

# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The April 25 minutes were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. No public comment.

Sheriff Hurlburt presented the North Loup Law Enforcement Agreement approved by the North Loup Village Board for renewal as of July 1 with a 4% increase to \$30,743.31 annually. Cetak moved to approve the agreement, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Hurlburt reported that the Jail will go over budget due to additional unforeseen expenses including medical expenses and groceries for an increased number of prisoners, will find out from Chuck Abel how to handle claims over the budgeted amount.

Discussion on the 811<sup>th</sup> Road project included: signed Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement was received from Union Pacific Railroad; Contractor's Right Of Entry Agreements signed by Vlach's and Diamond Engineering and returned along with a check for \$500 and two insurance certificates before work can be performed on railroad's property, added cost along with fee for flagmen. The Board questioned why Olsson's is not handling this, County at the mercy of the railroad. VanSlyke made a motion to cancel the crossing project, fix the road so distillers can use as it is now, build up the elevation, maintain the road and take action against Olsson's to recover County's costs, second Waldmann. Road would have to be raised to match the distillers elevation, could cause run-off on Knapp's property; if road moved will not match crossing; main reason for crossing was to get road on centerline to make it safer; if work performed in railroad's right of way will need railroad liability insurance starting at \$2,500. Motion not carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. Absent: none. A date and time will be determined for the Board, Distillers, Knapp and Olsson's to meet at the crossing site to decide how to proceed.

On recommendation of Road Supt. Meyer, Baker moved to approve refunding Easement 16-397 for Robert D. Stowell, Trustee, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: pushed snow after snowstorm, graveling made the road worse, no extra expenses; maintaining roads, hauling gravel; will work on Sand Road next week if weather permits; start asphalt in June; went to State Surplus auction, bought asphalt distributor for \$10,000, 2013 Chevy pickup for \$12,500, extra sander; transmission had to be replaced on Meyer's pickup.

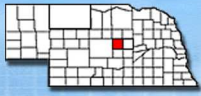
Weed Supt. Kaminski introduced State Inspector Dave Boshalt; last spring the best for spraying noxious weeds in County; presented 2016 Reports and Requirements which grades County on weed control, 16 open files, some open for several years, if infestation controlled for 3 years will close file, all controlled to some extent; good records and reports, attends training. Kaminski reported Bayer is trying to get approval of Method for spraying.

Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m., reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective Technologies presented a proposal for a new telephone and internet system for the Courthouse; average current monthly costs \$2,160; phone service, WiFi for building, wireless system and internet access would be provided with 60 month lease agreement, cost would be \$2,100 to \$2,300 per month, less after 5 years, warranty for 5 years; phone system could be installed in 3-5 days, wireless 2-3 weeks, service extended to Extension Office and Road Dept. Frontier will present proposal on May 30, Applied Connective will be here with final proposal, the Board will decide which service to accept on May 30.

Miranda Stoll reported for Healing Hearts and Families, have discharged several clients from Valley County, no clients currently from Valley County, including more parent involvement in program, community service is strong.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk and Assessor were present.



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The dates to hear Property Valuation protests were set as requested, June 27, July 10 (7:00 p.m.), July 11 and July 25 on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The NE Tax Equalization & Review Commission Findings & Orders were reviewed. The level of value for the residential class of real property is 95% of actual or fair market value. The level of value for the commercial class of real property is 98% of actual or fair market value. The level of value for the real property class of agricultural land and horticultural land not receiving special valuation is 71% of actual or fair market value. The Commission's conclusion was that no adjustment to the value of any class or subclass of real property in Valley County is required by law.

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

Cody Sitz sold his business, Premier Pump and Well Co., at the Mortensen Development Site to Rod Wimer and Don Anderson, AWS Well Co., specializing in irrigation and livestock wells; sale effective June 1, County Atty. Hanson will have assignment of Ground Lease and new Ground Lease at May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Marc Munford with Ameritas presented the option of a 5 year, 6 year or 7 year Lease Purchase for the new ambulance, delivered the first part of July, two payments per year. A motion was made by Baker to proceed with the 5 year term Lease Purchase to lock in present rate of 1.85%, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Munford will have firm rate on May 30.

County Atty. Hanson's report included: filed 8 tax foreclosures, busy year, several drug and alcohol search warrants have involved children that had to be removed from the home, more cost. Hanson will continue to review Scheideler road dispute.

Supervisor Cullers contacted Melanie Boden to provide 2 side dishes, a bun and dessert for \$6 per person for the County Recognition Dinner on June 2, she will get table service.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for April, noting balance of \$414,004.71 General, \$291,953.61 Road, \$1,101,482.98 Inheritance, \$134,526.31 Bond; total collected for the month \$4,680,000. One Pledge Security was noted from First National Bank for \$2,800,000 and one from Pathway Bank for \$80,000.

Supervisor Baker's 4-H Club will maintain the Round Park Cemetery. Baker contacted the locksmith and she will finish installing the locks this week.

Following review, VanSlyke moved to approve claims and fund request in the amount of \$27,483.50, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The letter from the Jail Standards Board stated that the report on the April 7, 2017 evaluation determined that the facility is in full compliance.

Valley Rods Unlimited Car Club's request to use the Courthouse restrooms on Sunday, June 18, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Father's Day auto show was approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

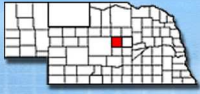
The Probation District 8 Budget for FY 17-18 was reviewed.

The County Disaster Declaration due to the snowstorm on April 30 causing excess losses for the Public Power Companies was approved on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers reported that the Wozab Fund balance is \$1,272,288.96.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p. m., to reconvene on May 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 9 meeting and an agenda for the May 30 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 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



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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