

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
January 16, 2024 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent, Baker. Clerk verified the meeting notice on January 10, 2024 on the website, Grand Island Independent, and KNILV radio. Agenda posted. Motion by Cullers to nominate Van Slyke as Chairman and Petska as Vice-Chairperson. Second by Ference. DeRiso motioned to cease ballots. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference. All voting, Yes. Abstain, Van Slyke. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Chairman is Jack Van Slyke and Vice-Chairperson is Theresa Petska. Motion by Petska to approve December 26, 2023 minutes. Second by Cullers. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Abstain, Ference. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to approve the Agenda. Second by Cetak. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the Boardroom. No public comment. Motion by DeRiso to appoint Jay T. Meyer, License #S-1162 Class A, as Valley County Highway Superintendent beginning January 16, 2024. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the Resolution #24-01 to authorize restrict use of County roads, when necessary, with a date change from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Second by Petska. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Darrell Kaminski gave weed report and needed approval from the Board for the 2023 Year End Report, 2024 Noxious Weed Plan and County Weed Evaluation. Motion by Petska to approve the 2023 Noxious Weed Year End Report. Second by Ference. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to approve 2024 Noxious Weed Plan. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to approve County Weed Evaluation. Second by Ference. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Gary Cadek was present to discuss 468 Ave. Board thanked him for coming, no decisions made. Clerk Bower gave report on Register of Deeds, passports, and District Court Fees and Fines. Motion by Ference to approve the changes in the County Employee handbook. Second by Cullers. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Pastor Spencer was present as a representative from the Valley County Ministerial Association to ask for use of the Courthouse lawn/steps for May 2, 2024 for the World Day of Prayer. Motion by Cullers to allow the use of the Courthouse lawn/steps for World Day of Prayer. Second by Ference. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Treasurer Peggy Brott gave Month End Fund Report, Semi-Annual Report, and Misc. receipts to the Board. Discussion on Livestock Friendly County. It was informational only, will be on the Agenda for the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board recessed at 9:50 a.m. to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. Cole Baker and Gavin Shoemaker were present for the Farm Leases on the East County Farm and Mortensen Site. Shoemaker discussed lowering the cost. Board felt like price is reasonable. Shoemaker agreed to a 3 year contract for the 49.5 acres at the Mortensen Site for \$15,250.00. Baker agreed to a 3 year contract for the East County Farm for the 119 acres with Baker Ag on the contract for \$22,050.00. Motion by Cullers to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and the County. Second by Petska. Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to approve the claims and fund request for \$44,681.07. Second by Cullers. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Discussion on the Courthouse upgrade and the gazebo. Motion by Ference to go into the Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Petska. Discussion of the tax correction on North Loup School Bond. It is going against State Statute to change it, deadline to make changes was November 5, 2023. No changes were made. Motion by DeRiso to leave Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. Second

by Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Committee reports from Ference on Economic Development, Petska on Region 26, and Cetak on Mid-Nebraska. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to reconvene on January 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of December 26, 2023 meeting and Agenda for special meeting January 10, 2024 and Agenda for January 16, 2024 meeting for public inspection in the Office of the County Clerk and on the County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us).

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk: that subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy all reproducible material discussed at the meeting were written form available for the public.

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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk