

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Waldmann present; Sevenker (excused) and VanSlyke (excused) absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on June 16, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. July 13 Board minutes and July 12 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Agenda adopted on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Cullers noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

County Sheriff Hurlburt reported complaint was received that service fees are billed by both the County Court and the Sheriff's office. Sheriff's Office Manger Ashley Eley presented the new Office policy for payment of service papers and other documents; unless there is a written agreement between Valley County Sheriff's Office and the requesting party, the Sheriff's Office will require a prepayment of \$50 for service; if service occurs or person to be served cannot be located any remaining fees are refunded; if prepaid amount does not cover all service fees, invoice will be sent to requesting party; the amount to be charged for service or other services is set by Nebraska statute.

Road Superintendent Meyer was in Norfolk in preparation for installation of culverts. Road Secretary Simpson presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for July: accounts payable \$253,945.59, payroll \$52,559.91; allocation for August was \$93,585.50, motor vehicle fee \$13,531.13, transfer from General Fund \$143,557.20; larger expenses included motor grader and loader payments, culvert, gravel, HFE 300, diesel, blades, rock.

The final numbers for the refunding of the 2016 bonds were presented, the County will save \$8,353.43 by refunding.

Katie Walmsley with Ord Area Chamber of Commerce requested use of the Courthouse lawn for National Night Out on August 3, many activities are planned. Baker moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn by the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

July Claims and Fund Request were reviewed, Cullers contacted the Grand Island Independent concerning the claim for \$478.19 for a one year subscription for the County Jail, personal subscription is under \$200 for the same time period, by law a daily newspaper has to be provided, Independent will lower the claim by \$85, will hold the check pending adjustment. The July Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$613,544.30, on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

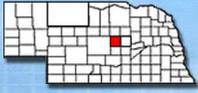
Clerk Musil presented the goal of the Secretary of State Elections Division to have all Counties on a managed network/firewall to improve network security and help mitigate risks to the network, will ask the State for a list of vendors that would provide the service.

County Budget Accountant Chuck Abel presented preliminary budget information for FY21-22 based on the funds requested by the County Officials and department heads and estimated receipts for FY21-22. County cash balance is up due to ARPA and NEMA funds received; if all budget requests were spent General fund would be negative \$1,171,745, need to use ARPA funds in every way possible, possibly for infrastructure, normally the General fund does not spend its entire budget; if levy stays the same cash balance will decrease to \$172,718.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report. Glaubke reported Dr. Ward signed contract to start August 1, 2022; Laci Shoemaker named employee of the quarter; no vaccine mandate for the Hospital; there is a mask mandate, Medicare requires masks and screening, if Hospital does not follow the requirements Medicare could stop new admissions; will be providing PET Scans through a mobile unit. Woodward reviewed financials: volume up for the month but down for the year; no group Heritage sessions were allowed during COVID, have started up again; Clinic visits are going up; seeing some COVID cases in the Clinic and ER; paid Medicare COVID payments back; revenue up, benefits up, supplies expense up, interest expense up.

Jared Reimers, District Coordinator, for Congressman Smith stopped by to answer any questions the Board might have; opposed to 30 x 30 Program, Smith on the Tax Policy Committee, no idea how to use COVID funds.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with Sevenker and VanSlyke absent.



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Clerk Musil is to contact the University of Nebraska at Omaha about the cost for redistricting. Cullers will speak to Judy Petersen from CNEDD about the cost for their assistance in understanding and managing ARPA funds.

Committee Report: Cetak reported that Mid-Nebraska cannot find employees to fill vacant positions.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke. The Assessor and Clerk were present. The Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemptions for Pauline Tolfa due to house sold and Edward Larsen due to not meeting Disability Requirements were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke. The 2021 Plan of Assessment was approved on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke. The 2021 Cemetery Report was reviewed. The vacating of an alley in blocks 3 and 4 of Woodbury Addition in Ord and the sale of a property by the Village of North Loup were reviewed. Assessor Waltman was directed to send notice of the assessed value to the record owners on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke. The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:20 a.m. on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

Committee Report: Cullers reported the Wozab Fund beginning balance was \$1,376,125.37; income for the period was \$37,731.06; expenses \$31,644.52; ending balance was \$1,382,211.91.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene on August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 21-22 budget meeting and August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 27 meeting and agendas for August 9 and 10 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