



# 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, February 9, 2021 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 January 20, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. VanSlyke moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021, DeRiso second. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act; public copies available. No Public Comment offered.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: passed around sample of new salt, mixture of vodka, rum and beet juice, reduces corrosion by 80%, leaves brown residue, mix two scoops of ice gravel to one scoop of salt, use less; pushed snow; received \$276,556.13 from FEMA; will receive Federal buy back funds in March; damage to the truck that turned over appears to be minimal.

The Clerk of District Court fee report for January was reviewed, will present County Clerk report at next meeting. The Clerk reported that a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund was not necessary in January. Pledge security of \$530,000 from First National Bank was noted

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for January: \$156,522.76 General, \$118,118.79 Road, \$138,533.02 Inheritance, \$66,058.10 Debt Serv. (bonds), \$102,469.62 State reimbursement to County for Personal and Real Estate Tax Credits. The delinquent tax list will be published for 3 weeks as required; the tax sale will be March 1.

Board agreed to place an ad in the Ord Quiz to congratulate Walt Smith on his years of service and request a card shower of well wishes.

Kristina Foth and Katie Walmsley presented the Tourism Bi-Annual report: to date lodging tax collections for 2020 total \$29,558, over 2019 collections with one month to go; received \$8,250 grant, will use for advertising; looking into registering downtown district of Ord as historic district, building not subject to restrictions if designated, will talk to owners, need background of each building, Valley County Historical Society expressed interest in helping with project, owner can apply for tax credit on income tax. Valley County Economic Development will hold a strategic planning session to identify needs and priorities of development with interlocal agreement partners, Nebraska Public Power District will facilitate the session, Board representatives Waldmann and Piskorski will attend, VanSlyke agreed to attend to represent the Arcadia area.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with Baker leaving at 10:10 a.m.

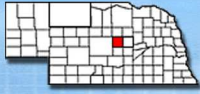
Randy Tonniges will attend the next meeting to present the audit. Sevenker emailed State Senator Briese concerning LB310 to reduce the inheritance tax, received no response, table until next meeting.

Due to a clerical error, the claims for the first meeting in January were included in the Fund Request approved at the last meeting in January, request \$30,444.06 long, funds still in the bank, amount is enough to pay first meeting claims, no Fund Request needed. Following review, claims in the amount of \$29,993.09 were approved on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The NIRMA 21/22 Underwriting Questionnaire and National County Government Month in April were reviewed. Financial Interest forms are due March 1. The Board will meet in the County Boardroom again starting on February 23.

Cullers reported for Region 3, expenditures for 2020 were \$15,093,501, 10,369 individuals served. VanSlyke report for Region 26, two people now on call to meet service needs, worried about fires due to dry conditions.

Cory Steel, Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation, joined the Board by teleconference to discuss consolidation of the Clerk Magistrate and Clerk of the District Court: 5 counties have consolidated; assume duties of court, one court office; look at caseloads for past few years to determine staffing, Valley District Court and County Court caseloads call for full staffing; agreement with State for portion of salary, all benefits provided by State, Valley County portion would be 25% of salary and State 75%, cost to County would be \$14,000 for salary. If LB102 which is a mandate for the State to take over the ex officio offices of District Court passes, the State would fully fund the Court office at no cost to the counties. After the conclusion of the teleconference, the Board visited with Clerk Magistrate Roberta Meschke; judges open to taking on District Court, would like to staff 32 hours a week, hiring assistant clerk,



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would staff according to agreement with the State. Will continue discussion at next meeting after gathering more information.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 11:23 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Tax List Correction #3873 for Bradley and Deborah Nagorski and Sharilyn Nagorski due to clerical error was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:25 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m., to reconvene on February 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 9 meeting and an agenda for the February 23 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](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