

# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent, Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of January 10, 2017 approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Abstain: VanSlyke, was not present for entire meeting. Waldmann moved to adopt agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Baker arrived at 9:10 a.m. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available. No public comment.

January Claims and Fund Request were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$400,274.80, on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed January road claims noting the larger expenses: Accounts payable \$84,883.03, payroll \$42,113.49, received highway allocation of \$61,201.85, Motor Vehicle fees of \$13,741.68. There is \$122,124 left in the Gravel Budget and \$84,419 left in the Fuel Budget. There was a \$3,834.74 claim for ice slicer, works better at lower temperatures than salt. Claims Management Resources was paid \$960.10 to settle a Frontier claim for damages when the County Highway Dept. cut a Frontier cable filling in a washout, amount was reduced 15%. The County will be billing Frontier for filling the washout created when Frontier installed another cable and cut a culvert, worked on the washout several times as dirt settles.

Roads Supt. Meyer reported concerning 811<sup>th</sup> Road, the railroad is waiting on approval for the crossing permit. Baker moved to set February 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. to review the 1 & 6 Year Plan, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolution 17-01, authorizing the County Highway Dept. to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to County Highways when necessary, was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

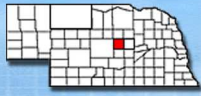
The Interlocal Agreement between Custer County and Valley County for Road Dragging Operations was discussed. Custer County and NPPD are requesting that Valley County extend road dragging operations into Custer County for 1.5 miles on the road east of Comstock for duration of construction operations for the Wind Farm Substation, NPPD will compensate Valley County at the rate of \$115 per hour. The Agreement was approved on the motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: contracting for red diesel, pushing snow, salting roads, working on brakes, cutting trees, hauling gravel; sign inventory almost complete. The Engineer looked at Bridge #11720P on minimum maintenance road, costly work is needed, working on other options, closing bridge would cut off only access to the field for fueling the pivot. A bill has been proposed in the Legislature to prevent roadside mowing until July 1 to increase habitat; landowners can mow 3 times through August; the height of weeds by that time would cause problems for mowing; weeds catch snow; Highway Supt. Organization is against the bill. Meyer is looking at options to replace an old motor grader; township graders are available; will put options in writing and present to the Board; budget is tight.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the Hospital Report and financial information: Emergency Room up, Medical Clinic the same, Home Health down, good month; Hospital Gala well attended; Rural Health Clinic review conducted; website updated; employee turnover rate is down to 20% for 2016 from 30% in 2011. Vicki Bredthauer and Larry Proskocil presented information concerning the 2012 ambulance which hit a deer in December sustaining damage to cab and box; has 131,000 miles on it; stress cracks which were previously fixed need to be fixed again; stress cracks will be fixed in Florida and box damage fixed in North Carolina to keep under warranty; takes 3 to 4 months to schedule repair; using 2000 ambulance; will put in budget to replace 2000 ambulance. Will come back to Board on February 14 with a timeline for replacement and quote for a new ambulance.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson reported next Jury Trials will be in May. He answered questions from the Board concerning Community Service, the Sheriff signs off on a request, does background check, County incurs the liability.



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The Credit Cardholder Agreement and Credit Card Request for Increase of Spending Limit were reviewed; covers what is needed; increase of spending limit needs approval from the Board Chairman or Co-Chairman; Board is notified of increase. Baker made a motion to accept the documents, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

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

Sevenker reported that overtime was incurred by Mechanical Sales when heating issues were assessed in January; estimate for checking the refrigerant is \$8,090; if a maintenance agreement for 2 visits a year is signed the invoice for service in January will be reduced and quote for checking the refrigerant discounted; the two costs will be reduced from \$11,316.50 to \$7,796.10. Cullers made a motion to sign the Maintenance Agreement, Baker second. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported on NACO Dental Insurance, \$1,000 lid on coverage per person per year, need 60% participation of employees. AFLAC has \$1,600 lid, with an age limit of 70. Interested employees can contact NACO. Jim Bodyfield will report at a meeting about whether an American Fund committee is needed.

VanSlyke made a motion that the County add 10 irrigated acres to the east County Farm and reduce irrigated acres by 40 on the north County Farm, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke will submit the forms to the North Loup River Public Power and Irrigation District.

Courthouse locks will be installed in two weeks, other parts had to be ordered. The Clerk will contact Glenda Pearson to inform the Ministerial Association that there is no wall big enough in the Courthouse to hang their painting.

Dates to advertise, return and consider the Wozab Fund Applications will be set at the February 14 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Cullers for the Chairman to sign the Agreement between Valley County and State of NE, Dept. of Roads for the County to provide a Registered Surveyor to tie out land monuments prior to State Hwy 70 road project #STP-70-4(109), second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The NIRMA 2017/2018 Underwriting Questionnaire was reviewed. Board members were reminded that Financial Interest forms are due March 1, copies are filed in the Clerk's office.

The County Audit for FY 15-16 was approved on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: no.

Cullers will talk to employee about his concerns with the Health Reimbursement Account. Clerk informed the Board about LB544 Transfer of Clerk of District Court to Clerk Magistrate, NACO Board of Directors voted to oppose, will keep Board informed of action in Legislature.

Jail Standards will inspect the Jail on February 9, 2017. Board members may attend if they want to.

Cullers reported for the Wozab Fund; a form must be signed to indicate the Wozab Fund will no longer offer scholarships, lost money for the last quarter of 2016, still have \$1,250,000 in Fund.

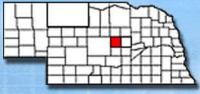
Cullers also reported for Region 3; served 8,231 people in 2016, served 2,855 people on crisis phone service, budget cuts will affect the amount the County pays.

Baker requested that the County flag be placed on the next agenda, a group of 4-H kids are interested in designing a flag.

Mail folder items available for review: MADD Hero Awards nomination, National Association of Counties information, Sherman-Valley LEPC meeting minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene on February 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting and an agenda for the February 14, 2017 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes are also available 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



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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, Valley County Clerk