

# 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, April 28, 2020 in the District Courtroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The minutes of April 14, 2020 meeting were approved on the motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Agenda was adopted on the motion of VanSlyke, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act on west wall, public copies available. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reported April Claims & Balances: accounts payable \$175,066.70, payroll \$49,774.08; received \$75,631.37 highway allocation and \$19,263.40 Motor Vehicle Fees; \$30,707.95 was transferred from the General Fund; larger claims were culverts, diesel, gravel, repair, parts, bareground chemical, sand; Buyback account is at \$88,958.05, which must be used for roads and bridges; \$113,290.56 left in budget for two months.

Resolution 20-07 adopting the One and Six Year Road Plans was approved on the motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Not enough left in Road Department budget for the last two months of the fiscal year; the bridge grant was not included in the budget, if added that line item would not be negative; no unnecessary spending; will need to have a public hearing to amend the budget before June 30. The cost of replacement of the bridge is still in the FEMA review process; can ask for advance funding but project has to be obligated first; how fast projects are submitted depends on the project manager, Valley County has had three different project managers. Board will finalize a June 9 public hearing at the May 13 meeting. Road Superintendent Meyer received a letter from NIRMA thanking the Road Department for making necessary improvements to the last sign audit route deficiencies and maintaining a good sign program, 100% of deficiencies corrected; Valley County one of only 11 of the 82 NIRMA member counties with 100% audit improvements.

Meyer's General Report included: trying to get consistency of crown on roads, talked to road crew about crowns and super elevation; roads that have been improved to keep water off will be rough until clods break up; the Ord Sargent road has a substandard base, problem not with asphalt, 1,200 vehicles per day use road, heavy truck traffic; cleaning ditches; will start on bridge east of North Loup. 100 yards of gear oil spilled on Pizza Hut Road, almost caused several accidents, used sand to clean up oil, responsible party will pay for cost of clean-up.

Monthly hospital report was reviewed, no one appeared to report. The County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court March Fee Reports were reviewed, not accepting passport applications at this time.

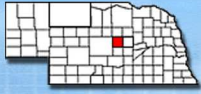
Treasurer Janet Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for March, noting \$76,535.43 General, \$392,782.55 Road, \$367,795.16 Inheritance, \$119,400.92 Debt Service (bonds), \$1,535,540 total collected. Sevenker asked if County will suffer loss of revenue due to COVID-19, Governor has issued stay on motor vehicle fees but not a loss only a postponement. Suminski presented her letter of resignation effective June 30, thanked County Board for support, recommended appointment of Deputy Peggy Brott to finish 2 years of her term. County Attorney Haberstick will report at next meeting on how to accept the resignation and act on the appointment.

Board reviewed the Jail Standards Inspection Report, in full compliance with Standards at time of inspection. Sheriff Hurlburt presented the payroll and Sheriff's office report for September, October, November and December; hopes commissary will generate enough income to replace windows in office; Deputy Grooms will be leaving in July to accept another job, has someone in mind to replace him; got a good deal and trade-in on old pickup to purchase pickup, saving budget because Judges order prisoners released on PR bonds.

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 11:00 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

The Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Carol Leggett due to passing on April 18, 2020 was approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.



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The Board moved back into regular session at 11:05 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board will meet as the Wozab Advisory Board to take action on the applications at 11:00 a.m. on May 13.

Following review, the Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$426,137.49 were approved on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Tax Increment Finance Reporting from the City of Ord was reviewed. A Public Hearing concerning an amendment to the Community Development Block Grants Re-Use Plan to discontinue the Loan Fund due to an idle account will be held on May 26 at 11:15 a.m.

The Courthouse lobby will be a polling place for May 12 Election Day, access to County offices will be blocked, restrooms will not be open. Valley County received a 15 year membership plaque notation from NIRMA. It will be suggested to County employees to refrain from parking on the east side of 15<sup>th</sup> street across from the Courthouse. Waldmann left at 11:35 a.m. VanSlyke moved to approve the appearance of the 43rd Army Band at Fort Hartsuff in 2021, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

United Health Care will send to covered employees a weight loss kit containing a digital scale, food scale, resistance band, portion plate, guides and videos. The last payment of the Rural Economic Development Loan will be made to Loup Valley Rural Public Power District in June.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 28 meeting and an agenda for the May 13 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