



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 23, 2021 in the Courthouse Boardroom. 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. The minutes of February 9 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda for February 23 was adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act on the west wall, copies available. No Public Comment offered.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed February claims, noting the larger expenses; salt, repairs, parts, blades, oil, cold planner payment, diesel; accounts payable \$44,432.40, payroll \$49,445.25, no transfer from General Fund; received highway allocation of \$74,037.31, incentive payment of \$9,000. Road Superintendent Meyer reported the blackslicer salt is made from vodka and rum by products, use half the rate, more effective, does not cake. Waldmann moved to set the time and date for the public hearing on the One and Six Road Plans to March 30 at 9:15 a.m., second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: receive \$67,524.23 from the State for Bridge Match instead of \$77,942 as previously mentioned; moved snow; doing repairs in shop; submitting estimate for damage on truck to insurance, refacing 911 signs; repairing equipment; burn waste oil to heat shop, saves money.

The County Clerk fee report for January was reviewed, Cullers noted a discrepancy on the report, report was corrected.

Ashley Allen, Secretary for County Sheriff, stated that United Healthcare is difficult to work with; some employees not receiving benefits; long wait to talk to anyone at United Healthcare; refused MRI requested by physician for Sheriff Hurlburt. Dan Duran, Benefit Management, joined the meeting by telephone; doctor must file the appeal; will help with issues. Allen will check to see if doctor filed the appeal.

Baker left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital Report. Glaubke reported that light force laser therapy has provided relief to some patients; chemical analyzer went down, hard drive crashed, look at replacing; Bob Riley, PA, will retire next year; reviewing strategic plan. Woodward presented the financial information: starting budget process; census down; labs up; CT scans, MRI, nuclear medicine up; Home Health up; gross patient revenue down; benefits down; received \$12,500 from government for purchase of respirator; considering paying down a bond; COVID numbers are down.

Randy Tonniges reviewed the 2019-2020 audit report, not financially possible to train two people to cover a position; important to review budget at June meeting, amend budget if necessary; did not see any issue with budget.

Jessica, Healing Hearts and Families, reported adding four counties; more numbers in Valley County, County Attorney uses services a lot; most kids finish program. Cullers moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for 2021 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

A recess was called at 10:45 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with Baker absent.

County Attorney Haberstick stated opinion that a nativity scene close to a government building is open to liability, could look like endorsing one religion over another, perhaps sign stating erected by Ministerial Association would help, will continue research; still looking into Wilson foreclosure, cleaner title if purchased at Sheriff's sale, immediate action not needed; requested that Attorney General's office review evidence in Psota case, perhaps take over. Sevenker has not received reply from Senator Briese concerning LB310 to reduce inheritance tax, continue discussion. Haberstick not in favor of consolidation of County Court and District Court; annual agreement; Cullers called Polk County, clerk said it works well, not significant financial savings. Clerk Musil said no schedule posted for Valley County Court; District Court staffed full-time; have received applications for District Court Clerk; if courts consolidated would not hire another employee for County Clerk. Sevenker asked if LB102 passed could courts be consolidated in one County, Haberstick feels this is possible; NACO opposes LB102. County Court not staffed full-time, public expects District Court to answer questions; County Court hiring assistant; County would not receive child



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support reimbursement for District Court; District Court operation cost would be in County budget. Cullers moved to fill the District Court position in the Clerk's office, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Haberstick said would take Blaine County Attorney position if it becomes available, not open at this time, plans to stay in Valley County; frustration with law enforcement, warrant depends on availability of Judge. DeRiso questioned \$1,800 from autopsy costs, County burial was approved, Clerk will check if claim should be taken from different line item.

Cetak moved to set date and time for Wozab meeting as March 30 at 11:30 a.m., second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

After review the February Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$249,551.67, on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to approve Resolution 21-4 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 Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Waldmann moved to accept the offer of a one-year free membership with the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. The CNHED Regional Land Banking, Region 26 Council minutes and retirement of Pete Eiden, NIRMA Property/Liability Claims Manager were reviewed.

VanSlyke reported two counties leaving Region 26, two other counties may be joining. DeRiso reported audit reviewed at Mid-Plains meeting. Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska having in-person meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m., to reconvene on March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 23 meeting and an agenda for the March 9 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