



# 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, June 8, 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 May 19, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso said Sheri Goodrich felt the May minutes represented she always claimed four hours for Planning and Zoning contacts, minutes state the May claims were reviewed, discussion was for May only. Minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. Abstain: Cetak (absent May 25). No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment was offered.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Waldmann moved to approve refunding Easement 20-438 for Roger Hornickel, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Kevin Sheldon, chairman of the Veterans Service Committee, was present to discuss the Veterans Service Officer appointment; new service officer will need to be certified; attend trainings; pass the Service Officer test; join various organizations; purchase an updated laptop, new programs and electronic signature pad; proposed \$26,000 to \$30,000 budget; Valley County low on the salary; will not have to purchase equipment in the following budget year; increase days in the office if needed. Baker made a motion to appoint Dale Beethe as the Veterans Service Officer beginning July 1, 2021, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer continued the Road report; 2019 Flooding Disaster DR4420 has been amended to increase the Federal share to 90% from 75%, State and County share 5% each. Meyer's General Report included: trying new crack seal mastic, rented machine to apply; culverts delivered for Hackel Feedlot project; mixing asphalt; will attend highway superintendent's meetings for continuing education; no transfers from the General Fund since January, by law the County has to pay half of the second half of the allocations to continue to receive the funds, will have to transfer \$123,859.70 from General Fund to Road Fund.

County Attorney Haberstick is attending coroner training. Sevenker said a local attorney felt the soon to be vacant position of County Attorney should be advertised, statute states that if a vacancy occurs the County Board may appoint a qualified attorney. Haberstick told Sevenker that an interim attorney could be appointed while the position was advertised and interviews are held, then appoint permanent Attorney. Sheriff Hurlburt joined the discussion, need County Attorney as soon as vacancy occurs, do not know what County is getting if attorney hired from another County. Waldmann moved to approve Resolution 21-12 appointing Brandon Hanson as County Attorney to begin duties July 1, 2021 to fulfill the remainder of the elected term ending January 2023, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers made the motion to sign the Revised Assignment of Lease between Joel Kokes and G3 Contracting, Inc. to correct the legal description, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

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

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for May, balance of \$1,127,917.32 General, \$446,705.56 Road, \$171,657.06 Inheritance, \$130,243.05 Bond; total collected for the month \$1,778,597. Subsequent real property taxes and interest were sold to 4 tax sale companies in the amount of \$12,662.72, tax sale companies purchase delinquent taxes in March, issued Tax Sale Certificate as taxes become delinquent, can purchase additional taxes added to original certificate, mature in 3 years after date of issuance, company can then pursue legal foreclosure. Pledge Security for First National Bank was issued and released.

The Clerk of the District Court fee report was reviewed, will review Clerk report at next meeting.

Cullers presented a Refunding Analysis of 2016 Limited Tax Bonds prepared by Jay Spearman from Piper|Sandler, total savings of \$8,182.70. Waldmann moved to refund the 2016 Limited Tax Bonds with Piper|Sandler, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.



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The following informational items were reviewed: U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds frequently asked questions and NACO clarification of ARPA Eligible Expenses.

VanSlyke reported Doug Griess is willing to continue serving on the Veterans Service Committee. VanSlyke moved to re-appointed Doug Griess to the Veterans Service Committee beginning July 1, 2021 for a term of 5 years, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The NIRMA billing statement for 2021-22 in the amount of \$105,435, 4.16% increase of \$4,208, was reviewed, must be paid by June 30. The Claims and Fund Request for \$138,581.97 were reviewed and approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Janna Olson, Assistant Director of the Golden Husk, contacted Sevenker asking to use the Courthouse lawn for a patriotic concert on Friday, July 2. Cullers moved to approve use of the lawn, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Region 3 Governing Board voted to not increase the overall amount of tax match requested from all twenty-two counties, but to re-apportion the tax match annually based on population, no increase/decrease for Valley County. Cullers made the motion to approve Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2021/2022 County Match Request, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Sevenker, Cullers and Baker met with Sheri Goodrich, Planning and Zoning Administrator, to discuss length of contacts and tracking mileage; Goodrich had not noticed all contacts in May were four hours, requested a monthly wage, would only request mileage if attending a meeting, more reimbursement for telephone usage; last year's salary will be divided by twelve to determine monthly salary. Cullers reported Custodian Vanek will obtain an estimate of cost of a water softener for the Courthouse. Cullers also reported Nebraska Community Foundation determined that Second Hand Rose qualifies to receive Wozab Funds. Cullers was contacted by an individual who had a Bible that belonged to John and Alice Wozab, not sure where it was obtained, sent Bible to Cullers, will give to Valley County Museum or Library. Baker reported the Loup Basin Health Department will use COVID funds received to expand the facility. VanSlyke said Valley County's Region 26 assessment will increase 20% to over \$70,000.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:10 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Waltman presented the Assessor Certification of Complete Revision of the 2021 Real Property Assessment Roll, sales were high so valuations had to be increased to be in line with State Requirements. The notices of Valuation Change for County property were reviewed.

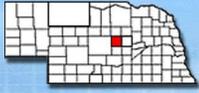
Baker moved to approve Tax List Corrections 3881 for Bradley Nagorski due to sale of property, 3882 for Airport Motel and 3883 for Roy's Place due to sale of businesses, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Cullers moved to grant an extension for filing Homestead Exemption to Ruth Duda since her husband's estate is not finalized, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:15 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on June 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 8 meeting and an agenda for the June 29 meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the June 8 meeting 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



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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