



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, February 14, 2017 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Cetak absent (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of January 31 approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act; public copies available. No Public Comment offered.

Road Supt. Meyer reported that the railroad is waiting for the last real estate approval to be returned for 811th road. The Engineer provided Meyer with four options for work on Bridge #11720P; recommended option to replace bridge with culvert pipe for \$48,000, maintenance issues, needs approval of State; option to replace with low water crossing has least maintenance, difficult to use crossing, Turtle Creek carries a lot of water. Closing road cheapest option, owner would not have good access to field, have to cross creek, no road from other side. Meyer will contact owners to discuss issues with the Board.

Meyer's General Report included: hauling gravel, using stockpiled gravel, trying to keep roads smooth, cutting trees, sealing cracks, may have to put restrictions on roads. County will receive 2016 allocated distribution of funds from Federal Funds Purchase Program on March 15, STP Funds \$75,195.56, Bridge funds \$32,310.25; \$213,000 banked toward building a bridge without using local funds, earmarked for bridge north of North Loup, will apply for more bridge funds. Dept. of Natural Resources will perform routine inspections on County dams, built for flood control many years ago.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke, Director of Emergency and Trauma Services Dr. Hilary Miller, Vicki Bredthauer and Larry Proskocil appeared to discuss the County ambulance. Repair to the ambulance that was damaged in December could be done in 60 days, purchased in 2012 for \$143,509, last payment of \$28,000 in May, has 126,000 miles on it. Want to replace 2000 ambulance; looked at demos at 3 companies in Nebraska, Fyr-tek Fire and Rescue Equipment in Gothenburg seemed best, \$192,739.88 for Demo with added features, will meet that price for a new ambulance, would come to Ord for small repairs, Iowa for major repairs. County Attorney Hansen recommended bidding purchase unless emergency, would be advertised for 3 weeks. Baker questioned why Hospital does not purchase ambulance same as other equipment, hospital separate political entity, Board only appoints members to Hospital Board. It was explained that the County owned and managed ambulance until it became too difficult, turned over to Hospital; non-reimbursable expense for Hospital. Baker asked why Hospital does not rent an ambulance if insurance will pay for rental until ambulance is repaired, rental \$175 per day, will talk to insurance company about rental. Baker made a motion to purchase an ambulance at discretion of the Hospital, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Baker moved to rent an ambulance until 2012 ambulance is fixed if insurance will pay for rental, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

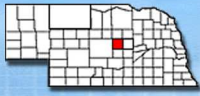
Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with Cetak absent.

Baker questioned why County does not buy ambulance out of Inheritance instead of borrowing money, no interest. Treasurer Suminski said there is \$1,092,023.07 in Inheritance, CDs earn about 1% interest. Inheritance funds needed for construction of crossing on 811th road and remodel of Sheriff's office. Will contact DA Davidson and Ameritas about Lease Purchase information for ambulance and report at next Board meeting.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for January, noting \$146,347.44 General, \$180,725.64 Road, \$52,875.10 Relief, \$1,092,023.07 Inheritance, \$106,574.17 Debt Serv. (bonds), \$71,459.34 State reimbursement to County for Property Tax Credits. The Delinquent Tax List was reviewed and will be published for 3 weeks as required.

County Attorney Hanson said County needs a plan to care for abandoned cemeteries. Baker asked if cemeteries could be maintained by an entity after the County cleans them up; need to find out number, location and which cemeteries are abandoned. Sevenker will ask Linda Curry if she would to talk to the Board about the cemeteries. Hansen reported there is a very active Court docket.

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



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Baker moved to accept Wozab Fund applications from Feb. 22 through March 20, and consider applications at the Wozab Foundation Fund Board of Directors meeting on March 27, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk were present.

A Motor Vehicle Exemption Application was presented for Heartland Assembly of God Church. Following review of the application, Cullers moved to approve the Motor Vehicle Exemption Application for above named organization, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Assessor Arnold presented Tax List Correction 3838 for Professional Eyecare due to a camera listed on tax schedules for both Professional Eyecare and U.S. Bank National. Approved on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:10 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Cullers reported many employees do not know how to access their Health Reimbursement account. Cullers will contact Benefit Management to get information for employees on how to access their account and on qualifying claims. Will put the information in new employee packets.

The Employee Recognition Dinner will be sometime in June, date and location will be decided at the March 28 Board meeting.

New locks were installed on third floor of Courthouse last week, locksmith will be back this week to install more locks, Baker will engrave keys with a name and number, Sheriff will get both set of master keys.

A 4-H Club that has expressed interest in designing a County flag, will receive \$500 prize for design offered in 2016.

Following review, the Fund Request and Claims in the amount of \$27,483.50 were approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Pre-registration for NACO Central District Meeting will be discussed at Feb. 28 meeting.

Brett from Mechanical Sales has checked refrigerant levels in heating system, employees will be educated on how to use the system, will service system twice a year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on February 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the February 14 meeting and an agenda for the February 28 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.

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.

Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk