

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, December 14, 2021 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, absent Baker (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on November 17, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting were reviewed, Cullers stated if the gazebo was rebuilt, she would want to honor Alice and John Wozab. DeRiso moved to approve the minutes, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented the 2022 Weed Control Plan for review, new form, report of what was done and what expect to get done; County has 11 open files; error on infestation report was corrected; will approve at December 28 meeting.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cetak moved to approve refunding Easement 20-442 for Kevin Nevrviv, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer's General Report included: snow plow trucks work well; will work on curve north of Fairplay school; short on storage, moved blade from Elyria to Ord, will remove the fuel tank, move asphalt equipment to shed in Elyria; NACO meetings not educational; CDL driving tests are no longer given in Ord, after February 7 to obtain or upgrade a CDL must go to driving school for 5-8 weeks in Lincoln, Hastings or North Platte, cost from \$1,000-\$4,000, 50 hours training behind the wheel, looking into process to become an instructor; presentation at NACO meeting on chemical which can be mixed with dirt, becomes hard as rock, cost \$6,300 per mile, try in couple of locations, will send core sample.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court monthly fee reports were reviewed. The pros and cons of relinquishing District Court to the State in the future were discussed, would save County money, District Court Clerk position filled, lose local control, combination of County Court and District Court working well in seven Counties, continue discussion to next meeting.

Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with Baker absent.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can be used for maintenance of roads as well as bridges if Congress passes bills that eliminates loss of revenue necessary to use funds, report due January 31, can be used for childcare, payments for ambulance, replacement of jail windows and tuck pointing of Courthouse.

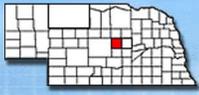
Treasurer Brott presented the Month End Fund Report: General Fund balance \$265,602.67, Road \$313,420.59, Relief \$49,712.36, Inheritance \$185,345.48, total collected \$443,179. Pledge security was released for First National Bank. Resolution 21-26, designating depositories the County Treasurer may use, was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

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

Tax List Correction of Correction #3893 for Gloria Knight Trust due to homestead exemption change was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

County Attorney Hanson informed the Board it is a curtesy to an employee not a right of an employee to be present in executive session if their employment is discussed, no action can be taken while in executive session; jury trials will most likely be continued to May; criminal cases have the right to trial in venue where crime committed so could not be moved if State takes over District Court, slightly in favor of central control of courts; County Court trial next week will not occur; need mental health board to be full time; if County Attorney position full time would



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eliminate conflict of interest and need for court appointed attorneys; give input in writing concerning officials salaries for 2023-2026.

Assessor Waltman presented a comparison of officials' salaries with counties close in valuation to Valley County, Valley County salaries lower than many. Sevenker feels information on benefits needed. Clerk Musil would like to see increase of salaries for employees. Information from Sheriff Hurlburt was given out to the Board to review, average sheriff making \$75,000, no information concerning number of deputies. Continue discussion of 2023-2026 officials' salaries to next meeting.

Cullers believes employees should get bonuses for working during COVID using Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received, same amount for all employees. Continue discussion to next meeting.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$28,792.12 were approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The list of 2022 State and Federal Holidays for Nebraska was presented. VanSlyke moved to approve all holidays except Juneteenth, second DeRiso. Not carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: Cullers, Cetak, Sevenker. Absent: Baker. Motion tabled to next meeting.

The renewal rates for Principal dental, vision, critical illness and accident coverage were reviewed, only dental rates are changing, 4.9% increase. NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle for Novak Feedlot was reviewed. Last year Counties received a free year of NE Chamber membership. Cullers made the motion to not renew NE Chamber membership, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Committee Reports: Waldmann reported Kristina Foth is resigning from the Economic Development Board. VanSlyke said the Emergency Management Regions are requesting \$5,000,000 of available funds, increase of tax on cell phones will not go to the Regions, State will use the funds for broadband.

Mail Folder items: Sikyta Christmas Greetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m., to reconvene on December 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting and an agenda for the December 28, 2021 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and 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