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VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Budget Hearing was opened at 9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Accountant Chuck Abel was present to review the budget, which must be submitted to the State Auditor by September 20. Abel reviewed Budget Summary documents he prepared regarding valuation and levy information, budgeted receipts and disbursements and projected fund balances and overall balance at the end of 2021. The valuation is 898,280,183. Last year's valuation was 904,853,037, the levy was .33. The County collected \$2,986,015 in taxes last year; if the levy stays the same would collect \$22,000 less in taxes than last year; every penny raise in levy collects \$89,820 more in taxes; if the levy was raised to .34, the County would collect \$3,054,152 in taxes. No member of the public appeared to comment on the budget. Sevenker closed the budget hearing at 9:15 a.m.

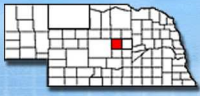
The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session following the Budget Hearing, Tuesday, September 14, 2021 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call taken: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on August 18, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of August 30, 2021 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt the agenda, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 21-18 authorizing an additional 1% increase in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: Baker. Absent: none. Resolution 21-19 adopting the budget as published with the exception of increasing the levy to .34 was approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann. No: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. Absent: none. The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was opened at 9:45 a.m. No members of the public were present. Resolution 21-20 setting the Final Tax Request was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 21-21 authorizing the Treasurer and Clerk to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Road, Planning & Zoning and Weed Funds as needed to meet their obligations, not to exceed the budgeted amount allowed by the Board, since they do not have their own levy, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyers' General Report included: finished overlaying the Comstock Rd; no overlay of Fort Rd this year, humidity too high; patching Sargent-Ord Rd; will discuss using ARPA funds to replace some bridges with box culverts with Jon Cannon from NACO, price of steel is high, price of concrete is stable; will cut trees; one employee is retiring.

Kristina Foth and Katie Walmsley, Economic Development, joined the report of the meeting held on September 13 between representatives of Ord City, Valley County, Ord Area Chamber of Commerce and GLVA concerning Economic Development; present for Economic Development were Gaylord Boilesen, Dan Vech, Waldmann, Nancy Glaubke, Lindsay Gumb Roberts; VCED staff Foth and Walmsley; Cullers and Sevenker for the County; David Kusek, Jeremy Sedlacek, City Attorney Heather Sikyta for Ord City; Russ Blaha, Curt Sikyta, Tom Kruml present for GLVA; Amber Mentzer and Becky Ries present for Ord Area Chamber of Commerce; letter outlining the response of Economic Development to the concerns of the City was sent and emailed August 26, not on agenda for September 8 City Council meeting; sit down meeting between Ord City and Economic Development Board has been scheduled for September 21.

Diana Hurlburt and Alma Beland joined the meeting to hear Jon Cannon, Executive Director of NACO, present information about the ARPA funds. Cannon stated funds were the first direct allocation from the Federal Government to Counties, Valley County will receive \$807,000; four eligible expenditure categories: 1) Public Health – response to public health emergency; Public Health District could receive money, County's responsibility to determine if money is used correctly and proper accounting is in place; can create a Block Grant, NACO has sample grant application, allocations would come from the County, applicant would have to account to the County for use of the funds; If can prove the ambulance traveled greater miles because of COVID, could use funds to make a payment; If parents stayed at home instead of working because of lack of childcare, County can grant funds to a non-profit to establish a childcare facility; new windows in jail could improve ventilation; can make an intergovernmental transfer to Region 26 to cover Valley



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County's assessment. 2) Negative Economic Impacts – loss of revenue, no loss for Valley County. 3) Infrastructure – necessary investment in water, sewer and broadband; soft water would put less stress on equipment; can be used for replacing bridges with box culverts if can show the result is cleaner water flowing into rivers, show work; Broadband allows people to work from anywhere, provides better service to rural communities, work with local providers, can redesignate the funds if cannot be used for Broadband. 4) Premium pay for essential workers – pay a bonus up to \$25,000 or \$13 per hour to employees for two years, elected officials are not eligible because salaries are set every four years. VanSlyke shared that the Region 26 Board is proposing a legislative bill that would add \$5 to park permits to be split between Emergency Management & 911 Centers, add \$5 fee to camping sites which would go to the Emergency Management & 911 Center serving the area.

County Attorney Hanson agreed to look over the engagement letter from Lutz & Company to provide consulting services as deemed necessary to assist in use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Mark DeDiana from Lutz & Co will attend the September 28 Board meeting to discuss the services available.

Meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m., reconvened at 11:40 a.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Hurlburt presented Quarterly Report listing all expenses for Sheriff's office and jail and income; one officer in hospital due to COVID. Sevenker said two bids received to replace windows in jail, some windows will open: Ord Glass and Paint bid \$13,023.38, Sandhills Glass bid \$13,775 if paid before installation and \$14,500 if paid after installation. Cullers moved to accept the low bid from Ord Glass and Paint, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Treasurer's Fund Balance Report for August was reviewed: General \$902,403.66, Road \$320,967.14, Inheritance \$180,277.95, Debt Service \$171,335.86; total collected \$4,377,758. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports were reviewed.

The Update from the U.S. Treasury on ARP Recovery Fund Reports, Agenda for Central District meeting in Kearney on September 16, NACO Legislative Conference on October 14 in Holdrege, NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference in Kearney on October 21-22, NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting in Kearney on October 22, nominations for 3 positions on the NIRMA Board of Directors due by September 27 and National Brownfields Training Conference on December 8-11 in Oklahoma, travel stipends offered by NE Department of Environment and Energy were noted.

The TERC hearings for Valley Rods Unlimited, Karp and Krow, Inc. and Valley Performing Arts Theater, Inc. have been continued to a date to be determined, a member of the Valley County Board of Equalization as a party to the case should attend.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$29,693.09 were approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Region 26 minutes were reviewed, VanSlyke said Region 26 is short two dispatchers, still discussing assessment being based on 50% basis and 50% population. Board will not request a health insurance quote from NACO.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on September 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 14 meeting and an agenda for the September 28 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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