

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on December 16, 2020 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of January 12, 2021 approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Abstain: Cetak (absent January 12) and Sevenker (absent for part of meeting). Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed January road claims including: diesel, loader and grader payments, oil, parts, gravel, accounts payable \$160,515.81, payroll \$47,256.67, highway allocation \$79,168.87, motor vehicle fees \$16,719.47, gravel budget over. Baker arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Bridge Match projects were completed for less than estimated, receive less from State, allowed contingency amount, will receive \$77,942, resolution needed to receive funds. Waldmann moved to approve Resolution 21-3 certifying proper completion of project, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: pushed snow; salted roads; working on trailer and truck; found new source of salt at Neligh, less corrosive; truck upset during storm, hoist pin broken, will check on insurance.

Attorney Haberstick could not attend meeting. DeRiso reported that owner of Marvin Wilson property believed the land referred for foreclosure was part of his property, continued to next meeting.

January Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. The Fund Request was approved in the amount of \$523,833.50 on the motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 21-2 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 January, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker moved to accept Wozab Fund Applications from February 8 through March 15, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The applications will be advertised February 3, 10, and 17, the meeting to award the Wozab funds will be at the end of March, \$31,720.59 is available to be awarded.

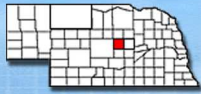
Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the Hospital Report and monthly financials: number of people utilizing test Nebraska has decreased; administering second round of COVID vaccine to employees, over 50% elected to receive vaccine; Dr. Katie Ward will be replacing Dr. Schneider August 22; Drive-thru for meals for Gala was held, online silent auctions; unknown if some COVID funds can be kept; volume down, hopefully specialty clinic schedules will be back to normal by end of January; CT scans down; MRIs up; Home Health busy; revenue down; interest income minimal; COVID payroll protection funds kept employees employed when specialty clinics and surgeries were limited.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

After review of the County Audit for FY 19-20, VanSlyke moved to accept the results and ask the auditors to attend a Board meeting to explain the audit, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The formal notice of the retirement of Walter Smith, Valley County Veterans Service Officer, effective January 29, 2021 was accepted on the motion of Cetak, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

A letter received from Donna and Carl Streeter regarding employees from the Assessor's office on their property to measure the house and garage, accused employees of looking in the windows, employees by house to get accurate measurement. Sevenker reported that County Attorney Haberstick felt a 1977 Attorney General's opinion that the County Assessor has the right to go onto real estate for assessment purposes is valid. Assessor Waltman said in the future, her office will try to contact the owner of a new house before assessment.



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Sevenker will contact Senator Tom Briese to ascertain his opinion on LB310 to reduce the inheritance tax over a several-year period. The NPDES general permit for operations confining cattle for Big E'Z Backgrounding, Inc. and retirement of NACO Executive Director, Larry Dix, were reviewed. LB102 transferring duties of ex officio Clerks of the District Court to the Judicial Branch was discussed, will obtain more information.

At 11:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk was present. The Motor Vehicle Application for Exemption by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for Heartland Assembly of God was approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Board moved back into regular session at 11:08 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Sevenker reported that office used by the Sheriff and deputies needs better lighting. Cullers reported for Region 3; spent half of the budget, Cullers resigned from the executive board. Cullers also reported for the Wozab Fund; beginning balance \$1,316,199.34, ending balance \$1,375,773.43,

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting and an agenda for the February 9, 2021 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