a higher interest rate.

Sheriff Ronzzo and Treasurer Suminski reported on Distress Warrants. Ronzzo's report, delivered to the Treasurer on August 15, 2007, indicated receipt of 47 Distress Warrants on October 31, 2006. Payment was collected on 26 Warrants, 4 paid directly to the Treasurer and 1 partial payment. Sheriff reported \$8644.02 in collections with 16 Warrants unsatisfied and 1 partial payment. Suminski's report listing the unsatisfied warrants and amounts due was discussed. Suminski will contact Ingrahams on Distress Warrant #19 as they did not feel it was owed. Vogeler moved to strike Distress Warrant #6 for CDW Leasing in the amount of \$46.07 as uncollectable, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:25 a.m. the Supervisor meeting was recessed in order to convene the BOE meeting. At 11:30 a.m. the Supervisors' meeting was reconvened.

Brian Hergott of Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. was present to discuss the Courthouse and Jail roofing project. He presented a Bid Tabulation Sheet listing the bids received at the August 28 meeting, a list of references for Western Roofing and Beckenhauer's Guaranteed Maximum Price which included the bid packages and General Contractor costs for Beckenhauers. The total project cost was listed as \$149,188. Hergott explained that the General Contracting costs are estimates, the actual costs will depend on how the project progresses. The GMP guarantees that the costs will not exceed the \$149,188, but they could be less. The Board felt the General Contracting costs were too high and asked if they could be adjusted. Hergott said he would talk to Buster Beckenhauer. A decision on the project will be delayed until the September 25 meeting.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court fee reports for August were reviewed.

Courthouse fire sprinkler system will be discussed at a later date.

No action was taken with regard to the 2007 Farm Bill.

Information provided by County Attorney Clark on LB307 regarding ATV regulations was reviewed.

The proposed County Policy regarding unclaimed property drafted by Clark, stating that the County will follow the Nebr. Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, was adopted on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The District Courtroom speaker system was again discussed. Vogeler moved to approve installation of the \$2400 system presented by Scott's TV, which provides 4 speakers and all wireless microphones as requested by Judge Noakes, Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the Auditor's Engagement Letter, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk reported that after the surplus county owned computers were offered for sale it was discovered that the County Attorney and District Court Judge each need a computer for their Valley County Offices. County Attorney Clark advised that any and all bids can be rejected. Waldmann moved to authorize rejection of any or all bids in order to preserve 2 computers for use by the County, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

Central Nebr. Economic Development Dist. 2007 membership dues of \$2439 were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The invitation for Board members to attend the Valley County Mass Dispensing Table Top sponsored by Region 26 and Loup Basin Public Health Dept. on October 3 was discussed. It was decided that Sevenker will try to attend and that Van Slyke, the County's Region 26 Rep., will also plan to attend. A reminder is to be placed on the next agenda.

The Ballot for 2007 Loup Basin RC&D Special Recognition Award was reviewed. Vogeler moved that the County cast it's ballot for Dean Rasmussen, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Attorney had no report, there were no committee reports and the following items were available in the Mail Folder: NIRMA letter re: Law Enforcement online education courses, NDOR meeting schedule, CNCS Newsletter, NPAIT Newsletter, Ord Area Chamber Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to reconvene on September 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the September 11 meeting and an agenda for the September 25 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:25 a.m. on September 11, 2007 the Valley County Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers, to move out of the Board of Supervisors meeting and into BOE. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. All Board Members were present. The minutes of the August 28 BOE meeting, contained in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. It was noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment. The Treasurer and Clerk were present.

The Motor Vehicle Exemption for the 2007 H&H Trailer purchased by Mid Nebraska Individual Services to pick up and deliver contract work for developmentally disabled adults was presented and approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on September 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if there is business to come before the Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 11 meeting and an agenda for the September 25 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call was taken with Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Baker, Sevenker, and Cetak present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. Minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were included in the Board packets and approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act and available copies for the public. There was no public comment.

Veterans Service Officer Smith presented his annual report: there were 506 calls/visits from veterans and veterans' widows this year, 17 grave markers were replaced at a cost of \$357, \$250 was spent in travel expenses taking veterans to Omaha and Grand Island Veterans' Hospitals, additional listed expenses totaled \$2006.63. Funds previously held by the Valley County Veterans' Board have been turned over to the County Treasurer for investment and a Veterans' Aid Fund established to provide the VCVSO access to these funds through the county claims process. These funds are to be used for Valley County Veterans. Valley County Veterans Board members are Everett Lech (Chairman), Bruce Ohme, Floyd Kallhoff, Eldon Sintek, Paul Waltmann, Walter Smith (VSO). A total of \$3264.39 in aid was provided to veterans and veterans' widows this year.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Sept. Road Claims and Balances report. Accounts payable were \$76,446.85 and payroll was \$34,802.98. Larger expenses were fuel, parts, windrow, gravel and milling tool tips. Almost half the gravel budget has been spent. Hauling costs and types of gravel were discussed.

Road Supt. Leth presented three items needing Board approval. The Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards certifies that, for FY 06-07, minimum design standards were met in construction and maintenance of roads and tax revenue expenditures were according to approved plans and regulations. The Addendum – SSAR is optional and indicates the total estimated revenue other than motor vehicle sales tax is \$1,133,010. The Road & Bridge Contract Report certifies that the County completed no contract projects costing in excess of ten thousand dollars in FY 06-07. These forms must be submitted to the state by October 1. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification, Addendum and Contract Report presented by the Road Dept., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion was held regarding purchase and installation of road signs with the 911 road names and numbers. Leth gave a rough estimate of 457 signs at a cost of \$34,622 based on 9" high intensity signs. Six inch signs would be about \$6.00 per sign cheaper but he recommends the 9" for visibility. Longer road names will require larger sign. Following discussion, it was agreed that Leth will check additional suppliers for sign pricing and firm up his estimate.

County Attorney Clark was present for discussion of North Loup's request for assistance in getting the required easements for the walking trail grant. Clark will contact landowners bordering the County road for which there is no record and ask for Quit Claim Deeds so the County can give North Loup an easement for the trail. Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the easement required to complete the North Loup walking trail at such time as Clark has it prepared, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's general report included: Ord/Burwell highway project planning meeting delayed until 10/15/07; Leth feels windrow oil is not right, oil supplier is checking sample; finish armor coating S Ave. tomorrow; 39 bridges to inspect this year; started on sign inventory for the HSIP program; State lists 5 County bridges as deficient, 2 are scheduled for replacement.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the regular monthly report. August utilization was at or over budget in most areas and it was the highest gross revenue month at \$1,731,827. Discussion was held regarding the proposed new facility and the possibility of remodeling the existing facility as a long term care facility and constructing a separate hospital facility. Separate facilities would allow a higher Medicare reimbursement rate.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present.

Planning and Zoning Admin. Glaubke presented the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement approved by Arcadia, North Loup and Elyria for joint rural and urban planning between the County and the Villages. The Villages each have their own Planning and Zoning regulations and can each hire their own Administrator and appoint their own Planning Commission or enter into this cooperative agreement to appoint a representative to an area Planning Commission. The agreement is presented annually. Each participant pays a share of the Commission's budget based on population. Baker

moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Glaubke invited the Board to attend the Arcadia High School Youth Entrepreneurship Forum on September 27 from 1-3 p.m. at the Arcadia High School. The purpose is to highlight existing local entrepreneurs and available opportunities for young people in central Nebraska through speakers and tours. Schools from Ord, Sargent, Centura and North Loup were invited.

Sevenker reported receipt of an email from Brian Hergott indicating that Buster Beckenhauer would not object if the County elected to contract with Western Roofing and Tanner Hackel directly for the Courthouse and Jail Roofing Project. Following discussion Cullers moved that Vogeler contact Western Roofing and Hackel Construction to attend the October 9 Board meeting to discuss going forward with the project without a General Manager. Motion seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisors recessed to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting, reconvening at 11:15 a.m. to complete the Supervisors' meeting with all Board members present.

Receipt of the Dana F. Cole & Co. Invoice deducting the \$2750 excess charge for the FY 05-06 audit was noted.

Cullers moved that the Supervisors personally share sponsorship of a Courthouse bench, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Two benches now remain to be sponsored. The Board chose not to sponsor a specific bench.

The Clerk reported on the disposition of the surplus computers and the Board acknowledged the reminder of the Mass Dispensing Table Top Exercise on Oct. 3.

At 11:20 a.m. the meeting recessed, reconvening at 11:30 a.m. with all Board members present.

Following discussion and review of the Claims & Balances Report and Claims List it was moved by Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler to authorize the Chairman to sign the Fund Request and to approve September Claims. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Board acknowledged \$1055.95 July Lodging Tax receipts and \$1358.85 State IV-D reimbursement for Dist. Court.

At 11:45 a.m. Cullers moved to go into executive session for discussion of a Region 3 EPC billing for protection of client confidentiality, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. At 12:05 p.m. the Board moved out of executive session on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Board took no action as a result of the executive session.

Vogeler reported on the Mid Plains meeting: Director Scott Dugan has submitted his resignation effective in 6 months and finances are in bad shape due to past mismanagement of funds.

Mail Folder items: Region 26 Agenda, Loup Basin RC&D Newsletter, American Funds Semi-annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m., to reconvene on October 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the September 25 meeting and an agenda for the October 9 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:10 a.m. on September 25, 2007 the Valley County Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers, to move out of the Board of Supervisors meeting and into BOE. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Roll call was taken with Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker present. Clerk verified publishing meeting notice and posting agenda. The minutes of the September 11 BOE meeting, contained in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. It was noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted and copies are available for the public. There was no public comment. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

A letter from Cass Construction indicates 3 items listed on their 2005 and 2006 personal property schedules, 1979 Galion Motor grader, 1805 MF for parts and salvage iron, should not have been taxed. After reviewing the depreciation schedule submitted with the letter and the property schedules, Assessor Arnold agreed the items should not be taxed. If the Board approves, a Tax List Correction form will be completed for each tax year. The 2005 taxes were paid so a \$206.38 refund will be made. The 2006 taxes were not paid so a \$143.16 adjustment would be made. Baker moved to approve the 2005 refund and 2006 adjustment for personal property tax for Cass Construction in the amounts presented by the Assessor and to authorize the Chairman to sign the resulting Tax List Corrections, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on October 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. if there is business to come before the Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 25 meeting and an agenda for the October 9 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Sevenker, Vogeler and Cetak present. Clerk verified meeting notice was published, an agenda posted. Minutes of September 25, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to approve agenda, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Discussed with County Weed Supt., Darrell Kaminski, keeping Board informed of problem areas and his actions regarding them. State Ag Inspection Specialist, Brent Meyer, was also present. Kaminski will provide property owner names for the State report, present his inspection reports for Board review and file them at the Courthouse. There were 15 open files this year, two of which have been closed and approximately 30 fifteen day notices were sent this year. Kaminski will report again in 60 days and will report more often during summer months.

Road Supt. Leth reported it will require 176 posts for road signs on the main County roads only. The signs can be flat or extruded and 6 or 9 inches in size, Leth recommends 9 inch. He is requesting quotes from Newman Traffic Signs and KACO Supplies. He also reported: Armor coating about finished, will begin patching Sargent Road, cut Haskell Creek Road and will let it winter as is, may patch in spring, currently advertising for new employee.

Bethanne Kunz appeared to request Board approval of updated By-Laws for the Valley County Tourism Advisory Committee (copy included in Board packets). Following discussion, said By-Laws update was approved on motion of Cetak, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none. Committee member Larry Koelling arrived and noted that the By-Law changes were needed to be compatible with the Chamber contract and for general updating.

Kunz presented the written Quarterly Report for the Valley County Economic Development Board.

Agenda item 8E, Downtown Project Update, was discussed at this time due to presence of Kunz. It will be 2-3 weeks before Courthouse sidewalks are completed. Pads for the benches will be installed separately after sidewalks are done. Kunz said sloping of the Courthouse lawn to the sidewalks is in the project bid. The railing on the east Courthouse steps was discussed.

At 10:30 a.m. a recess was called, at 10:40 a.m. the meeting was reconvened with all members present.

Treasurer Suminski reported the month end fund balances and the month's receipts. General Fund balance is \$361,719.51; Inheritance Tax Fund is \$863,040.22. A total of \$1,370,000 was collected in September. The Veteran's Aid accounts total \$59,043.49. It was discovered that 2 accounts belonging to Disabled American Veterans were turned over to the County in error. These accounts have been returned and are not a part of the Veteran's Aid accounts the County now administers.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Assoc., General Administrator of the housing grant, appeared to request approval of new applicant VC-04. She provided a written report summarizing grant activity to date and noted grant completion date is August 22, 2008, after which remaining funds will be returned to the state for reallocation. The County could apply for a six-month extension. Down payment assistance of \$12,500 for applicant VC-04 was approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Housing rehab of \$5000 for applicant VC-04 was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Community Development Services invoices of \$200 for lead based paint testing and \$875 for housing administration for applicant VC-04 were approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Courthouse and Jail Roofing project was discussed. The original bids were only good for 30 days. Vogeler reported that Hackel will not increase his bid, however, Western Roofing is asking for a \$10,000 increase due to rising costs. The total project cost would be \$116,360. Western Roofing and Hackel have agreed to do the project without a general contractor but probably not until spring. County Attorney Clark advised requiring a performance bond, proof of liability insurance naming the County as additional insured, setting a "start no later than" date and withholding 10% of the project costs for 3 months after completion of the project. He further advised that the County would not be liable for worker injury for contract work. Clark will draw up a contract for Board consideration at the next meeting. Western Roofing's bid will be good for 30 days from October 4, 2007.

Information from Beckenhauer regarding the cost estimate for installation of an elevator in the Courthouse was reviewed. This information is to be provided to CNEDD for use in writing a grant application.

At 11:25 a.m., the Board of Supervisors moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. At 11:40 a.m., the Board of Equalization was adjourned and the Board of Supervisor's reconvened on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Countywide Cost Allocation Plan prepared by MAXIMUS was presented for Board approval. This plan establishes a reimbursement rate for certain services performed by the County Attorney and Clerk of the District Court. Vogeler moved to approve the CAP presented by MAXIMUS and authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Clark reported that he is continuing to work on the easements for North Loup Village to enable them to receive the grant for the proposed walking trail.

Loup Basin RC&D Council 2007/2008 membership dues of \$150 were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were acknowledged: NIRMA telephonic conference on Oct. 18, Lodging Tax receipts for July, Current Expenditures Summary Report for Sept. and registration for the NACO Conference Dec. 12-14.

Van Slyke, the County's Rep on the Region 26 Board, reported that Region 26 is applying for a grant to develop a mitigation plan. The cost of the grant application is \$78,000 and will be shared by all Region 26 counties. Valley County's share will be \$4543.28.

Mail Folder items: Area Chamber ED Report, Loup Basin RC&D Annual Report, Madison Co. request support for NACO Official of the Year nominee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., to reconvene on October 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the October 9 meeting and an agenda for the October 30 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:25 a.m. the Valley County Board of Supervisors moved into Board of Equalization on motion of Baker, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. All Board members were present as well as the Assessor and Clerk. Minutes of the September 25, 2007 meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Resolution 07-24 with attached levies was presented for Board consideration. The Clerk, Assessor and Treasurer worked together to figure the levies and copies were provided in the Board packets prior to the meeting. Following review, Vogeler moved to approve Resolution 07-24, setting the levies for FY 2007-2008, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker to move out of Board of Equalization and back into Board of Supervisors. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Van Slyke, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, Sevenker, Cetak and Vogeler present. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and the agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of October 9, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler noted his concern that the GI Independent reported his comment on Mid Plains' financial situation, presumably from the published County Board minutes, without contacting him for clarification. Cullers moved to adopt agenda, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted and public copies available. There was no public comment.

County Road Supt. Leth was absent to attend a funeral. Road Secretary Simpson gave the following Road Claims and Balances report for October: accounts payable \$70,587.48; payroll \$34,521.48; larger expenses were for diesel, parts, fuel, gravel; \$49,279 remains in the gravel budget.

Bid specs, listing of signs and posts and a bid advertisement draft were presented for 911 road signs. A total of 1476 signs will be required. County Attorney Clark said he had no problem with the specifications and ad as presented. Van Slyke moved to set the bid opening for November 27 at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Easement 07-276 for NCTC to install fiber optic phone cable for the relocation of the Arcadia Bridge was approved by Leth and following discussion was approved by the Board on motion of Cetak, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

NDOR Agreement for State Highway Project No. STPD-11-3(108), by which the State agrees to reimburse the County up to \$100 per monument and remonument and the County agrees to have the County Surveyor do the monument and remonument work, was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Leth had left word that he had contacted the County Surveyor and the tie out work has been completed.

The letters from NDOR regarding bridge inspections will be on the next meeting agenda when Leth is present.

Discussion was held with regard to 911 maps. Region 26 sent the mapping information via email to the Clerk but it is not accessible without a mapping program. Region 26 will provide one, 3x3 laminated wall map to the County. The County can supply the emailed mapping information to a company that prints maps and pay to have some printed. Mitch Clark of Great Plains GIS Consulting would print a wall map, not laminated, for \$40. He would also put together some type of plat book by township for \$15 each. More information is needed on this issue as to the feasibility and cost of copying the laminated map Region 26 provides, whether the plat book published each year by FHP will contain the 911 addresses next year and options for use of the computer mapping information supplied by Region 26.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the monthly report for the Valley County Hospital. Chairman Sevenker thanked him for taking the time to report to the Supervisors each month. A copy of the regular written report containing the minutes of the Sept. 19 Hospital Board meeting, the Agenda for the Oct. 17 Hospital Board meeting, and the financial report for Sept. and YTD was included in the Supervisors' packets. Schrage noted that the Hospital audit for FY ending June 30, 2006 was presented to the Hospital Board at their Oct. 17 meeting and 2 copies were provided to the County. They are working with Brian LGH in Lincoln to recruit a physician and have interviewed three. The Hospital Board is leaning toward renovation of the existing facility as a long-term care facility.

Written October fee reports for County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court were presented.

Clerk Lindsey reported that Bob Fountaine, MIPS Microfilming Division Manager, has reviewed the records in her office to be microfilmed and plans to do the work in February or March. She intends to begin with the deed records and reminded the Board that a large part of the cost in is the set up, so it is to the County's advantage to film as many records as possible each time. Depending on cost, she is hopeful that all deed records can be microfilmed at this time.

At 10:05 a.m. the meeting recessed and was reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present.

Brenda Knight was present for agenda item 9A, requesting use of the Courthouse lawn, steps and lobby for the Winter Fest on Nov. 24, and was allowed to present her request at this time. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn, steps and lobby for the Winter Fest activities, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The contract with Western Roofing Co. was discussed. Cullers noted she was nervous about this project being undertaken without a construction manager. Sevenker also expressed concern. Vogeler volunteered to be the contact person for Western Roofing and Hackel Construction for this project. Sevenker noted the B&G Committee would also be available. County Attorney Clark said he thought Western Roofing was a good, reputable company that had been in business in the area for a number of years. He noted that they would not sign a contract for the project if it included a time frame. Clark did not feel a contract was needed for Hackel's portion of the project and said that he would ask that proof of insurance be provided to the County prior to the start of the project. Baker moved to approve the contract with Western Roofing in the amount of \$111,360 and the bid of Hackel Construction at \$5000 to replace the Courthouse and jail roofs, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Supervisor Van Slyke had to leave the meeting at 11:05 a.m., his absence was excused.

Terri Van Houten of CNEDD, who is assisting the County in writing the elevator grant application, has advised that a five year plan for the addition of a fire sprinkler system and an outside exit stairway from the 3rd floor be implemented. She feels this would make it easier to get the approval of the fire marshal and State Historical Society. Following discussion, the Board felt they needed more information on how much detail should be provided in a five year plan and that they would like to view other Courthouses to see how these issues have been handled by others.

Cullers read a statement asking the County Board to consider a request to the City of Ord to partner with the County in the effort to install an elevator in the Courthouse through the use of a portion of the excess sales tax funds. Cullers then moved that this request be presented to the City. Waldmann seconded the motion. The following discussion included the suggestion that the partnership not be limited to the elevator but should include other improvement projects such as the indoor fire sprinkler system and the outside stairway. Cullers agreed to include these projects. Motion carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

At 11:30 a.m. the Supervisors recessed to convene as Board of Equalization, at 11:40 a.m. the Supervisors reconvened. All members were present with the exception of Van Slyke.

The Clerk presented the Interagency Agreement with Nebr. State Records Board and Addendum One to that agreement for the maintenance of the County website. The agreement and addendum were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

A copy of the Management's Discussion and Analysis prepared by the County Clerk with assistance from Chuck Abel and Gary Hinrichs was included in the Board packets for their approval. This document is an audit requirement. The MD&A was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

Chairman Sevenker will complete the Employer Survey requested by VCED.

Receipts of \$83.00 for County Attorney IV-D and \$7500 from the City of Ord for the Communications Consolidation agreement were acknowledged.

October Claims and Balances Report and Claims List were provided in the Board packets. Questions regarding Mental Health Board claims on the same person within two days were answered by Cullers in that the initial hearing had to be continued. The October claims and the Fund Request were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

It was noted that the NACO annual audit report and the Hospital Audit Report are available in the Clerk's Office.

County Attorney Clark provided a written opinion regarding several issues on abandoned cemeteries. On the issue of access, Clark said the owner of the land cannot bar access to the cemetery and that access shall be granted on Memorial Day and Nov. 1 through March 1. The land owner can specify a pathway to the cemetery that is reasonable and accessible. A motion was made by Vogeler to express the Board's appreciation to the Setliks for providing access to Vinton Cemetery, which is not located on their property but is adjacent to it, and to recognize that they are not required to provide access and can cease to do so at their discretion, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

Clark reported receipt of an unopposed motion to dismiss in the Bhardwaj lawsuit against the County, which he said means the County is no longer involved in that lawsuit.

Cullers gave a Region 3 report, noting that the way EPC charges are made has changed. They are now based on who signs the authorization form rather than County of residence. This authorization is usually signed by the law enforcement officer who escorts the person to the facility. Since Valley County has a jail and a hospital, this could cause an unfair burden for the County. Cullers suggested a form be provided for the Sheriff to fax to the County of

residence so they authorize the EPC and accept the financial obligation before the person is transported. County Attorney Clark will develop a form for the Sheriff's use. The amount the County pays to belong to Region 3 will be going up, possibly as much as 40% next year and 20% thereafter.

Cullers also reported for the Wozab Fund Committee, providing a copy of the 05-06 and 06-07 financial statements for comparison as well as the Endowment Investment Summary as of June 30, 2007. The 06-07 statement is to be published in the Quiz as required. A signed copy of The First Amendment to the Designated Fund Agreement was also provided and a copy of the report for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2007. Notice of the NCF 2007 Annual Banquet and training session was presented along with a registration form. The Board approved the display of a Wozab Fund poster and an article describing the Wozab Fund Celebration at the NCF Banquet.

Vogeler reported that Mid-Plains is looking at an "in-house" candidate for the CEO position.

Cetak reported that things are running smoothly for Mid-Nebraska Indiv. Services.

Mail folder items available for review: NACo Rep. Lowenstein emails – Rural Development Programs (Co. response), Radon Outreach Program, 20071019 Legislative bulletin, VCHS Housecall Quarterly, American Funds Investor, Karr Tuckpointing, Loup Basin RC&D.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m., to reconvene on November 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the October 30 meeting and an agenda for the November 13 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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

Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:30 a.m. on October 30, 2007, the Valley County Board of Supervisors recessed and convened as Board of Equalization. All Board members were present with the exception of Van Slyke. Also present were the Assessor and Clerk. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting were approved and the current meeting agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke. Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act and public copies available. No public comment offered.

Due to his death prior to the August 15 deadline to own and occupy the property, the Jerry Nevrviv property does not qualify for homestead exemption, therefore, the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption was approved by the Board on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

A Tax List Correction for William and Pamela Schwensen due to the sale of the car wash was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke. A Tax List Correction for Josh Veskerna due to the sale of a mobile home was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Van Slyke.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m., to reconvene on November 13, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of the October 30 meeting and an agenda for the Nov. 13 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak and Sevenker were present. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of October 30, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to approve agenda, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Road Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement refunds for Jack Van Slyke 06-249, James J. Lech 06-250 & 06-251 and Eugene Bruha 06-253. Vogeler moved to approve the refund of Easement 06-249, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Van Slyke abstained since the Easement was in his name. Waldmann moved to approve refund of Easements 06-250, 06-251 and 06-253, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Certification of County Highway Superintendent for determining 2007 incentive payments was approved on motion of Waldmann, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

NDOR letters on Load Rating Summary Sheets and Bridge Inspection Photo Requirements were discussed. Leth said more photos are now required for bridge inspections, which slows down the inspection process and load rating summary sheets are now required periodically for specific bridges until all have been evaluated and load-rated.

Region 26 has provided one 3' x 3', laminated 911 road map to the county and had GeoComm email 911 mapping information to the Clerk which is not accessible without a mapping program. Copy Cat in Kearney will copy the 3' x 3', laminated map for \$3.00 (not laminated), will reduce it to 2X2 and laminate it for \$5.40. Following discussion, it was decided the County will purchase 10 reduced, laminated copies.

Leth reported the standardized system of annual reports submitted by the County have been received by BPRCS. Project C88-238G, grading at the County line west of Arcadia, is completed. Project C88-234B, shortening bridge on road to Don Petska's, has been started. About 1/3 of budgeted signage costs is used for replacement or repair due to vandalism. Sevenker noted a letter he received from NIRMA regarding the importance of road warning signs and offering assistance to member Counties. Leth said he is currently working on the application for horizontal curve warning signs through the Hazard Elimination Program at no cost to the County and that County roads are as near to signage compliance as possible. A regulation manual is available to employees for sign installation. 911 sign specs have been sent out and he is requiring sealed bids, no emails.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all Board members present.

Weed Supt. Kaminski's report will be rescheduled to Nov. 27.

Laurie Hansen of CNEDD was present for discussion of the elevator grant application and a 5 year plan for fire sprinklers and a 3rd floor exit. Hansen explained that an approved environmental study is required before any funds can be spent if a grant is awarded and they would like to complete that study now. The 5 year plan is part of the study. Fire Marshall Don Fast was present for the discussion. Historical Society approval is required only for purpose of remaining on Historical Register. County does not want to spend money on more engineering when they may not receive the grant; pursuit of project is based on funding. Funding possibilities include \$250,000 grant for removal of architectural barriers and \$300,000 no interest loan through USDA sponsored program with LVRPPD to be repaid over 10 years. Ellen Novak was present for discussion and said she would ask that the loan be on the next LVRPP agenda. Vogeler expressed concern that the elevator project was moving from the exploratory stage to an active project without Board approval. Cullers noted that the available grant funds had gone down since the County had begun exploring the project and felt it was in the best interest of the taxpayers to move forward with the project if this type of funding can be secured. It was also noted that with the grant and no interest loan it is possible the project could be completed without a tax increase. Cullers moved to go forward with the Courthouse improvement project, including the elevator, outside stairway exit and fire sprinkler system by whatever means saves the taxpayer money, such as grant funding and the interest free loan. Motion seconded by Cetak. Discussion included that pursuit of the project would be based on funding. Motion carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Fast said a 3rd floor exit is more important than a sprinkler system because of the effect of open stairways on smoke. An outside stairway from the 3rd floor would have to have a solid metal tread. A switchback

stairway would take less room than circular. The jail roof could be used as landing but would need Jail Standards approval. Van Slyke is to check with Staab Welding to see if they could construct a stairway. Hansen recommended the Board or an appointed Committee meet with herself, the Fire Marshall, the Nebr. Historical Society and the County Attorney to formulate a 5 year plan for the environmental study. Since it was felt that the entire Board should be included in the planning, this item will be on the Dec. 11 agenda at 1:00 p.m. Fast and Hansen will attend and Hansen will contact the Nebr. Historical Society to see if their representative can be there.

Bethanne Kunz provided a written quarterly report for the Valley County Visitors Bureau noting their activities. The report included: currently maintain 16 brochure racks in the County, Chamber has a toll free number 877-728-7875, Loup River Valley Tourism received 3 awards this fall, Tourism Committee by-laws updated, less than 50% of the travel guides remain, looking to expand the Loup Valley website, proposed North Loup visitors center at a standstill as renovation estimates have not been received, Tourism Committee reviewing and changing application form to require funds be used for advertising beyond 50 miles of event and issue grants on reimbursement basis, LRV Coalition received \$2700 billboard grant, Central Nebr. Tourism Coalition is partnership of 17 Counties to promote the region. The financial report noted receipts of \$4606.25 from May 07 through July 07 and expenses of \$8941.92. The Committee meets every other month on the first Monday; their next meeting is January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Informational agenda item 9D, October Lodging Tax Receipts/Expenditures, was reviewed at this time: October receipts \$838.73, October expenses \$522.50, FY07-08 receipts to date \$5444.98, FY07-08 expenses to date \$9464.42.

Following discussion of the use of pavers or concrete in completion of the sidewalks for the Downtown Project, Waldmann moved to go along with whatever decision the City Council makes, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:20 a.m. the Supervisors recessed to conduct the BOE meeting, reconvening at 11:25 a.m. with all Board members present.

Candy Kuntz of Miller & Associates presented various requests for Board consideration through the Down Payment/Rehabilitation Housing Grant. Down payment assistance for Applicant VC-04-DPA had received prior approval, however, an additional \$614.25 was requested for closing costs. The additional request for Applicant VC-04-DPA was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Housing rehab of \$4049.72 was approved for Applicant VC-03-HR on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Community Development Services Invoice for VC-Admin 5 in the amount of \$831 was approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Request for grant funds, Drawdown #6, in the amount of \$18,429 includes CDS Invoices approved by the Board at their October 9 meeting and \$54 reimbursement to the County for interest on the line of credit used to meet the closing deadlines for down payment assistance. Drawdown #6 was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Kuntz also provided a summary sheet of grant activity to date, noting that out of 11 applicants, 4 were awarded funds. Some of the 11 were not eligible and some did not complete the application process. No applications are pending at this time.

Treasurer Suminski gave the Month End Fund Report for October. October receipts totaled \$440,000. General Fund balance is \$250,813.50, Road Fund \$63,278.91, Inheritance Tax Fund \$866,556.14. Airport checking and investments remain about the same. Suminski also presented certification that Distress Warrants were delivered to the County Sheriff on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 as required and a summary listing the total count and breakdown of amounts due. The Misc. Folder is available for review.

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

The Board discussed the claim received from NIRMA for the \$5000 liability deductible for defending the County in the lawsuit filed by Neelam Bhardwaj, former Valley County Hospital Administrator. County Attorney Clark reported at the last meeting that the County was dismissed from the lawsuit. The Board felt that since Bhardwaj was not a County employee, the lawsuit had no factual basis and that it was not fair to Valley County taxpayers to have to pay to defend a lawsuit that had no merit. County Attorney Clark will be asked to look into recovering some of the cost. Cullers moved to approve payment of the \$5000 liability deductible for the Bhardwaj lawsuit from the Inheritance Tax Fund, with the stipulation that any recovered costs be returned to the Inheritance Tax Fund, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Following discussion, the second Board meeting date in December was changed from Tuesday, December 25 to Thursday, December 27 on motion of Baker, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Vogeler moved to approve closing Courthouse Offices at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24 and Monday December 31 for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Summary Report of Current Expenditures for Sept. 30, 2007 was available for review.

Sevenker, Vogeler, Cullers, Van Slyke and Waldmann will be attending the NACO Conference in Lincoln on December 12 and 13. The Clerk will submit their registrations, secure lodging and register them for the NIRMA luncheon. Treasurer Janet Suminski was appointed as the designee to vote for the County at the NACO meeting if Chairman Sevenker is unable to attend.

Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with all Board members present except Van Slyke. His absence was excused.

County Attorney Clark, who was in District Court for the balance of the meeting, was present to discuss the Region 3 letter regarding the way Nebraska Revised Statutes section 71-919 and related statutes are interpreted with regard to EPC charges, asking for his interpretation of those statutes. Clark said several County Attorneys plan to work together on a response. Clark was asked to look into recovery of the costs of the Bhardwaj lawsuit.

As the County's Representative on the Mid Plains Board, Vogeler reported that Scott Dugan has agreed to stay on for one more year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene on November 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the November 13 meeting and an agenda for the November 27 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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Jenette G. Lindsey, Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:20 a.m. on November 13, 2007, the Valley County Board of Supervisors convened as Board of Equalization. All Board members were present as well as the Assessor and Clerk. The Clerk verified notice of meeting and posting of agenda. Minutes of the October 30, 2007 BOE meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act with public copies available. There was no public comment.

Tax List Corrections were presented for Douglas J & Amy J Baker due to their move out of state with machinery and Ord Cosmetic & Family Dentistry due to sale of the business. Following discussion, both Tax List Corrections were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Notice from TERC of an Appeal filed by Susan Schauer against the Valley County BOE was received on October 30. The County has 30 days to respond. Attorney Clark has been informed and will respond. TERC will set a hearing date. Assessor Arnold will keep the Board informed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., to reconvene on November 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of the November 13 meeting and an agenda for the November 27 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann were present. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted in Courthouse and on website. Minutes of November 13, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt agenda, seconded by Van Slyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed November Road Claims noting the larger claims were for a sander, parts & labor, highway striping, chemicals, oil, fuel and gravel. Remaining in the gravel budget is \$38,498 and for fuel \$58094.

Highway Supt. Leth recommended approval of Easement 07-277 for Frontier Communications for Eric Rogers' new house. Van Slyke moved to approve Easement 07-277, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Reasonable Suspicion Training Certificate received from NIRMA for Leth is for training on how to recognize and correctly deal with employee drug and alcohol use. Road employees are required to be tested randomly. Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the Certificate, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth's report included: project C88234G, work on bridge on road to Don Petska's, should be completed today; NDOR setting up program with the railroads to put yield signs on all cross bucks; Courthouse benches and trash receptacles received and stored in City's Quonset. Leth met with Carl Schauer and City of Ord regarding complaint of water in his field. City will contact ethanol plant in effort to resolve, and Board advised Leth to do what he can to help.

At 9:30 a.m. the 911 Road Name Signs & Posts bid opening was held as advertised. Four bids were received based on bid specifications Leth provided. In attendance were Tim Braithwait of B's Enterprises in Norfolk, Ambrose Placzek of Midwest Service and Sales in Schuyler, and Bill Kay of KACO Supplies in Grand Island. No one attended from Newman Traffic Signs in Jamestown, North Dakota. Midwest Service bid \$28,298.70, Newman Traffic Signs bid \$25,563.67, KACO Supplies bid \$29,075.71 and B's Enterprises bid \$33,059.43. Leth recommended accepting the lowest bid. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to accept the bid of Midwest Service and Sales as they were the second lowest bid and based in Nebraska. Cetak seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CEO, Larry Schrage, presented the regular written, monthly hospital report, briefly reviewing the financial and volume statistics for October and YTD. Heritage building is working well and appreciated by patients and staff. They are looking for a kidney function specialist and a pain management specialist. The new dentist will be doing dental surgery at the hospital. Medicare and Medicaid payments always lag behind costs. MRI pad has been expanded to allow the truck to back right up to specialty clinic. Holiday Open House at the hospital is Dec. 17th.

Valley County Emergency Manager, Ryan Simpson, reported: FEMA is requiring that grant recipients hold exercises such as the exercise held in conjunction with Region 26, Garfield and Wheeler Counties on Oct. 3 regarding mass inoculation plan; state will be auditing grants; still waiting on receipt of last year's grants; still working on getting a grant for a generator for the Valley County Sheriff's communication system; appointed Scott Philbrick as additional assistant on a voluntary basis, may need to pay some mileage.

Simpson was also present for discussion of the possible merger of Ord City and Rural Fire Districts. Others present for this discussion included Ord Mayor Randy O'Brian, Larry Larkowski and Dale Zadina, Rural Fire District Board members. A press release is to be printed this week, copies were provided. Currently the Rural Fire District contracts with Ord City Fire Dept. for fire protection. The RFD also contributes toward the purchase of equipment. The merger is under consideration due to concern that the Fire Dept. is falling behind in purchase of equipment and that a merger would be more efficient. Burwell has done this and it is working well for them. The merged Fire District would be a separate entity with a Board, budget and levy and would not be tied to the City or County. Simpson said if the merger does not happen the contract price may have to be raised. A town hall meeting is planned for January.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Ronzzo presented the written Fees and Activities reports for September and October and said he is working on a report to show the cost of Valley County prisoners to help in determining cost of operating the jail as

opposed to paying to house prisoners elsewhere. Discussion included planned installation of new roof this spring and possibility of having a visitation room in order to have glass between prisoners and visitors.

Discussion of Courthouse benches included: having Road Dept. install them, Clerk Lindsey and Supervisor Cullers to have sponsorship plaques printed.

At 11:00 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting recessed in order to convene as Board of Equalization. At 11:10 a.m. the Supervisor's meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

Following review of the November Claims & Balances Report and Claims list, November claims and Fund Request were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

A copy of the Memorandum from NACO Executive Director Larry Dix regarding the proposed change to the NACO Bylaws was provided in the Board packets. The proposed change deals with metropolitan county designation and would change the makeup of the NACO Board of Directors. This will be voted on at the meeting in December.

Discussion was held regarding the County's endowment fund and cash flow account with Nebr. Community Foundation. Supervisor Cullers noted that NCF will begin charging a fee for these funds so that it will not be practical to maintain them if they do not contain sufficient funds. Following discussion, it was decided that Cullers will set up a meeting with NCF on January 29 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss how these funds work. It was noted that the public needs to be made aware of the endowment fund and the possibility of holding an open house in the Courthouse with guided tours and refreshments was discussed.

Discussed annual recognition dinner for County Officials and employees as authorized in Nebr. Statute 13-2203. Board felt Officials and employees would appreciate a dinner and it should be held at a different establishment in the County each year. Van Slyke will check on availability of the Arcadia American Legion in February.

County Attorney Clark reported that he has filed an answer to the Susan Schauer TERC appeal and is awaiting response. The Board asked that he pursue legal action seeking reimbursement of the County's expense caused by the Neelam Bhardwaj lawsuit since she was not employed by the County. EPC charges were also discussed, with Clark noting that the legislature needs to address this issue and that insurance will not pay because it is not voluntary on the part of the insured.

CNEDD Annual Meeting Dinner invitation was discussed. No Board members are able to attend.

There were no Committee reports.

The following Mail Folder items were available: T. Lowenstein Legislative Bulletin, American Fund Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, to reconvene on December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

At 11:00 a.m. on November 27, 2007, the Valley County Board of Equalization convened as advertised. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Sevenker, Van Slyke, Vogeler, Waldmann were present. Assessor and Clerk were also present. The Clerk verified publishing notice of meeting and posting agenda. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 BOE meeting were approved on motion of Vogeler, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Baker. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act with public copies available. There was no public comment.

A Tax List Correction for Phyllis M. Albert, based on the State Tax Commissioners notice that the exemption should be 55% instead of 100%, was approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Tax List Corrections for Douglas & Amy Baker #3713, Ord Cosmetic & Family Dentistry #3714 and William & Pamela Schwensen #3715 are necessary to void the corrections previously approved because the taxes were rolled over to the Treasurer in error. Tax List Corrections #3713, #3714 and #3715 were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m., to reconvene on December 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of the November 27 meeting and an agenda for the December 11 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Waldmann present; Vogeler absent. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of November 27, 2007 meeting, included in the Board packets, were approved on motion of Baker, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Van Slyke, Cetak, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Cullers moved to approve agenda, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Vogeler. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

To comply with state statute when advertising state road projects for bids in Valley County, NDOR requests the County to designate an official County newspaper each year. Van Slyke moved to designate the Ord Quiz, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Vogeler.

Supervisor Vogeler arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Leth's General Report included: Michelin tires now cost \$1270 each so ordered a set of General tires at \$850 per tire to try out, counties who have used General tires report getting half the wear time of Michelin but Road budget cannot afford the Michelin's; received 911 posts, list of 911 signs provided by Midwest Service appear to be okay, Midwest will keep on file in case replacements are needed; grader blades are to leave factory the 18th; have been moving snow and sanding roads, used load of salt already and ordered more; County is not able to go over roads multiple times as the state does because County only has 2 trucks; will finish bridge inspections this week and send in report; one bridge in very poor condition located on Turtle Creek by Welniaks on minimum maintenance road, no dwellings, not a mail or bus route, used by Welniaks for calving. Discussed a new bridge at estimated cost of \$50,000, a vented ford for \$15,000 to \$18,000, or closing the road. Leth felt the Board should look at it.

Agenda item 8B was discussed at this time to include Leth. Sevenker reported that copies of the County's 911 road map purchased from Copycat Printing in Kearney were not acceptable as they did not pick up the lighter colored roads. Clerk reported that the Quiz is unable to make copies of the map. NDOR has supplied 911 road maps to Leth, he will check to see if he can get more copies. The Clerk will check with NRD to see if they are able to copy the existing map and continue to work with Region 26 and GeoComm on getting additional colored maps.

Brent Meyer of the Nebr. Dept. of Ag was not able to attend due to the weather. Valley County Weed Supt. Kaminski provided copies of Meyer's Evaluation Report in which Kaminski received 850 points out of 1000. Meyer plans to attend a January Board meeting. Kaminski also left copies of his inspection reports and weed notices for the Board to review.

Sevenker reported that Bill Clamp would not appear as he has made additional adjustments to the handicap accessible door at the east entrance and it is currently working.

Clerk Lindsey presented an amended Claims & Balances Report and an additional November Fund Request to reflect payment of Housing Grant funds previously approved by the Board but received after the deadline for the November 27 meeting agenda. Grant funds are required to be dispersed within 5 days of receipt. The Fund Request was approved by Chairman Sevenker.

Lindsey also notified the Board that she intends to enter into a 3-year contract, (copy in Board packets) with Election Systems and Software for their services and presented November Fee Reports for County Clerk and Clerk of District Court.

Supervisor Van Slyke reported that the Arcadia Legion is available on February 9 for a County employee recognition dinner. Discussion was held regarding choice of food and costs. Van Slyke will report costs to Clerk and employees will be notified.

Although the item was not on the agenda, Custodian Cronk reported that Joe Wadas has a core drill and will help him replace the railing on the east entrance steps if the Board approves. The Board approved.

Supervisor Cullers presented a copy of the partnership request to the City of Ord for use of a portion of the excess sales tax receipts to aid in the addition of an elevator, 3rd floor exit and fire sprinkler system in the Courthouse. The request was presented to the City at their last meeting. Supervisors Cullers, Sevenker, Baker and Waldmann were in attendance at that meeting. The City is not sure what the amount of excess sales tax will be and the County does not have exact figures for the cost of the Courthouse renovation. The City asked that the County keep them informed.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all Board members present.

Maintenance of the Mortensen Monument was discussed. Supervisor Baker provided pictures of the monument showing damage to the monument and weeds that obscured it from view. Road Supt. Leth noted that he mows the weeds around the monument in the summer but that he would mow a larger area from now on. This item is to be addressed again in April 2008.

Membership dues to Ord Area Chamber were discussed and approved on motion of Cullers, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chamber membership includes the option of a website link which led to discussion of the County website. The Clerk is to check with NOL as to costs and options for adding more information to the County website.

Following discussion and review of the preliminary draft audit and the management representation letter provided by Dana Cole, Vogeler moved to authorize Chairman Sevenker to sign the letter, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Baker, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: none.

November Lodging Tax receipts and expenses were presented as was the November Current Expenditures Summary Report.

Notice of the Presidential Declaration of December 24, 2008 as a federal holiday was provided. The Board elected to stay with the previous plan to close Courthouse offices at 1:00 p.m.

County Attorney Clark reported that the County's Motion for Summary Judgment in the Ammerman lawsuit was granted by Judge Noakes and that the Plaintiff has 30 days to appeal. Clark also reported that, because the Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the County from the Bhardwaj lawsuit, the County is unable to seek repayment of costs.

Supervisor Waldman reported as the County's Rep on the RC&D Council that they are considering starting an endowment fund in case government funding runs out and that the Junk Jaunt is about ready to go on it's own and should be self-supporting.

Supervisor Van Slyke reported as the County's Rep on the Region 26 Board that they are considering a new building to meet state requirements and that grant funds should be available for this.

At 11:40 a.m. the Board recessed to conduct the quarterly jail inspection and will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for discussion of agenda item 13 which is scheduled to be heard at that time.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all Board members present for discussion of agenda item 13, Courthouse Elevator Project/5-Year Plan for fire sprinklers and 3rd floor exit. CNEDD Executive Director Laurie Hansen, Fire Marshall Don Fast and LVRPP Director Chuck Fuhrer were also present for the discussion. Hansen noted that it was not necessary for the Historical Society to be present for the discussion as the 5-year plan was being considered as a means to allow the Fire Marshall to sign off on the elevator project for purposes of the grant application and the grant will be written for the elevator only. She also provided pictures of the Holt County Courthouse showing their outside stairway exit from the upper floors. Fast provided printed information that gave the required specifications for a new stairway and said he would be willing to consult with the builder. He also said: the best location for outside stairway would be as far as possible from existing inside stairway; that he had no objection to use of the jail roof as a landing; that in his experience the Historical Society does not raise objections when there is a safety issue; that a landing is required at each floor; that the 5-year plan could be in the form of a letter of intent signed by all the Board members; that the fire sprinkler is of primary importance due to the effect the existing open stairways inside the Courthouse would have on smoke; windows would not provide sufficient exits, exit doors would be required from each floor. Fuhrer said he has not initiated the application process for interest free loan funds through the USDA REDL Grant Program as he was awaiting word from the County regarding their plans. The next application deadline is the end of March and he will submit at that time. The project must meet certain requirements. Hansen noted the possibility that USDA may be able to help with the engineering of the outside stairway. She also noted that the letter for the 5-year plan will be needed for the environmental study, a requirement of the grant application, and she plans to have the study done soon.

Following the discussion, the Clerk was directed to draft a letter to State Fire Marshall John Falgione noting the Board's consultation with Don Fast and their intent to complete the elevator, fire sprinkler system and outside stairway exit from the 3rd floor within 5 years and submit it at the Dec. 27th Board meeting for their approval and signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m., to reconvene on December 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 11 meeting and an agenda for the December 27 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 27, 2007 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Cetak, Sevenker, Vogeler, Cullers, Van Slyke, and Waldmann present, Baker absent due to illness. Clerk verified meeting notice was published and agenda posted. Minutes of December 11, 2007 meeting were inadvertently left out of the Board packets so a few moments were taken to review them, after which they were approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act and public copies available. There was no public comment.

In the absence of Road Secretary Simpson, Leth presented the written December Road Claims & Balances Report, noting that fuel costs for the month totaled \$14,956.65. Payroll totaled \$34,206.64 and Accounts Payable totaled \$25,065.79. Discussion was held regarding locking in fuel prices at beginning of FY, Leth noted it does not work very well as there are too many variables and you have to guarantee to use a certain amount. He bids it each month to all suppliers to get best price.

Following discussion, Waldmann moved to approve the disbursement of December payroll checks on Friday, Dec. 28 rather than Monday, Dec. 31, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: Vogeler. Absent: Baker.

Billing statement from Midwest Service & Sales Co. for 911 sign posts in the amount of \$12,718.38 and from the Quiz for advertisement of the bid for 911 road signs in the amount of \$28.55 were presented. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve payment of the 911 road signs and the cost of bid advertising from the Inheritance Tax Fund, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Leth will be receiving 10 additional Valley County 911 road maps from the State Road Dept. at no charge, he will keep one and leave the remaining 9 with the Clerk. The Road Dept. is putting in the 911 sign anchors, going faster than expected. The 911 road signs should arrive the first or second week of January, will concentrate on main roads first. Grader blades received yesterday. Leth applied for nationwide Corps of Engineers permit for bridges as it is a requirement and is only good for 2 years. He will be attending a 3 day bridge inspection refresher course. Board of Classifications and Standards is revoking highway allocations for those who fail to submit required paperwork or whose roads do not meet required design standards. Leth indicated all Valley County roads meet design standards. Still working on submission of application for free curve signs, should be submitted right after first of the year. At Leth's request, Vogeler moved that a motor grader bid letting be set for January 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Sevenker recognized Schrage for presentation of the regular monthly report for the Hospital, agenda item 7C, while awaiting the arrival of Joe Wadas, agenda item 7B. Schrage presented the regular written report and discussed the statistical and financial information on pages 7 and 8, noting that November met expectations in both categories. Physician recruitment was discussed and Schrage noted they are using Bryan LGH and Merrit Hawkins to aid in recruiting and hope to begin interviewing in February. Schrage noted the current staff is able to provide service to existing patient base, but lack of additional physician does not allow exploration of growth opportunities. A locum comes in every other week to provide time off for Dr. Bengston. Hospital employee salary increases will be based on performance rather than a fixed rate. Schrage invited the County Board to the January 16th Hospital Board meeting where they plan to interview 2 architects with regard to future plans for the Hospital. He said no project will go forward unless is found to be financially feasible. Discussion included advantages of not having long term care facility attached to hospital and importance of public support.

Custodian Rolland Cronk and Joe Wadas of Wadas Inc. appeared to discuss concerns regarding the new heating and cooling system for the Courthouse. Wadas indicated there have been problems in heating some areas of the Courthouse and that he has discovered that the mechanical room on the 4th floor needs to be kept at a temperature of at least 25 degrees in order to function properly. He also said he was given the wrong formula for the refrigerant and that has been corrected. They drained all refrigerant to check for leaks and found there were none. There is a problem with snow getting into the sensor through the louvers on the 4th floor which prevents the heat element from coming on. He suggested the Board write a letter to Brian Hergott of Beckenhauers and ask for advice from the project engineer to address this problem. Despite their efforts, some units are still blowing cold air. He plans to provide thermometers to each office to check the temperature of the blown air and check sheets to note problems. The

manufacturer will not come out to look at the system unless they are sure it is not caused by something that has been done locally, so he is having to provide them with a lot of documentation. Wadas said there is a year warranty on the system from the confirmed completion date in March or April, parts have a longer guarantee. Sevenker will draft a letter to Hergott and email it to the Clerk who will mail it with a copy to Wadas. Cronk reported that during the summer months he routinely turned off units to unused portions of the Courthouse, but during the cold weather he has not turned them off. He has been changing or cleaning filters as needed. Most of the office units have filters that can be cleaned. The air handlers and the units on the jail roof do not have light indicators for filter changes but have to be manually inspected. The jail kitchen unit filter requires attention about every two weeks. Cronk estimated savings of \$600 and \$300 the first two months when compared with 2005 bills, but noted it is difficult to compare when we are now heating entire Courthouse and were not with old system. Wadas said that the NPPD monitoring system should provide information that, with some study and research, will give a good comparison of costs.

Mike Boden of National Insurance Services presented information on a group vision plan that they can offer to individual County employees that can be paid through payroll withholding. He also noted that they work with First Concord in presenting information regarding the County's flex plan and assisting in employee enrollment in the plan. They also offer plans similar to what AFLAC currently offers to Valley County employees. The enrollment deadline for the County's flex plan is February 1. Following discussion, Vogeler moved to allow Boden to present the vision plan to County employees and review the existing flex benefit plan, assisting in employee enrollment in the flex plan, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Boden indicated he would plan to return the third week in January to meet with employees and that he would be in contact with the Clerk.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Month End Fund Report for November. She noted that, by statute, fines are required to be distributed to the schools, which she does twice each year. Monthly receipts included \$16,925.47 to General, Highway allocation of \$45,697.65, \$506.83 each in the Visitor Promotion and Improvement Funds, \$13,387.56 in Inheritance Tax Fund. A total of \$258,000 was collected in November. Resolution 07-25 was presented for Board consideration to approve the depositories for County funds and the investment of County funds. Vogeler moved to approve Resolution 07-25, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Vogeler, Cetak, Waldmann, Cullers, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion was held regarding information received from Region 26 on costs of 911 road maps through GeoComm. Costs were based on the purchase of 4 maps and would be higher if fewer maps were ordered. A laminated 24X24 map would cost \$46.75, a larger map would be \$50.75, not laminated 24X24 would be \$23.37, larger not laminated map would be \$27.37. Following discussion, the Board indicated they were not interested at that price.

Agenda item 8B should have been listed as a Wozab Committee topic and will be included on the next agenda under that heading.

The letter to the Fire Marshall indicating the Boards commitment to a five year plan for the installation of a 3rd floor exit, fire sprinkler system and elevator in the Courthouse was approved on motion of Van Slyke, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Van Slyke, Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Clerk is to mail letter to Fire Marshall with a copy to Laurie Hansen of CNEDD.

Van Slyke reported that the Arcadia Legion agreed to provide chicken and prime rib at a cost of \$10.00 per person for the County Recognition dinner to be held Feb. 9. The Legion is to contact the County Clerk who will be notifying the employees of the date, time and cost of the dinner. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend but will have to pay their own costs as the County can only pay the dinner cost for employees. The Board agreed that costs of the dinner should come from the Inheritance Tax Fund.

Notice from NIRMA of the opportunity to change the Courthouse liability insurance from replacement to reproduction was discussed. Sevenker will get more information regarding this and report at the next meeting.

Receipt of the FSA letter, map and split information regarding the airport land purchase was noted.

Following discussion, it was decided that Chairman Sevenker will be listed as the Board member from Valley County who will plan to attend the NACO Institute of Excellence in February. Helen Cullers will be the alternate.

The Board reviewed the Claims & Balances Report and Claims List. Cetak moved to approve December claims and the December Fund Request, seconded by Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Vogeler, Waldmann, Van Slyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Property tax notices for Valley County owned property were noted.

A 2008 Holiday Schedule from the Nebraska Supreme Court website was provided for Board consideration. Discussion was held with regard to including Martin Luther King Day as a Valley County holiday. Treasurer Suminski presented information indicating only 4 counties were not observing it. Following discussion, Cullers moved to approve the 2008 Supreme Court Holiday Schedule for Valley County, seconded by Vogeler. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Vogeler, Cetak, Van Slyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

There was no report from the County Attorney and no Committee Reports.

Mail folder items available for review: VCED meeting re: Open Meetings Law; NDEQ grant info; Christmas greetings – LB RC&D, Miller & Assoc., Olsson Assoc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene on January 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the December 27 meeting and an agenda for the January 8 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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