



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, April 27, 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 March 17, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of April 13, 2021 meeting were approved on the motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. Abstain: Cetak (absent April 13). No: none. Absent: none. The Agenda was adopted on the motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reported April Claims & Balances: accounts payable \$84,504.23, payroll \$49,385.01; received \$73,902.73 highway allocation and \$19,490.56 Motor Vehicle Fees; no transfer from the General Fund; larger claims were reviewed: culverts, diesel, gravel, parts, cold planer payment, bareground chemical; Buyback account is at \$147,080.88, which must be used for roads and bridges; gravel budget over by \$80,000; \$594,860 left in budget for two months.

Meyer's General Report included: poured concrete; cleaning ditches; installing culverts, will replace culvert and take down guardrail on Sargent Ord Road; will mix asphalt.

The Nebraska Firearms Association had not recognized that Resolution #20-10 Affirming the Right to Bear Arms was passed on March 31, 2020; Zoom meeting singled out Valley County as taking no action supporting the second amendment; Sevenker contacted the head of the Association, did not know the County had passed the resolution, copy of resolution sent to Association, color on map changed to green; County Attorney Haberstick prepared a press release stating Resolution #20-10 was passed, publish in Ord Quiz and distribute to KNLV and Villages. Cullers moved to approve the press release, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Haberstick reported that juvenile cases are increasing, require attorneys for all parties, increased costs; will host a seminar on death investigation at Justice Center in Broken Bow for attorneys and law enforcement; when children are in foster care for 15 out of 22 months a hearing can be held to terminate parental rights, additional costs for preparation for hearing held in County.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Goodrich discussed a letter received from the Village of North Loup withdrawing from membership in the Area Planning Commission effective 60 days from the date of the letter, Interlocal Cooperation Agreement provided the services, all assessments have been paid, Goodrich was not informed of the meeting.

Kristina Foth presented the Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Report; COVID pandemic did not impact lodging tax collection, first Destination Development Fund grant for \$6,000 awarded to the Valley County Historical Society for Museum roof replacement, assisting new childcare providers with start-up and current providers with expansion plans to increase capacity, North Loup River Water Trail Task Force working to increase public access of river at Veteran's Grounds and Anderson Island.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported all-day strategic planning session was held; Mike Eytcheson was employee of the quarter; recruiting to fill Bob Reilly's position after his retirement in April 2022; will conduct a tabletop disaster drill for burn victims; State is conducting a review of the Hospice Program; Second Hand Rose moved to new location, has given \$448,000 to the Hospital, high schools students helped with the move. Woodward presented the financial information: volume down, labs up, cardiopulmonary up, physical therapy up, revenue down, benefits down, cash up. Baker moved to approve Resolution 21-10 calling \$1,980,000 of general obligation refunding bonds and redemption prior to maturity, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Leslie Sikyta joined the discussion of the 30 x 30 program, Presidential Executive Order 14008 calls for conservation of at least 30% of the lands and waters in the United States, not much information available, if land given for conservation what happens to the property taxes. Cullers read the section of the Order that states power of procurement can be used to obtain land, questioned what that means. Sikyta said committee was looking for a knowledgeable speaker in July, Davis Creek area may be Federal land. County Attorney Haberstick will research the subject and report to the Board.



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Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all members present.

U.S. Treasury has released new guidance on the certification process for State and local fiscal recovery funds, Valley County completed the necessary steps.

Following review, the Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$307,601.43 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 21-11 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 April, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Information received from Jay Spearman of Piper Sandler concerning limited tax obligation refunding bonds was reviewed, will contact Spearman for clarification.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 11:15 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Tax List Correction #3878 for Big EZ Backgrounding Inc due to sale of tractor at auction was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Tax List Correction #3879 for Misko's Sports Store due to sale of business was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Waltman was advised that the assessor has no role at the TERC hearings in October; Board should be represented at hearing; if exemption is reversed by TERC, do not get exemption for intervening year.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:30 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO County Budget Workshop, NACO Board of Equalization Workshop agenda, NACO County Board Workshop, Region 26 Council minutes, LB 83e Open Meetings Act. The annual evaluation of the Valley County Jail found the facility to be in full compliance with Minimum Jail Standards.

Cullers reported on the Wozab Fund, beginning quarterly balance \$1,375,773.43, ending balance \$1,376,125.37, affiliation fees raised from \$150 per quarter to \$300 per quarter, support fees changed from 1.15 % to 1.25% on the first \$1 million, last adjustment in 2014. Cullers also reported for Region 3; budget the same; high unemployment due to fear of COVID and lack of jobs, jobs available in Valley County; discussing follow up after release from Lincoln Regional Center.

Mail Folder items: Recommendation for Veteran Service Representative, Wozab Thank You Notes, Central NE Community Action Partnership Annual Report 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 27 meeting and an agenda for the May 11 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