

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, September 29, 2020 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The minutes of September 8, 2020 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Abstain: Waldmann, was not present for meeting. Absent: Baker. The minutes of September 14, 2020 were approved on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Abstain: DeRiso, was not present for meeting. Absent: Baker. Waldmann moved to adopt the agenda, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed the September Road Payroll/Claims: Accounts Payable \$230,556.26, Payroll \$55,065.30; larger expenses include diesel, crushed rock, gravel, parts, labor, marking paint, rock, HFE300; \$149,012.30 transferred from General, Highway Allocation for September is \$93,168.24.

Road Superintendent Meyer reported Resolution 18-21 on prohibition of Jake Brakes allows signs to be posted on any County road. VanSlyke moved to erect Jake brake signs on Ashton Ave between Highways 11 and 22, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer believes the speed limit needs to be reduced; site inspections were conducted August 18, 2015 and September 9, 2020 by Lance Harter, recommended reduction of speed limit from 50 mph to 35 mph; a resolution to reduce the speed limit will be considered at the next meeting. Meyer received a damage claim of \$3,832.20 in April from Frontier Communications for cutting a phone line in November; County installing a culvert; digger hot line marked one cable but not the other cable, Meyer offered to pay \$1,200 since County was not at fault, Frontier countered with \$3,150, Attorney Haberstick received a tort claim from Frontier but it was not filed properly, will review pictures supplied by Meyer.

Meyer's general report included: will finish overlaying on Sargent Road, ground off high spots on Haskell Creek Road, finished two bridge replacements, will install several culverts.

Katie Walmsley from the Chamber requested the use of the Courthouse lawn on November 28 for the Winterfest snowball drop. Cetak moved to allow use of lawn, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Hospital CEO, Nancy Glaubke, noted the audit was completed; COVID addition is on pause, new cost estimate is \$600,000, new criteria to use COVID funds, have until June 30 to use money or pay back; CT scan installed; Kim Stuhmer is the new Home Health director; watching for ransomware; McDonald's building used for drive through COVID testing; signed two year rental for Loup City clinic building, looked at the bar for sale as a possible site for a clinic. Hospital CFO, Ashley Woodward, reviewed the financial and statistical information: home health, hospice and lab down; swing bed down; gross patient revenue down; benefits down; 292 days cash on hand.

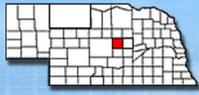
Cory Shaaf noted Agland bought the AWS personal property at the Mortensen Site, not interested in the building, would like to extend present building on lot 1 onto lot 3. Baker arrived at 10:05 a.m. Sevenker presented development restrictions adopted in 2003. Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich said a zoning application with a drawing is needed for her to review, any County covenants or restrictions can be more than zoning regulations but not less.

Meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m., reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

Ann Giebler from LegalShield presented information concerning legal aid and ID protection that can be purchased by the employees at no cost to the County, employees can opt for payroll deduction for payment. Baker made the motion to approve payroll deductions for LegalShield, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: Cullers. Absent: none.

County Attorney Haberstick emailed NIRMA concerning any liability of the County for removal of the bridge by North Loup; do not need a resolution to close the bridge, if bridge was unsafe the County is removing harm; railroad is difficult to work with; County could build a water crossing. An inmate was evaluated to determine if competent to stand trial, not competent, will be committed to the Lincoln Regional Center for rehabilitation, cost paid by DHHS.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:15 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.



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Tax List Corrections #3868 and #3869 for Lazy Lanes Inc. due to non-reporting of property items were approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:20 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried: Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting and NACO Legislative Conference were noted.

September claims and fund request in the amount of \$619,819.54, approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 20-23 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 September to meet expenditures was approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Jail Standards Board review determined the Valley County Jail is in full compliance. Nominations for NACO awards, NACO Legislative Planning Day agenda for October 8, NACO Annual Conference on December 9-10 and close out letter for the Community Assistance Contact were noted. VanSlyke moved to sign the Cost Reimbursement Subaward Agreement for increased expenses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. After discussion, the proposal for an ad in Nebraska Life Magazine was not accepted.

Cullers reported Region III has received COVID funds to use for mental health issues. The County credit card has earned many points that should be used, will check if can receive cash for points. VanSlyke reported Region 26 looking into tower for Davis Creek area, considering use of tower by Arcadia.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on Oct. 13, at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of Sept. 29 meeting and agenda for Oct. 13 meeting available for public inspection in office of County Clerk and on 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