

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, January 8, 2019 in the Courthouse Boardroom, Supervisor Sevenker acting Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sevenker asked the County Clerk to take roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Baker. County Clerk presided over annual organizational duties calling for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: VanSlyke nominated Sevenker for Board Chairperson and Cullers for Vice Chairperson and moved nominations cease, second DeRiso. Baker arrived at 9:02 a.m. Board members feel that Sevenker and Cullers are doing a good job, appreciate what they do, willing to put in time and accept responsibility. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of December 26, 2018, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted Open Meetings act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

Resolution 19-01, authorizing the County Highway Dept. to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to County Highways when necessary was approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Information from Ace and Black Hills concerning the 2019 Choice gas selection was reviewed, can lock in present rate or wait until the selection period April 12-25, service for old road department shop, Ace included rates, need to call for Black Hills rates. VanSlyke moved to lock in the 3-year fixed rate of \$0.612 per therm offered by Ace, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Supt. Meyer's General Report included: pushed snow; still receiving request to open minimum maintenance roads; will maintain roads, some roads soft; snow blower worked great, hour of time using blower equal to 3 hours using blade; will start sign inventory; bridge match recipients announced January 11; will price fuel for contract while low; Jake Brake signs should arrive in a month.

Weed Supt. Kaminski presented and reviewed the 2018 Year End Reports and the 2019 Noxious Weed Plan; lowered acres of leafy spurge and musk thistle; 4 open files are justified, after 3 years of spraying the others should be closed. Baker moved to approve the 2018 Infestation Report and Activity Report, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. The 2019 Board Roster, Budget Form and Noxious Weed Control Plan were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

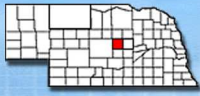
The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports for December were reviewed. The Clerk reported that a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund was not necessary in December.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Clark reported that she will send a stipulation to the Court of Appeals so Brandon Hanson can continue the inheritance tax appeal for the County. Clark stated that it is not necessary to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, by statute Nebraska is an at will state but courts have determined that there has to be a cause, incidents should be documented. She signed an authorization for cremation of a County resident; no family could be located; County pays up to \$1,800 for burial, HHS pays rest; will look into whether County can be reimbursed from the estate for expenses.

Treasurer Janet Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for December, noting \$153,239.70 General, \$316,765.36 Road, \$270,005.62 Inheritance, \$100,886.08 Debt Service (bonds), \$2,292.000 total collected. The Semi-Annual Fund Balance report was reviewed and will be published as required.

After reviewing a memo to be sent to all County officials and department heads requesting that spending be limited to salaries and very necessary expenses until County finances have improved, Baker moved that the Board sign the memo, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.



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The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$27,602.49 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak moved that the 2019 Board committees and representatives appointments remain the same as 2018, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker will sign the Memorandum of Appointment for the County Physician. Waldmann moved to make the County Website, www.co.valley.ne.us, an official means of publication for meeting notices, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Annual County Officers Signatures and Seals Report was not received.

Committee Reports: Sevenker reported that 3 young men cleaned the sidewalks at the Courthouse while Custodian Vanek was gone.

The meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m. to conduct the quarterly jail inspection and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with all members present.

At 11:10 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Deputy Assessor and Clerk were present.

Deputy Assessor Arnold presented Tax List Correction 3849 for Dishnet Satellite Broadband, the valuation was not entered correctly, should have personal property exemption making the tax due \$0.00. Correction approved on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:12 a.m. on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:15 the meeting adjourned to reconvene on January 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 8 meeting and an agenda for the January 29 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