

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, March 28, 2017 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent none. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. March 14 Minutes approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act; public copies available on counter. No public comment offered.

Secretary Simpson gave the Road Claims & Balances Report for March: Accounts Payable \$70,887.78 Payroll \$43,553.02; larger expenses were reviewed; County received Street and Bridge Buyback funds of \$75,195.56 and \$32,310.25 respectively; \$104,000 left in gravel budget; at this time last year 64% of the budget had been used, this year it is 58.5% used.

Meyer reported that his contact at the Nebraska Department of Roads had reviewed the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement, standard agreement from the railroad. Diamond Engineer could be here in October or November, Vlach is still on board for the project. NDOR determines whether gates and signals are needed, will do an analysis of traffic, trains and sight at no cost to the County. If the analysis is performed and the County does not put in the lights and gates, the County can be held liable, County share of costs for signals would be \$75,000. Waldmann moved to sign the Crossing Agreement and have an analysis of traffic conducted, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: VanSlyke, DeRiso. Absent: none.

Marvin Scheideler appeared to discuss the access road to his property, has been blocked by the owner of adjacent property; paying taxes on 3 more acres than he has; asserts County has to provide him access to his property. Baker made a motion that County Attorney Hanson obtain a title search of property in question, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion was tabled until April 11.

Meyer's General Report included: bridge replaced, hauling gravel and rock, pulling shoulders, will start spraying roads for noxious weeds, \$975 received for surplus items sold at auction. The railroad has put up yield signs at crossings in the County without performing a traffic and sight study, signs placed in the County have to be approved by the Board, will discuss at next Board meeting.

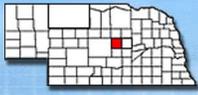
Natural gas supplier rates from ACE for heating the old County Shop were reviewed. VanSlyke moved to sign the agreement to lock in the 2 year fixed rate of \$0.674 per therm, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Kristina Foth from the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce asked to use the Courthouse lawn for activities of the bicyclists on the Tour de Nebraska on June 23 and 24. Requested approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Marc Munford from Ameritas gave a report on hospital bonds that are callable, would save no money by calling bonds at this time, will let County know if there are favorable rates. Munford also presented information for a Lease Purchase agreement for the new ambulance which will be delivered at the end of June, payments would be twice a year, underwriter's fee of 1%, \$1,000 issuance fee could be less. Board will review the information and information from NACO and make their decision on the lease purchase at the May 9 Board meeting, could pay for ambulance out of Inheritance Fund if interest rates are too high.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital Report. Glaubke noted that Becky Reis will be the new Director of the Hospital Foundation and continue to work as Glaubke's administrative assistant; Hospice trained nine people; work flow study is being conducted for clinic, improvements have been made in streamlining work flow and maximizing nurses' work time. Woodward reviewed the financial information for February: ER and clinic visits are up, swing bed is down, number of Operating Room patients is up, hospice and home health are down, under budget a bit for gross patient revenue, salaries and benefits below budget amount.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.



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Wesley Lange from the Mira Valley 4-H Livestock Club told the Board that the club would care for the Vinton cemetery for compensation; road department will do initial cleanup; 4-H clubs will care for some for pay and some for community service; Ronnie Bower's 4-H club will care for Elyria cemetery.

Doug Anderson presented the Impact Report for Central IV Extension, three educators in Valley County, more educators available in regional area.

Ed Knott from Applied Connective Technologies offered to evaluate the internet and phone services for the Courthouse at no cost, will visit with each office, Road Department having problems with current internet service. Baker moved to have Applied Connective Technologies conduct the evaluation, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Senator Deb Fischer's director of constituent services, Julie Brooker, thanked the Board for the use of the Courthouse lobby to meet with constituents.

Economic Development director, Trevor Lee reported on a meat processing plant interested in building at the Mortensen Site, process cattle and hogs, no restrictions in zoning regulations, 5 to 10 employees; meat will be USDA approved; a vet clinic is also interested in a site.

Courthouse locks will soon be finished, keys will be numbered, department heads keep track of who has keys. The employee recognition dinner will be June 10, VanSlyke will talk to an interested party about cooking ribeyes and chicken, Sevenker will find out if the Karp and Krow grounds will be available, will discuss at April 11 Board meeting.

The plans for remodeling the Sheriff's office have been finalized, bids will be accepted until April 20, bid opening will be April 21, Board will act on bids at April 25 meeting, estimated cost \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The Wozab distributions selected Monday night by the County Board sitting as the Wozab Advisory Board were reviewed. Baker moved to approve the Wozab grant distributions as selected by the Advisory Board, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

After correction of a date by Treasurer Janet Suminski, Resolution 17-5 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in March to meet expenditures was approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Following review Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$315,598.62 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board decided not to cast a proxy vote for the Annual Meeting of the Members of Ameritas Holding Company.

DeRiso reported that Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services was unable to make 51 placements because of lack of foster homes.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene on April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 28 meeting and an agenda for the April 11 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



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