

# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, Waldmann present; Cetak (excused) and VanSlyke (excused) absent. The Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. July 14 and July 21 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Abstain: Sevenker, was not present for meetings. Absent: Cetak and VanSlyke. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak and VanSlyke. 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 \$447,709.43, payroll \$53,555.71; allocation for August was \$51,951.04, , transfer from General Fund \$223,594.86; larger expenses included motor grader and loader payments, bridge final payment, gravel, HFE 300, diesel, professional services, tires.

Road Superintendent Meyer asked if money received from FEMA should be used for payment of claims or saved to pay off Highway Allocation Bond in 2021, will continue discussion to the next Board meeting. Meyer reported trains are stopping on the tracks to switch cars for Coop on the road in the area by North Loup where the unsafe bridge was removed, the wait is 30 minutes or more, only way in or out in an emergency; can install a low water crossing, water will go over, \$70,219 estimate to build crossing, do not know if Greeley County will help with cost; Sevenker asked if there is a limit to the time the trains can stop on the road; the land owner will not sell the land to build a road; will ask County Attorney Haberstick to contact the railroad. Meyer's General Report included: will install culvert on Sargent Ord Road; asphalt roller needs to be replaced, will rent to purchase later in the year; the Ord city crew helped trim trees on the Sargent Ord Road.

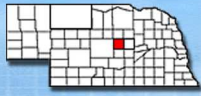
Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report. Glaubke reported Dr. Schneider is leaving at the end of this month, recruiting replacement; new ENT will be providing services twice a month; Rhonda Bredthauer named employee of the quarter; will install new cat scan, rent a mobile unit while installing; received COVID funds, do not have to pay back if space to treat COVID patients is added to hospital, will add 1,000 square foot space to isolate a two patients, can use for treatment room or cancer treatment in the future, Hackel Construction will build for \$300,000, ready in late fall. Woodward reviewed financials: volume down in March, April and May, revenue back in line with the budget, Medicare and Medicaid down, costs up, benefits up, revenue gain for the month. Glaubke added it is difficult to get medical records from the VA for Veterans.

County Budget Accountant, Chuck Abel, presented preliminary budget information for FY20-21 based on the funds requested by the County Officials and department heads and estimated receipts for FY20-21. County cash balance is down; if all budget requests were spent General fund would be negative \$302,684, normally the General fund does not spend its entire budget; would need to increase levy from 28 to 30 to collect the same amount of taxes as last fiscal year, towns and acreages will pay increase, taxes down for farm ground.

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

County Attorney Haberstick reported that only the equipment was sold by AWS at the Mortensen site, building for sale, County will assign lease when building is sold; recommended that County not file a Proof of Claim in the Purdue Bankruptcy for prescription opiate litigation, NE Department of Justice is negotiating a settlement agreement; may be no jury trials in September; will contact track master concerning trains blocking road by North Loup. Baker left at 10:55 a.m. Haberstick said law enforcement thought death in North Loup was questionable, autopsy was ordered, COVID test is required before autopsy. On recommendation of Haberstick, Cullers moved to renew the contract with Lancaster County Youth Services Center for juvenile detention, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke. The Assessor and Clerk were present. The 2020 Plan of Assessment was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke. The Clerical Error Report was reviewed, data entry error for Larry Koelling corrected. Report approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes:



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Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke. The 2020 Cemetery Report was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke. The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:20 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke.

The Clerk registered on the website for the CARES Act reimbursement program for COVID related expenses, received no notification of approval, entities must first seek reimbursement for expenses from the FEMA Public Assistance Program, County expenses do not meet FEMA threshold of \$3,300, will continue to record expenses. Cullers is waiting to hear if Quiz will do story on Courthouse turning 100 years old.

July Claims and Fund Request were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$881,645.57, on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke. Resolution 20-16 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 DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker, Cetak, VanSlyke.

The JNR Farms concentrated Animal Feeding Operation addendum to construction and operating permit, NDOT reimbursement of \$700 for Highway 11 post construction survey and the error on the NE State Probation District 8 budget were noted. DeRiso will talk to Rick Vlach on the NRD Board concerning the construction of a dam by North Loup, the NRD should be involved in the discussion.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Wozab Fund ending balance was \$1,286,445.57, income for the period was \$97,806.93; expenses \$33,511.49; endowment payout available \$33,750.29.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to reconvene on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 20-21 budget meeting and August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 28 meeting and agendas for August 10 and 11 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