

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 28, 2019 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, Waldmann present; Baker (excused) and VanSlyke absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of May 14 meeting, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker and VanSlyke. VanSlyke arrived at 9:05 a.m. Agenda adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted, public copies available on counter. No public comment.

May Road Claims and Balances Report by Secretary Simpson included: Accounts Payable \$109,649.76, Payroll \$40,525.02; larger expenses include culverts, diesel, crushed brick, road work, crushed concrete, gravel, engineering for bridge replacement, chemicals.

Gravel bid date and time was set for June 25 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of Cetak, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sterling and Deborah Ritz requested an explanation of the process for the County to receive funds from FEMA, they need to get trucks in and out for their livelihood, they want to be part of the solution to get the roads fixed. Road Supt. Meyer responded; the County cannot find qualified grader operators, call if they need to get trucks out and Road Department will help, DeRiso said they need to call their congressmen. LB82 continues process of Road reports to the State but eliminates the requirement of the annual filing being sent to the State, copies are retained by the County, signed Resolution will be sent to the State.

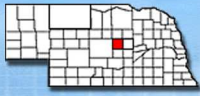
Meyer's General Report included: Vlach and Lammers are hauling dirt, fixing trucks, crushed concrete hauled from Grand Island, slides are developing on the sides of the roads, new employee will start in June.

VCHS CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented their monthly report. Glaubke presented the monthly hospital report; celebrated National Hospital Week, working on budget. Woodward reported the bond refinancing is on hold until a better interest rate is available, \$1.6 million bond payment will be made after approval at the next Board meeting. Woodward also reviewed financials: acute down; swing bed up; radiology up; hospice up; benefits up, hopefully able to negotiate better insurance rates; contributions are up. Sevenker read Gary Garnick's resignation from Valley County Hospital Board due to relocating to eastern Nebraska, Jessica Piskorski's letter expressing willingness to complete the term was reviewed. Cullers moved to appoint Jessica Piskorski to serve until April 30, 2021 to fill the remainder of the term of Gary Garnick, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Present for the Bridge Structure, Replacement, Removal and Materials Bid Openings were Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering; Jay Meyer, Valley County Highway Superintendent; Ryan Manning, Midwest Infrastructure; Kent Shirley, Simon Contractors; Adam Gubbels, Theisen Construction; Tom Bokenkamp, Ace/Eaton Metals; Ambrose Placzek, Midwest Service; Ed Hoebet, Ed Hoebet Excavations. Bids for structure replacement: Simon Contractors \$615,470; Theisen Construction \$472,023; Hoebet Excavation \$447,490; Midwest Infrastructure \$588,622. Material Bid A: Ace/Eaton Metals \$61,035; Midwest Infrastructure \$65,578. Material Bid B: Ace/Eaton Metals \$103,509; Midwest Infrastructure \$117,246. All bids will be reviewed by the engineer and recommendations will be made at the next meeting for formal acceptance.

Jay Spearman, Ameritas, presented information for highway allocation fund bonds to repair flood damage to the County roads, bonds can be paid down after 2 years at no penalty if money is received from FEMA. DeRiso moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance by the County of General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds not to exceed \$305,000 to pay the costs of construction and improving roads and related improvements, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

County Weed Superintendent Kaminski and Angie Kokes were present to discuss noxious weed control on the E½ NW4 25-20-14 belonging to James Schaaf; sent notice, returned non-deliverable, Sheriff served notice, nothing has been sprayed on parcel, have received no payment for forced spray last year; Kokes said main problem is spurge; landowner complained that trees were killed in last year's spray, County Attorney Clark reported that the County has no liability for trees, owner should have sprayed the weeds; notices have been sent for 17 years. Kaminski recommends sending 10 Day Notice, if nothing will force spray. Waldmann moved to give Kaminski the authority to



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issue a 10 Day Notice to control weeds served by the County Sheriff on Schaaf, on 11th day County will spray, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with Baker absent.

County Attorney Clark presented the Burial Policy; authorize cremation only, Board has final approval of applications approved by HHS, burial expense must contain an itemized invoice. VanSlyke moved to approve the Burial Policy, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The County Personnel Policy needs to be updated; Board can be involved in department personnel issues if there is the prospect of financial impact on the County, create steps to resolve issues, a committee will be appointed to work on the Personnel Policy at the June 25 meeting. No work has been done on the terms for the leased Mortensen Development Site lots. The agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services Center for juvenile detention services was reviewed, juvenile was placed at center. Cetak moved to sign the Agreement, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Clark will be gone from June 9-16, Glenn Clark will handle court and act while she is gone.

No recommendation has been received from the Veterans Service Committee concerning the appointment to the Committee, table to next meeting.

Sheri Goodrich, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented the review and findings for the DEQ application for Construction and Operating Permit for the JNR Farms, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation; NDEQ records for this site date back to 1972, requiring waste controls for compliance to Livestock Waste Control Regulations, applicant requesting expansion from 999 to 2,000 head, not located within currently mapped flood zone, will require a County Zoning Permit prior to start-up, will submit review and findings to NDEQ, no further action until Zoning Permit is received. Goodrich presented the GIS contract renewal, cost going from \$3,500 to \$3,672, choice of three or five year contract to lock in price. VanSlyke made the motion to sign a 5 year contract with GIS for service, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Noted that the NACO Board of Equalization and County Board Workshops will be June 5, 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The NACO Budget Workshop will be June 26 or 27 in North Platte or York.

VanSlyke moved to sign the 2019 Central Sandhills Community Wildfire Protection Plan, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Danny Vanek, County Custodian, reported on the masonry workshop he attended; old mortar between bricks should be removed with a hammer and chisel; space between the bricks should be filled with a hot mix of lime, sand and water; cement causes deterioration of bricks.

Following review, Cullers moved to approve the May claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$427,764.99, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

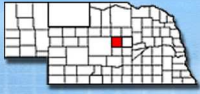
The Jail Standards Board has reviewed the report on the April 19 evaluation and has determined the Jail is in full compliance.

DeRiso reported that Mid Plains Center is doing well financially.

Mail folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene on June 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 28 meeting and an agenda for the June 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.



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