

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in the District Courtroom, Supervisor Cullers acting Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Cullers asked the County Clerk to take roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Cetak (excused) and Sevenker (excused). Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were called for: VanSlyke moved to retain Sevenker for Board Chairperson and Cullers for Board Vice Chairperson, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on December 16, 2020 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of December 29, 2020, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. Cullers noted Open Meetings act posted on east wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

Baker moved to appoint Jay T. Meyer, License #S-1162 Class A as the employed Highway Superintendent beginning January 12, 2021, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. Resolution 21-01, authorizing the County Highway Department to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to County Highways when necessary was approved on motion of Waldmann, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. DeRiso moved to deposit payments received from FEMA in the FEMA Relief Fund to be transferred to the General Fund as needed, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: Baker. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: snowblower back in service; truck repaired; will add extensions to culvert near Trevor Petska; will receive \$62,000 from Bridge Match program, work cost less than estimate, reimbursement less, resolution to approve payment at next meeting.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented and reviewed the 2020 Year End Reports and the 2021 Noxious Weed Plan; increased acres of musk thistle, leafy spurge declining. Sevenker arrived at 9:25 a.m. VanSlyke moved to approve the 2020 Infestation Report and Activity Report, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The 2021 Board Roster, Budget Form and Noxious Weed Control Plan were approved on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports for December were reviewed. The Clerk reported that a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund was not necessary in December.

In the absence of Treasurer Brott, the Fund Balance Report for December was reviewed, \$238,566.60 General, \$111,107.02 Road, \$130,082.49 Inheritance, \$55,868.96 Debt Service (bonds), \$2,489.526 total collected. The 2020 levy comparison was reviewed. Pledge Security for First National Bank was released. Pie charts showing 2020 tax levy distributions were reviewed. The Semi-Annual Fund Balance report was reviewed and published as required.

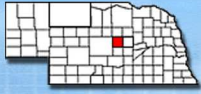
County Attorney Haberstick will have an opinion concerning the use of the Courthouse lawn at the next meeting. The Marvin Wilson Trust property described as N50' of L15 and L16 Sunrise Addition has been referred for tax foreclosure, property has no value to the County, will ask adjacent landowners if they are interested in property.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with Cetak absent.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$30,444.06 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

VanSlyke moved that the 2021 Board committees and representatives appointments remain the same as 2020 with the addition of CNEDD representative John DeRiso and Steffan Baker alternate, second Sevenker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak. VanSlyke moved to sign the Memorandum of Appointment for the County Physician, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The Annual County Officers Signatures and Seals Report was signed. The County Audit was handed out, will act on at next meeting.

Sevenker moved to designate the County website as a method to provide notice of Board meetings, second Baker. Carried: Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Waldmann



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made the motion to offer 80 hours of paid sick for COVID-19-related reasons to any employee who has not used this benefit, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The retirement of Larry Dix from NACO and MIPS was noted. The Sheriff's Quarterly Report was reviewed, estimates will be obtained for replacement of jail windows.

At 11:00 a.m. the Public Hearing was opened to allow residents the opportunity to speak for or against the lease of the County owned real estate with Aaron Jacobs, James Knapp, Cole Baker and Jeremy Shoemaker in attendance. Sevenker stated that water costs are \$61 per acre. Knapp said that the pump and pipe on the East County Farm belong to him, he appreciated renting the properties for many years. The Hearing was closed at 11:15 a.m. with no objections to renting the properties.

Jeremy Shoemaker opened the bidding on the Mortensen Farm containing 46.94 irrigated acres at \$9,000, Cole Baker bid \$10,000; after a series of bids between Shoemaker and Baker, Baker declined to raise Shoemaker's bid of \$15,250. Sevenker moved to accept Shoemaker's bid of \$15,250, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Cole Baker for Baker Ag started bidding on the East Farm at \$22,050, there were no other bids. Baker moved to accept the bid of Baker Ag, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

At 11:35 a.m. the meeting adjourned to reconvene on January 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 12 meeting and an agenda for the January 26 meeting 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.

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