



# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of November 8, 2016 meeting, included in Board packets, were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. Absent: Baker. No: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Baker arrived as 9:05 a.m. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed the larger claims, reported Nov. payroll and claims totaling \$179,060.92, a transfer of \$97,031.38 and receipt of \$64,902.62 in Hwy Allocation. Gravel budget has \$154,252.48 remaining.

On recommendation of Road Supt. Meyer, Easements 16-405, 16-406, and 16-407 were approved for Loup Valleys Rural Public Power. Will bore under the Comstock road. VanSlyke moved to approve Easements 16-405, 16-406 and 16-407, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The 811<sup>th</sup> Road Project was discussed. Meyer said that neither he nor Olsson's had heard anything about the draft agreement from the railroad.

The Nebraska Department of Roads Certification of County Highway Superintendent was discussed, one factor to determine 2016 Incentive Funds whether the County has appointed a licensed superintendent for 12 months. Baker moved to authorize Sevenker to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent certifying that Jay Meyer has been appointed, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Signing of the HRRR Project Program Agreement was discussed, County will receive 19 Advance Railroad Warning Sign packages consisting of signs and posts that County will put up on County property at no cost to the County, 3 years to close project. Cullers moved to sign the Signing of the HRRR Project Program Agreement Resolution #16-20, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Bridge 11720P on minimum maintenance road was discussed, Federal Highway Inspector inspected bridge without informing Meyer, contacted Meyer to say bridge needed to be closed immediately, found tractor tracks on bridge after farmer said that no tractors cross the bridge, Meyer closed bridge. Federal inspector cannot close bridge, County did not receive copy of Critical Findings Report as required. Bridge seldom used, can hold weight of tractor, weight limit signs are posted. Meyer inspected bridge in July, no funding to repair, wants to close road. Board will rely on Meyer's knowledge.

Cetak asked if washboards on roads improved after moisture. Meyer said yes. Meyer's General Report included: hauling gravel, maintaining roads, pushed snow drifts, working on snow plows, new tires on graders. Caterpillar will talk to Meyer about sending oil sample to lab when equipment ready for service, kit will be sent with supplies, on demand, do not need to keep filters on hand, 20% savings on filters. Will ask Knapp about County putting up snow fence on property by ethanol plant, all snow fence new.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented their monthly report: Glaubke noted that the hospital sponsored a Veteran's Breakfast, Love Lights ceremony on December 1 with donations going to Make Christmas Happen, will use same employee survey as used earlier in year to compare answers, in top 25% for patient accountability and financial issues. Ashley Woodward, CFO provided a copy and summary of the audit to the Board members; cash & investments of \$13.2M in 2016 compared to \$10.7M in 2015, capital assets decreased \$1.2M, net position increased \$1.6M, total operating revenue decreased \$2.1M or 8%, total operating expenses decreased \$2.3M or 9.3%. Woodward presented monthly report for October, operating room up, ENT down, radiology up and outpatient clinic down, gross patient services revenue up. The license renewal application required by HHS for the Home Health Agency was signed by Chairman Sevenker on motion of approval by Cetak, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.



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The damaged fence on the NE side of the Courthouse was discussed: Carl Buller from Buller Designscapes present two estimates; 5' vinyl fence at \$5,331.75 with \$183.00 upcharge for "khaki" color and cedar picket fence at \$5,710.64. Khaki color will blend better with Courthouse. Fence will be a solid fence with two 5' gates and posts set in concrete. Discount from supplier was passed on to County. Cetak made motion to purchase 5' vinyl fence with khaki upcharge, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Advance notice of installation and Road Department will remove old fence and reuse around shops. Cost to county will be \$2,000 after NIRMA takes off \$1,000 deductible and \$1,000 upgrade.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with all members present.

Miranda from Healing Hearts & Families reported on counseling and education offered to first time offender ages 11-20 referred by the County Attorney in 6 counties, puts responsibility on client for community service, showing up for meetings, writing letter of apology and classes. County Attorney Hansen stated it is a divergent program so there will be no criminal record, if do not finish program criminal charges are filed. Waldmann made motion to authorize Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding for 2017 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Don Workman from Maximus outlined services provided to identify indirect costs for time spent on Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement work; including depreciation, budget and audit costs, liability and worker's comp insurance, costs of preparing and processing claims, benefit administration, etc. In the past County could recover indirect costs associated with County having a NDHHS office. Spring 2016 State announced they would no longer pay these costs due to new interpretation of State Statute, Legislature would have to change law to reinstate payments.

Cody Sitz advised the Board he is trying to sell his building at the Mortensen site by private sale. Chairman Sevenker and County Attorney Hansen reviewed the Ground Lease, would be assignment and not sale, purchaser and assignee would need to meet with Board to insure purchaser meets the requirements of 99 year lease taking into consideration nature of business, number of employees and value of taxable property, County must consent to assignment.

At 11:25 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations for Heartland Assembly of God church for a passenger van was reviewed. Approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Dustin Will and Dan Duren of Benefit Management were present to discuss the County's options for health insurance. Quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield were presented, recommend BCBS MO 58 with deductible \$3500 for single and \$7000 for family, County would buy down deductible to single \$3000 and family \$6000, would offer one plan, continue HRA. 6% increase in premium. Compensation for Benefit Management for services built into rates, no separate fee. Effective January 1, pay Coventry increase in December. Road Superintendent Meyer presented problems road employees having with claims to HRA, no internet, slow compensation. Meetings with employees, officials and former employees with balances in HRA to explain and hopefully streamline process. VanSlyke made motion to approve BCBS MO 58 health plan, Cullers second. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

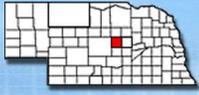
The County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court monthly reports for October were reviewed.

County Attorney Hansen reported injunction in 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Texas on implication of Overtime Final Rule.

County Government Day will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, Arcadia and Ord schools participate. Chairman Sevenker will welcome students.

Concern expressed that there is no access to 2<sup>nd</sup> cemetery in Vinton, Attorney Hansen will find out if the County needs to provide a road.

The Claims and Fund Request information was reviewed. Cullers moved to approve the November Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$471,678.68, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers made motion to approve Resolution #16-19 to transfer



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\$38,103.42 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Waldmann made motion to designate the Ord Quiz and Grand Island Independent as official County newspapers for 2017, DeRiso second. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Reviewed NPDES General Permits for Operations Confining Cattle for Hackel Cattle, Jackson Feedlot, Novak Feedlot.

Kathy Sweeney, Valley County Court Clerk Magistrate will swear in newly elected officials, County Clerk and Deputy County Clerk on December 1.

Valley County Veteran's Service Officer Report was reviewed. Check book will be audited every 3 months.

Baker will report on locks for Courthouse next month. Sevenker will talk to custodian Danny Vanek about putting greenery in planters.

Mail Folder: Berggren Architects invitations to luncheon at NACO Convention were passed out, American Funds Annual Report available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m., to reconvene on December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 29 meeting and an agenda for the December 13 meeting are available 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 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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Paula Musil, Deputy Valley County Clerk