

# 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, December 8, 2020 in the District Courtroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on November 18, 2020 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Cetak, was not present for meeting. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on east wall, public copies available. Under public comment Angie Kokes expressed her opposition to a County mask mandate, choose for yourself whether or not to wear mask, touch face more when taking off mask to drink or adjust, bad for economy; Bill Karr stated his concern for the spiritual health of children, need to know the true meaning of Christmas, courthouse has a Santa but not a nativity, would provide a small one, raise money for a bigger one, item will be added to next agenda; Jeff Fauss is opposed to a mask mandate, use common sense, masks drop oxygen level; Leslie Sikyta is opposed to a mask mandate, masks don't work, just comfort for the wearer.

Bob Reilly, physician's assistant certified, said he has had to dress in a surgical gown, N95 mask, gloves, shoe coverings and hair covering every day 14 hours a day since March, tired, nurses getting sick, virus is here, mask mandate policy would reduce the number of COVID cases by 100 per month, Ord mayor said the City will follow the County's lead, wear masks in public areas. County Attorney Haberstick stated a mask mandate is a city or state issue, County does not have authority to issue a mandate, would be a liability and constitutional issue for the County. Sheriff Hurlburt said he would not cite someone for not wearing a mask. Cullers has great respect for healthcare workers. Sevenker added that businesses have the right to issue a mandate for their business, Board does not have that authority. DeRiso and VanSlyke believe it is a City and not a County issue. Baker stated there is a 99.5% recovery rate. Cetak believes people should wear a mask if they want to. Waldmann said there would be no way to enforce a mandate. No action was taken by the Board.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented the 2021 Weed Control Plan for review, reluctant to use 15 day notices because \$1,500 fine is cheaper than a spray bill; weed infestation has increased, musk thistles in new areas, lower spurge acres. Haberstick said Hall County charges for services after issuing a 15 day notice, can levy a fine after 15 days for every day of violation.

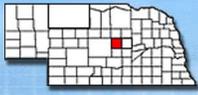
In the absence of Treasurer Brott, the Month End Fund Report was reviewed: General Fund balance \$0.00, Road \$115,722.54, Relief \$52,095.70, Inheritance \$129,159.30, total collected \$745,696. Pledge security was released for First National Bank. Resolution 20-33, designating depositories the County Treasurer may use, was approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Fund Balance Listing was reviewed.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: finished culver south of Fairplay school; patched holes; bridge inspections done; NEMA team reviewing request for FEMA funds, needed another form to release funds, needed cancelled checks and contracts which had been previously sent, will have to inspect projects before releasing NEMA's 12.5% of funds; mowing the roadside must have caused spark that ignited grass fire; applied for Bridge Match funds; fuel costs going down; gravel payments will be less. Materials for Bridge Replacement Bid was opened and read by Superintendent Meyer at 10:10 a.m. A bid was received from Ace Irrigation. The bid included: material for structure replacement located 3 miles west of North Loup \$44,500, Structure #C008802910 6 miles south of Ord \$59,990 and Structure #C008802015 6 miles west of Ord \$55,200 for total of \$159,690; materials will not be delivered until June and July. Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering will review the bid. Cetak moved to table action on the bid until the December 29 meeting, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports were reviewed. The Clerk reported that \$210,384.00 was transferred from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in November.

Candidates for two NACO Board positions were noted.



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The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$29,725.91 were approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

The list of 2021 State and Federal Holidays observed by the County was approved on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Executive Order #20-36 Corona Virus Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver allowing all governing bodies to meet by electronic communication as long as meeting access is made available to members of the public and the media through January 31, 2001 was reviewed. The renewal rates for Principal dental, vision, critical illness and accident coverage were reviewed, rates are not changing.

Waldmann made the motion to send a memo to all County officials and department heads asking that spending be monitored and reduced, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to set the date to bid lease of the County farm ground for January 12, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers moved to sign the contract with Maximus to prepare the County's Cost Allocation Plan and Title IV-D Child Support Indirect Cost Rates required by the state for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on December 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting and an agenda for the December 29, 2020 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and 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