

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, May 25, 2021 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; absent Cetak (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on April 21, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of May 11 meeting, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Agenda adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted, public copies available on counter. No public comment.

May Road Claims and Balances Report by Road Secretary Simpson included: Accounts Payable \$93,401.45, Payroll \$51,809.46, received \$77,997.94 highway allocation; no transfer from the General Fund; larger expenses include culverts, diesel, parts, labor, sand, gravel, rock, cold planer payment. \$448,125 has been spent on gravel.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Baker moved to approve Easements 21-445 for Steve Karmann and 21-446 for Wagon-R Farms, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Gravel bid date and time was set for June 29 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Meyer's General Report included: repairing truck; spraying roadsides; will install culverts; hard to get tires, purchased some to store until needed, price is going up.

County Attorney Haberstick reported the press release stating Resolution #20-10 affirming the right to bear arms was passed on March 31, 2020 was send to the Ord Quiz, has not been published; 30 x 30 program should perhaps be addressed by the Planning Commission. Sevenker announced the Valley County GOP is hosting a meeting about the 30 x 30 program and health standards with guest speakers on June 3 at the Fairgrounds. Haberstick presented her letter of resignation effective June 30, recommended Brandon Hanson to finish out her term, Custer County requested she return to her position as Deputy County Attorney full time or lose her job. Waldmann moved to accept the resignation of Haberstick, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Board will act on the appointment of Hanson June 8.

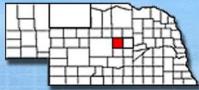
VCHS CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the monthly report: financials are good, 95% of local residents use the specialty clinic, looking at offering PET scans, still recruiting for Bob Reilly's position, scaled down Health Fair June 22, finishing emergency department remodel, need to know reason for clinic appointment so proper amount of time is scheduled.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with Cetak absent. The monthly Clerk report was reviewed. County Weed Superintendent Kaminski sent word he is withdrawing from the planned interview for a position in another County.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO Board of Equalization Workshop and NACO County Board Workshop. Cullers informed the Board there would be a savings of only \$7,000 to \$8,000 if the County bonds were refunded, the difference between the available companies to work with are the fees charged, will continue researching. Will let the Department Heads decide whether to let the representative for Liberty National talk to their employees. VanSlyke could not reach the current member of the Veterans Service Committee to determine if he would like to continue, will report next meeting.

May Claims and Fund Request were reviewed, Cullers stated that all Planning and Zoning contacts were four hours long, no longer turns in mileage, Sevenker, Cullers and Baker will talk to Goodrich about keeping track of length of contacts and mileage; will pay Loup Basin RC & D dues; Region 3 claim was for 4th quarter assessment; Buller Designs replaced 20 sprinkler heads. VanSlyke moved to approve the May claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$335,349.33, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

The annual dues for the National Association of Counties are \$450, all elected officials and staff are covered. Cullers moved to join NACo, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak. VanSlyke will join the virtual Lower Loup NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting on June 10 at



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6:00 p.m. The name of the 30 x 30 Program has been changed to the America the Beautiful Initiative. The Veterans Service Committee has recommended Dale Beethe to fill the position as Veterans Service Officer starting July 1, will need budget of at least \$26,000, will ask representative of Committee and Beethe to attend June 8 meeting. Review of the plat for the Mortensen Industrial Site 2nd Subdivision shows the lot numbers had been switched on a map used to determine the legal description for the Assignment of Lease between Joel Kokes and G3 Contracting, County Attorney Haberstick will prepare a Corrected Assignment.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak. The Clerk, Assessor and County Attorney were present.

No order proposing an adjustment of the value for a class or subclass of real property in Valley County was entered by the NE Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Haberstick received a Confession of Judgment from TERC to be signed by the Valley County Board of Equalization consenting to a judgment which acknowledges the property tax exemption for Seventh Day Baptist Church was improperly granted and should be reversed. Assessor Waltman stated a representative from the Church had informed her the Church will not seek an exemption for the property and will pay the taxes. DeRiso moved to have Haberstick sign the Confession of Judgment, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Waldmann left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. DeRiso reported Mid-Plains seems to have more financial stability than before. Cullers reported Custodian Vanek told her about a product that would clean the hard water ring out of toilets, older toilets could be replaced and the new would stay clean.

Mail folder items: Central NE Community Action Partnership Recap.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 25 meeting and an agenda for the June 8 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