

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, November 24, 2020 in the District Courtroom. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Absent: Cetak (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on October 21, 2020 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Baker left the meeting. Minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on east wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment. Baker returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the monthly Claims Report including: HFE 300, snowblower chain, diesel, gravel, blades, planer payment, ice control salt, pavement marking paint, final roller payment; payroll \$52,727.66; claims \$135,693.35; transfer \$70,880.72; Highway Allocation \$93,407.12; \$12,516 left in gravel budget.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve Easement 20-442 for Kevin Nevrvy, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Meyer's General Report included: culvert finished; inspecting bridges; working in the shop; received letter from Frontier demanding payment for the cut cable. County Attorney Haberstick received a letter from an Oklahoma attorney for Frontier, had one year from the incident to file a proper tort claim with the County Clerk, no claim filed, received last letter one week after the one year date, will write another letter. Haberstick reported there may not be a jury trial in January, the last hearing had to be postponed because both attorneys were in quarantine due to COVID.

County Assessor Waltman, County Treasurer Brott and custodian Vanek joined the meeting to discuss Courthouse policy related to COVID; Vanek doing additional cleaning at night; Directed Health Measures recommend masks, no mask mandate, would be difficult to enforce mandate; each office taking precautions as needed; many people are wearing masks; will place masks and hand sanitizer at the door.

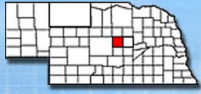
The 2020 NACO in person conference has been cancelled, virtual NACO Business meeting via Zoom Thursday, December 10, election of officers via live poll. Baker left meeting at 9:50 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke reported 75 veterans attended the breakfast on Veteran's Day; purchase of deep tissue laser therapy machine was approved, closest therapy was New West; will not build addition to hospital, not approved for use of COVID funds, too expensive, COVID funds may have to be repaid; difficult to transfer patients. CFO Ashley Woodward presented the yearly audit report: cash balance of \$30.4 million, includes COVID funds which may have to be repaid; debt decreased, revenue increased, expenses increased; received COVID money as a critical access hospital. Baker left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The Valley County Health System board approved making an advance bond payment, pay off bonds with interest rates of 2.85% and higher, will save \$50,000 in interest, reduced \$23 million in bonds to \$6.6 million. Cullers moved to approve Resolution 20-32 calling \$1,610,000 of Valley County general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2012 dated April 4, 2012, Series 2013 dated June 12, 2013, Series 2014 dated May 28, 2014 for payment and redemption prior to maturity, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak. Baker returned at 10:15 a.m.

Kayla Hinrichs, Extension Educator, introduced Hilary Maricle, Engagement Zone Coordinator. Maricle is working to retain the best talent at "field level," connecting University resources to Nebraskans and strengthen Extension statewide. Baker moved to approve the appointment of Randy White to the Extension Board beginning January 2021, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

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

The Claims and Fund Request information was reviewed. Cullers moved to approve the November Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$539,774.06, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Resolution 20-31 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 November was approved on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak.



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After discussion of closing times for County offices on Christmas Eve, Cullers made the motion to close at noon on Christmas Eve, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Waldmann made a motion to designate the Ord Quiz and Grand Island Independent as official County newspapers for 2021, second Cullers, Caried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

After reviewing the Cobra and FSA Administrative Services proposal from Mid-American Benefits, Waldmann moved to switch services from TASC to Mid-American Benefits, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Cullers made the motion to accept the request from First National Bank to serve as a designated depository for funds for 2021, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Committee Reports: DeRiso reported Mid-Plains is doing well financially.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene on December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 24 meeting and an agenda for the December 8 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and 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