



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 26, 2020 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of May 13 meeting, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Baker (absent May 13). Waldmann moved to approve minutes of the May 13 Wozab meeting, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Baker (absent May 13). Agenda adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. 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 \$121,034.39, Payroll \$52,635.94, received \$72,917.55 highway allocation; \$78,363.53 was transferred from the General Fund; larger expenses include culverts, diesel, parts, labor, sand, gravel, engineering for bridge replacement. \$462,998.15 has been spent on gravel and \$62,650.09 for hauling gravel.

Gravel bid date and time was set for June 30 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Valley County has been awarded a sub-grant from FEMA of \$6,004.37 for removal of the shoo-fly at the White bridge, federal share of \$4,503.28 is being processed.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: grade roads when dry; hauling gravel; construction costs of White bridge in final review with FEMA; bridge by North Loup removed, gave half of salvage to Greeley County; repairing truck; North Loup bridge half completed. Baker requested help from the Roads Department setting up headstones in two cemeteries. Waldmann received a complaint concerning a new half mile fence constructed on Oak Canyon Road six feet closer to the County road than the old fence, 27 feet from middle of road, right of way should be 33 feet, may be a liability issue. Meyer said the center of the road may not be the center of the right of way, only a survey would prove if the fence is on County right of way. Both parties to the complaint will be invited to the June 9 Board meeting to discuss the issue.

VCHS CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward did not appear to presented their monthly report since the Courthouse is closed. A loss from operations in April of \$196,436 was noted, all specialty clinics should be back by June 4.

County Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported that Morley Koll has put off spraying weeds for several years, recommends sending 10 Day Notice, if nothing will force spray. Waldmann moved to give Kaminski the authority to issue a 10 Day Notice to control weeds served by the County Sheriff on Koll, on 11th day County will spray, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski, Assessor Waltman and Sheriff Hurlburt joined the discussion concerning reopening the Courthouse, Suminski presented tentative plans to reopen the Courthouse and maintain safety for customers and staff, the use of hand sanitizer and masks was discussed, Sevenker proposed putting plexiglass shields on the counter of each office. Baker moved to open the Courthouse doors and restrooms on June 1 with each official determining the policy for opening their office, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for April, noting \$603,196.10 General, \$293,966.52 Road, \$367,795.16 Inheritance, \$142,977.50 Debt Service (bonds), \$4,326,620 total collected. Additional Pledge Security to cover taxes collected was obtained from Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Farm Credit Bank. Baker moved to permanently increase the credit card limit from \$500 to \$750 for David Scheideler to pay for the analysis of blood samples from NMS Labs, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

The decision to join the Central NE Economic Development District was tabled until Judy Petersen can speak to the Board.



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Following review, Baker moved to approve the May claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$453,302.49, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers will ask County Attorney Haberstick to look into why the County is paying unemployment to a former employee who resigned their position and had been employed at another business, have not been able to reach anyone at the Department of Labor. The Phased Construction and Operating Permit Issued for Lean Line Pork, Inc. and Revoking of Modified Construction and Operating Permit for James Stewart Feed Yard, Inc. were noted.

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

The Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Carolyn Kerchal due to sale of property was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Waltman asked if the Supervisors are willing to inspect protested properties, several indicated they would, will wear masks and gloves while inspecting properties.

At 11:07 a.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Public Hearing to Amend the Existing Housing Reuse Plan to Discontinue the Loan Fund was opened at 11:15 a.m., no public comment. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 20-11 to amend the owner/occupied housing reuse plan to discontinue the housing revolving loan fund due to the account being idle, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers visited with the Quiz about doing an article for the 100th anniversary of the Courthouse, also interested in old Valley County pictures. Cullers also reported for Region 3; additional costs due to COVID-19, EPCs \$260,000, Employment Mental Health \$119,000, Halfway House \$92,000, Community Mental Health \$82,000; 43 services for Valley County for total of \$105,000. Baker is receiving updates from Loup Basin Health Department. DeRiso said he had talked to Kevin Sheldon, will attend the June 9 meeting, Board needs a report on the recent meeting of the Veterans Service Committee. VanSlyke said Region 26 could not operate at this time without technology. Baker will ask Joel Kokes to attend the June 9 meeting to discuss changes to his business at the Mortensen Site Development, AWS may be selling their business. Waldmann reported that Kristina Foth is the interim Economic Development Director.

Mail folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on June 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 26 meeting and an agenda for the June 9 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