

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, September 28, 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 August 18, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of September 14, 2021 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed the September Road Payroll/Claims: Accounts Payable \$195,417.25, Payroll \$53,678.94, larger expenses include diesel, blades, HFE 300, parts, labor, oil, rental, red rock, gravel, barricades, pavement marking tape; \$157,849,160 transferred from General, Highway Allocation for September is \$90,704.24. In the absence of Road Superintendent Meyer, Simpson reported carbide blades were purchased for all the machines.

The NACO Legislative Conference, NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference and NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting were noted.

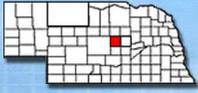
Cullers and VanSlyke reported on the Central District meeting; fifty Nebraska counties have passed resolutions opposing the 30x30 program; information presented about contracts for the CRP land conservation program administered by FSA, easements may be attached, easements may go with the property even if ownership changes, payments are increasing to attract people, owner pays no taxes, counties will lose tax dollars; will contact the local FSA office about speaking to the Board concerning the contracts.

UNO, County vendor for redistricting, has completed digitizing the 2010 Boundaries, importing the 2020 population counts and analyzing the equality of total population across precincts, district boundaries may need minor changes.

Mark DeDiana from Lutz & Company, preferred vendor of NACO, explained services provided to assist counties with compliance procedures for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; counties responsible for ensuring funds are used for eligible purposes and no fraud associated with the award; use of funds must fall into one of four categories: response to public health emergency or negative economic impacts, premium pay to essential workers, provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue and investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; counties have to give reasons why an expense is acceptable to grant funds; will assist the County in preparation for a Single Audit if needed, Single Audit for counties spending over \$750,000 in a single year, do not spend all funds in a single year; will bill only if the services are used, signing the engagement letter is not an obligation, ARPA funds can be used to pay any fees owed to Lutz. Cullers moved to sign the engagement letter with Lutz & Company, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the Hospice Renewal Licensure Application for signing. Waldmann moved to sign the Hospice Licensure, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Glaubke stated hospitalizations for COVID are down, Valley County in the top 5 for COVID positive cases in Nebraska, 70% of hospital workers have been vaccinated, nursing and labs are low on employees, limited supplies of COVID tests, doctor covers ER from 8-5 and after 5 on call. Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward said audit went well, will present results in December; reviewed the financial and statistical information: census down, ER up, radiology up, home health down, hospice down, gross patient revenue down, salaries up, benefits down, contract staffing up.

Kristina Foth and Katie Walmsley from Valley County Economic Development reported on the meeting with the Ord City Council; changes to terms were made to a loan from sales tax for a unique situation, loan committee recommends all loans, loans are approved by the City Council, concerns have been addressed, ED Board administers the loan tax money, City Attorney is drafting a contract between the City and the ED Board, will be reviewed by the ED Board, taxes are to be used Countywide. A letter was signed by Sevenker requesting a current list of licensed lodging facilities in Valley County from the Department of Revenue on behalf of the Board and Valley County Tourism Committee, will help determine the reason for significant decrease in lodging tax collections for the months of May 2021



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and June 2021. A local team is exploring the process for the county-wide community to become a Nebraska Creative District, the Creative District Program is run by the NE Arts Council, the community would be able to apply for a \$10,000 Certification grant and for up to \$250,000 Development Grant, Valley County Tourism could act as the local government partner, no financial obligation from any partner. Waldmann made the motion to name Valley County Tourism as government entity for the Creative District Program, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Hanson will research a resolution opposing the 30x30 program, there will be a jury trial in November and two jury trials in December.

The bids on surplus County property were reviewed; one tie bid, will request parties involved submit a sealed bid to determine the winning bid. VanSlyke moved to accept the highest bids for surplus County property except for the tie bid, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

September claims and fund request in the amount of \$607,518.45 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Following sentence corrected at 10-12-21 meeting: **Several Board members received an email from two residents of the County asking for opposition to vaccine mandates and the passport program.** Several Board members received an email from two residents of the County asking for opposition to mask mandates and the passport program; Cullers contacted the senders, senders gave consent to send the email to the State Senators and not the Board members.

Mail Folder: Central NE Community Action Partnership Recap

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on October 12 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of September 28 meeting and agenda for October 12 meeting available for public inspection in office of County Clerk and on 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