

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, June 9, 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. Minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment was offered.

Billy and Lori Wadas appeared to discuss the complaint that their new fence was on the County right-of-way. Waldmann measured the distance of the fence from the right-of-way, some parts appear to be on the right-of-way and some not, line up with the REA line, on the north side of the line, feels REA poles are a bigger liability, road is wide. Wadas lined up the fence with the REA lines so it would not be on the County right-of-way, wants to build a fence in another area, Road Superintendent Meyer will work with Wadas to make sure fence is not on right-of-way. Waldmann moved to approve the location of the Wadas fence and to encourage the public to check with the Road Department before building a fence, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Kevin Sheldon, chairman of the Veterans Service Committee, was present to discuss the Veterans Service Officer, Walt Smith, and the Veterans Service Committee. Presently Smith is in the nursing home in Burwell, has been cleared to return home, due to COVID-19 has not been released. Sheldon said some paperwork for veterans did not get signed due to the COVID-19 closure; VA is not taking people; Valley County Hospital is working to serve Vets; have looked for replacement for Smith, no one found; Valley County pay is low for Service Officer and secretary; Office is open two days a week, calls taken at home; better to keep officer local. Sevenker said there should be a message on the telephone stating hours open. The Veterans Service Committee recommends someone to act as Service Officer, the Board appoints the Officer, Committee wants to stay with Walt until he retires, will send a Committee report every three months, Board is trying to improve service. Waldmann made a motion to reappoint Kevin Sheldon to the Veterans Service Committee for a 5 year term beginning July 1, 2020, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The hearing to amend the County Budget was opened at 9:30 a.m., no public comment. Accountant Chuck Abel was present to review the changes to the budget, overall budget up only \$34,000, adjustment of other funds, Roads Department cannot exceed budget. Sevenker closed the budget hearing at 9:40 a.m. Baker moved to approve Resolution 20-12 amending 2019-2020 fiscal year budget as published, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The \$33,898.40 received for sale of surplus road equipment will go into the Road Fund.

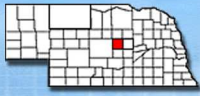
Janna Olson, Assistant Director of the Golden Husk, asked to use the Courthouse lawn and steps for a patriotic concert on Friday, July 3. Baker moved to approve the use of the lawn and steps, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: working on truck; bridge by North Loup almost finished; laying asphalt; hauling gravel; so far received only \$20,000 from FEMA for building shoefly and taking out shoefly, nothing for anything else, have not heard from the Project Manager.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported that Koll had sprayed about 40 acres, ten days are up tomorrow. Morley and Sheryl Koll reported they are trying to spray, fighting wind, was supposed to be sprayed last year but sprayer contacted was behind so spraying did not get done, neighbors are organic farmers. Kaminski said there are a couple more weeks left to spray leafy spurge. Board decided to revisit the issue at the end of June.

Joel Kokes reported that Kokes Repair at the Mortensen Site is closed to the public, he is freelancing welding and repair, has one part-time and one full time employee, has built 3 times on one area adding \$300,000 of improvements instead of building on second lot, not dissolving Kokes Repair.

The NIRMA billing statement for 2020-21 in the amount of \$101,227, an 8.55% increase of \$7,973, was reviewed, must be paid by June 30. The Claims and Fund Request for \$175,579.19 were reviewed and approved on



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motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m., and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Haberstick said the NE Department of Labor sent the invoice for payment of unemployment benefits for a former employee in error, check has been returned to the County; AWS Well is searching to assign their lease at the Mortensen Site, Board would approve assignment; defendant in Psota case has hired an attorney, no more court appointed attorney fees; will file charges on a prisoner being held for Garfield County for damages in the jail.

The changes to the By-Laws of the Tourism Committee concerning number of members of the Committee, date of meetings and number of members for a quorum were reviewed. Cullers made the motion to approve the changes, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to reappoint Betty Carlson to the Visitors Committee for a 4 year term, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski presented the Fund Balance Report for May, balance of \$661,868.07 General, \$274,122.33 Road, \$397,593.33 Inheritance, \$150,222.71 Bond; total collected for the month \$2,257,314. Pledge Security for First National Bank was released. Subsequent real property taxes and interest were sold to 5 tax sale companies in the amount of \$34,415.66, tax sale companies purchase delinquent taxes in March, issued Tax Sale Certificate as taxes become delinquent, can purchase additional taxes added to original certificate, mature in 3 years after date of issuance, company can pursue legal foreclosure.

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

Waltman presented the Assessor Certification of Complete revision of the 2020 Real Property Assessment Roll. The notices of Valuation Change for County property and Overvalued/Undervalued Report were reviewed.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m. on the motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The Clerk and Clerk of the District Court fee reports were reviewed.

The Governor's necessary expenditures and requirements for County government to receive reimbursement for COVID-19 related expenses was discussed, Courthouse and County offices must be open for business on non-appointment basis by June 15, can receive reimbursement for qualified expenses including personal protective equipment and sanitizing products.

The Region 26 Interlocal Agreement renewal was reviewed. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 20-13 to participate in the Region 26 Council and authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene on June 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 9 meeting and an agenda for the June 30 meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the June 9 meeting 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