

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, July 30, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; Baker absent (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. July 9 minutes approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Abstain: Sevenker, was not present for meeting. Absent: Baker. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for July: accounts payable \$239,736.49, payroll \$42,387.12, overtime \$5,155.81; allocation for August was \$81,935.77; larger expenses included culverts, motor grader and loader payments, equipment rental, gravel, parts, diesel, concrete, rock.

Grader Blade bid date and time was set for August 27 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cetak moved to approve Easement 19-430 for Frontier Communications, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyer presented Agreements for Professional Services by Oak Creek Engineering for replacement of Structure #C008804120, White Bridge; structure replacement on 476th Ave., north branch of Mira Creek; and structure replacement on 804th Rd., South Branch of Mira Creek. DeRiso moved to approve the agreements, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer's General Report included: overlaid Fort Road, overlaying Sargent/Ord Road; one of Ulrich's pumps is broken, getting gravel from Jeffres, longer haul; pulling shoulders; replaced bridge that caved in with culvert; will lay millings at Davis Creek. FEMA inspectors were here July 15, will have new project manager, FEMA wants paperwork for shoefly, would like to mitigate to up size White bridge, bond proceeds have been received.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported that 5 open cases were closed by the State, 6 still open; several should be closed next year, weeds are being controlled, will probably have one 10 day notice next year.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the monthly Hospital Report; good volumes in clinics, hospice numbers have doubled, labs up, revenue up, expenses up, offer competitive wages, Dr. McClanahan was elected Chief of Staff, attempted break-in at the Burwell clinic, have heard nothing more about sale of the nursing home.

Attorney Brandon Hanson presented the opinion of the Court of Appeals for the inheritance tax appeal, the judge's order was upheld, recommended no further action by the County.

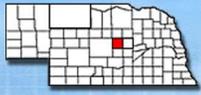
County Attorney Clark presented the names for the committee to review the personnel policy. One criminal case has been taken over by the Feds, the County will not pay any costs in the case; the juvenile case may be taken over by the Feds; there may not be any trials in September; individual in California who was placing threatening calls to Valley County residents has been arrested, do not want to bring him here, the NE Supreme Court Chief Justice will tour the Courthouse on August 13. The request for County burial is for a resident of the County.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with Baker absent.

Following discussion of liability concerns, Waldmann moved to allow the Ord Chamber to place a bouncy house on the Courthouse lawn and a water feature on the sidewalk on August 6 for the National Night Out with the understanding the County is not assuming any liability, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. There will be no County employee recognition dinner this year, many employees signed up for the dinner last year did not attend. A silent auction for surplus County property will be held from August 5-9. The Region 26 assessment for Valley County for the 2019-20 fiscal year will be \$54,874.15, assessment based on a 5 year usage, decrease for the County.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Assessor, Treasurer and Clerk were present.

A Motor Vehicle Exemption Application was presented for Mid-Nebraska Individual Services for a new vehicle. Following review of the application, Cetak moved to approve the application, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Notice of Rejection of Homestead



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Exemption for Laverne Jablonski due to death prior to August 15, 2019 deadline was approved on the motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. The 2019 Plan of Assessment was approved on the motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Tax List Correction 3853 for Barbara Veskerna., sold mobile home, sheds and garage, approved on motion of VanSlyke, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. The July 24 minutes for the special session to consider the Reports of Destroyed Real Property were approved on the motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Abstain: Sevenker, was not present for meeting. Absent: Baker. The Assessor and Clerk will work on a policy for accepting protests and present it at the next meeting.

The Board moved out of BOE at 11:20 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

County Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented preliminary budget information for FY19-20 based on the funds requested by the County Officials and department heads and estimated receipts for FY19-20. County cash balance is up; if all budget requests were spent General fund would be negative \$121,068, normally the General fund does not spend its entire budget; would need to increase levy from 23.2370 to 26.2370 to collect the same amount of taxes as last fiscal year.

At 12:00 p.m. VanSlyke moved to go into closed session, it being necessary for the protection of the public interest, for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding pending litigation, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The closed session concluded at 12:16 p.m. No action was taken.

July Claims and Fund Request were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$658,451.81, on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Resolution 19-13 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in July was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Courthouse will be 100 years old on September 22, 2020, continued the discussion of celebration to mark the event to May 2020. The Extension office has a used copier they will give to any County department wanting it. Sevenker will talk to Danny Vanek about contacting a person who worked on the tuck pointing of the Courthouse for tips on tuck pointing. Further information will be needed before a decision can be made concerning the possibility of the County paying part of employee family coverage. The request to sign a resolution supporting the petition drive by TrueNebraskans to place on the ballot a measure for property tax relief was tabled.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Wozab Fund ending balance was \$1,279,841.61, income for the period was \$32,117.08; expenses \$31,591.53; endowment payout available \$31,582.64.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. to reconvene on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 19-20 budget meeting and August 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 30 meeting and an agendas for August 12 and 13 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