

# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent none. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of January 8, 2019 approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. 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 Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed January road claims including: diesel, loader and grader payments, oil, parts, gravel, black top repair, accounts payable \$144,656.18, payroll \$48,707.38, received highway allocation of \$67,640.73, motor vehicle fees of \$14,582.63. If the Roads Department sells anything, the income goes in the Road Fund.

VanSlyke moved to set February 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. to review the 1 & 6 Year Road Plans, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: sold grader blades, repaired trailer, sign inventory in progress, fixing damaged signs, refacing 911 signs, salted roads, pushed snow. The County received \$200,000 from the Bridge Match program for 4 projects, buyback funds will be used to pay remainder of cost, 3 years to complete projects, bids will be taken.

Kristina Foth presented the bi-annual Valley County Tourism report: Agri/Eco Tourism Conference will be in Ord February 26-28, bring 150 guests to community, tours, presentations, local vendors; over 6,700 travel guides distributed; lodging tax increased 21.1%; 194 requests for travel information, will make the electronic version available. The Valley County Tourism Committee would like to acquire a list of licensed lodging facilities to communicate the impact they make with the lodging tax program, written request must be submitted by the County Supervisors. Cullers moved to sign the requested letter, second DeRiso. Carried: Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: Baker. Absent: none.

The renewal licensures for VCHS Home Health and Valley County Hospital at Home Professional Care were signed on a motion by Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the Hospital Report: Gala successful; sale of the nursing home is being reviewed by the attorney for Randy Kozeal, would like to close on March 1; all members of the Board of Trustees have completed the certification process, one of 17 hospitals to have all members certified; Carol Schroeder received the Hulda Osborn award from the NE Home Care Association (NHCA), only person receiving award in the state. CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly financials: ER down; lab down, lab gross up \$200,000, difference in type of tests; radiology up; nuclear medicine down; Home Health will receive 4% rate change, will help pay for drive time to areas that no longer have services; gross patient revenue down, benefits up, no benefit in refinancing bonds at this time, bond payment made in December.

County Attorney Clark reported she attended the new attorney training, will attend child support training in April, will look into receiving Federal funds for good child support performance, will appoint Attorney Hanson to continue the inheritance tax case through the court system.

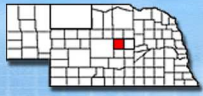
Derrick Gonzalez and James Bethel appeared to seek a compensation plan for unlawful imprisonment for 18 days Gonzalez was in jail before taking case to Federal Court which could take 10 years, all charges have been dropped, law enforcement does not receive proper training, funds are available that could eliminate property taxes, banks use private money to create loans.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

The report from Veterans Service Officer Walt Smith was reviewed, 391 Veterans came into office for help, computer program Vetraspec helpful.

The Mechanical Sales Preventative Maintenance Agreement cost \$6,312 and saved the County \$5,412.76, provides 2 maintenance checks per year, 10% reduction on parts; system installed in 2005, life span of 15 years; check with headquarters for other service providers. **Corrected at 2-12-19 meeting: installation of the heating and cooling system in the Courthouse was finished in 2007.**

VanSlyke left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.



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At 11:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. The Assessor and Clerk were present. Assessor Waltman presented a Tax Exemption Application on Real and Personal Property for Heartland Youth Ranch, requesting exemption for donated storage shed. Approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. The Board moved back into regular session at 11:07 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

January Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. Treasurer Suminski joined the discussion, funds are available for January, will have to register claims by time and date received if funds are not available, Board establishes interest rate for unpaid claims, will receive taxes in April. The Fund Request was approved in the amount of \$505,937.07, on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. No action was taken on Resolution 19-2 allowing the Co. Treasurer and Co. Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in January.

Wozab Fund Applications will be accepted from February 11 through March 15. The Annual Signatures and Seals Report was signed. Expenses for 2 burials were paid by the County, will ask the County Attorney to review the burial policy, contact other counties to see how much is paid for burial costs, will ask Kara Fischer with Ord Memorial Chapel to address the Board about costs. The 2020 NIRMA Underwriting Questionnaire was reviewed. Financial Interest Forms are due March 1. Pre-registration is open for the NACO Central District Meeting March 21 in Aurora. Jail Standards will inspect the jail on February 27. Berggren Architects has presented a claim for \$7,304.73 to pay Masonry Construction for retainage held for masonry restoration of the Courthouse, funds are not available to continue the restoration.

Cullers asked if scholarships will be awarded from the Wozab Fund, will not offer scholarships. Cullers also reported for Region 3; \$13,885,000 was expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, 3,024 individuals were served, 31.5% decrease in mental health commitments, 327 youth served through Mid Plains, 240 Veterans served.

At 11:40 a.m. Waldmann moved to go into closed session to discuss a threat of litigation for the protection of the public interest, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. The closed session concluded at 12:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene on February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting and an agenda for the February 12, 2019 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 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