

# 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, September 11, 2018 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Baker, Cetak, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke present. Cullers and Waldmann absent (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The Minutes of August 28, 2018 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. No public comment offered.

Sevenker spoke to Edward Boone from Sen. Briese's office about the State concepts for the Hwy 11 Project, met with DOT; no changes made to concepts at the meeting; suggested County make counter offer for construction of a turning lane for the ethanol plant, County cannot pay for a turning lane, Road Supt. Meyer said that he had hypothetically suggested a 25-75% split to the DOT, DOT will not negotiate; County has received nothing in writing. On recommendation of Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve Easements 18-425 & 18-426 for City of Ord and waive the deposit, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann.

Meyers' General Report included: culvert installed in Haskell Creek area; milling roads, will armor coat; ordered striping paint, will stripe all roads; worked on truck; maintaining minimum maintenance roads, will publicize need to mow roadsides again, weeds cause problem with snow removal.

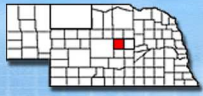
In the absence of Treasurer Suminski, the fund balances were reviewed: General \$471,047.84, Road \$315,189.75, Inheritance \$480,281.01, Debt Service \$175,081.65; total collected \$4,707,500. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports were reviewed. The Clerk reported on Resolution #18-13 Allowing County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund if needed, did not need to transfer.

Meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m., reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with Cullers and Waldmann absent.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m., no public comment. Accountant Chuck Abel was present to review the budget, which must be submitted to the State Auditor by Sept. 20. Abel reviewed Budget Summary documents he prepared regarding valuation and levy information, budgeted receipts and disbursements and projected fund balances and overall balance at the end of 2019. The valuation is 1,083,820,821, levy .232370. Last year's valuation was 1,080,547,662, the levy was .232370. The County will collect \$2,518,474 in taxes this year, restricted funds limit will not allow the County to collect any more taxes, levy cannot be raised. VanSlyke moved to close the budget hearing, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. DeRiso moved to approve Resolution 18-14 authorizing an additional 1% increase in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. Resolution 18-15 adopting the budget as published with the exception of an increase of hospital disbursements and lowering of cash reserves was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. Chairman Sevenker opened the Hearing to set Final Tax Request at 10:40 a.m., no public comment. Resolution 18-16, setting the Property Tax Request, was approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann. Sevenker closed the Final Tax Request Hearing. DeRiso moved to approve Resolution 18-17 authorizing the Treasurer and Clerk to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Road, Planning & Zoning and Weed Funds as needed to meet their obligations, not to exceed the budgeted amount allowed by the Board, since they do not have their own levy, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Cullers and Waldmann.

Correspondence between Cullers and Elaine Menzel, legal counsel for NACO, was discussed; the legislative mandate for calculation of restricted funds has not been updated for many years, cost of running the County has increased but mandated formula has stayed the same, allowable increase of restricted funds of \$74,860 only if County incurs \$122,336 of capital improvements which are not needed; it will be discussed at NACO and potential ideas conveyed to the County. Waldmann arrived at 10:55 a.m.



# Valley County Board Minutes



County Attorney Hanson presented a proposed resolution to prohibit engine braking as posted on all public roads in Valley County, under advisement until the next meeting to study the resolution. No trials this jury term, two trials scheduled for November.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:05 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Chuck Shoemaker appeared to discuss two parcels of land that are valued as partly dryland but should be all grass; purchased in 2003, Assessor sends questionnaires at the time of a sale with a copy of the land use sheet to make sure the land use is correct, received no response from the property owner; Board of Equalization can act on property values only during protest time which is June 1 through July 25 each year, cannot change values after March 19 unless a protest is filed; the values will be fixed after January 1, 2019. The Valuation Summary Sheet was reviewed, total valuation \$1,085,005,582, growth is a total of real and personal values, no growth in personal values this year. Certifications of Taxable Values for Political Subdivisions are available for review. Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried: Yes: Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

A reminder that the Central District meeting is to be held in Kearney on Sept. 20, was noted. No report concerning the construction of a feeding operation on Shack Ranch. A listing of the firearms owned by the Sheriff's office was added to their inventory, Baker feels the Treasurer's license plate collection should be included on the inventory. An update of the tax foreclosures from Attorney Sikyta was reviewed, suggested County not accept a quit claim deed from Jim Parkos for railroad property and allow the property to go through the foreclosure process and sold at Sheriff's sale, hearing on the County's default motion is set for September 18, Board will go with Sikyta's suggestion.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$29,511.45 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cullers.

It was noted that the NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting will be October 5 at the Kearney Holiday Inn, nominations for Board of Directors are open.

VanSlyke reported that the Region 26 tower is going up, will report on number of calls received each month at the next meeting. Baker reported that the grass and trees have been cut at the Round Park and Manderson cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene on September 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 11 meeting and an agenda for the September 25 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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