

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were called for: VanSlyke moved to retain Sevenker for Board Chairperson and Cullers for Board Vice Chairperson, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on December 22, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. VanSlyke moved to approve minutes of December 28, 2021, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

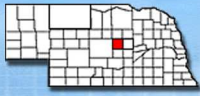
Baker moved to appoint Jay T. Meyer, License #S-1162 Class A as the employed Highway Superintendent beginning January 11, 2022, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 22-01, authorizing the County Highway Department to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to County Highways when necessary was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Road Superintendent Meyer stated he will be seeking a USDA Grant for Rural Development to help fund the cost of a motor grader, the Board needs to approve three people to sign the documents. Cullers moved to approve the Valley County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Valley County Treasurer and the Valley County Road Superintendent to sign documents for a USDA Grant, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Nancy Glaubke, CEO Valley County Health Systems, informed the Board that she had been seeking a USDA Grant to help fund an ambulance, would like approval to go forward with the grant and to approve three people to sign the documents. Waldmann moved to approve going forward with the USDA Grant and approve the Valley County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Valley County Treasurer and the CEO of the Valley County Health Systems to sign documents for a USDA Grant, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer presented an estimate for \$43,561.75 from NMC to replace the transmission on a motor grader, failure of valve body, will replace oil cooler, 10 hours on 2007 machine, have machines in worse shape, would save \$5,712.73 if optional services of replacement of transmission hoses and rear crankshaft seal and 3 year/5,000 hour transmission warranty instead of 1 year parts warranty were not purchased, plan to keep for 10 more years. Baker moved to approve bid of \$43,561.75 to do all work quoted, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Purchase of a new machine is one year out, will not guarantee price or trade in amount. Meyer's General Report included: blading dry roads, hard to keep up; working on a truck in the shop; making list of surplus equipment to sell at online auction; working on sign inventory.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented and reviewed the 2021 Year End Reports and the 2022 Noxious Weed Plan; lowered acres of musk thistle by 4,000 acres. VanSlyke moved to approve the 2021 Infestation Report and Activity Report, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The 2022 Board Roster, Budget Form and Noxious Weed Control Plan were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Katie Walmsley presented the Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Report: Loup Valley Childhood Initiative is looking at two sites for childcare center, old hospital owned by Arbor Care and empty lots along Highway 11, Arbor Care would share cost of renovation of old hospital, kitchen already there; private childcare business is expanding, building new facility; working with CNEDD to secure Good Jobs Grant, would provide workforce preparation programming for area junior and senior high school students; great interest among local contractors and developers in property rehab and developing duplex units to meet housing rental needs; over 50 requests for housing rentals; North Loup River Water Trail Task Force working to increase public access of North Loup River at the Ord Veteran's Grounds and Anderson Island, pursuing funding for phase 2; Ord Area Chamber of Commerce has 10 new



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members; Ord Area Chamber and several organizations are submitting an application to become a Nebraska Creative District, illustrates arts, culture, history and tourism as economic drivers, would be a Countywide district, working on workbook; delay by the State of reporting lodging tax in May and June reflected in July and August totals; new Traveler Attraction Grant available for public or non-profit organizations for media advertising to improve visitor attraction; Valley County will host BRAN and Tour de Nebraska bike tours in June 2022; working on Venture to Valley County travel guide to be published by the Ord Quiz.

Sheriff Hurlburt and Secretary Ashley Eley presented the Quarterly Report, 135 kids received gifts and 20 turkeys were given out at Christmas from the Stuff the Patrol Truck program; the jail has been busy; the drug fentanyl causing issues, highly toxic; Narcan is an opioid reversal agent like an EpiPen, saves life if someone overdoses, cannot be in cold so cannot be left in patrol car; dog has led to 7 busts.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson presented his recommendation for salaries for 2023-2026 for County Attorney, presently a part-time position with salary of \$53,500, Boone County adopted salary of \$63,000 for 2023, NACO's recommendation is minimum base salary 160% of other elected officials salary, recommends part-time salary for 2023 of \$63,000 and full-time of \$90,240, if becomes full-time position would have a separate Mental Health Board. Board discussion followed, only resource County has is taxes, County has lids on amount budget can increase, County salaries \$3,000-\$5,000 behind other Counties, 5% increase first year and \$1,500 increase each year after was suggested, 5% increase each year suggested to bring positions up to other counties, several Board members presented their recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. with all members present.

Cullers made the motion to adopt Resolution 22-2 setting the salaries for Elected Officials for the 2023-2026 term, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Clerk monthly fee report for December was reviewed, will present the Clerk of the District fee report at next meeting.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for December, \$620,807.88 General, \$294,297.00 Road, \$213,730.55 Inheritance, \$53,965.75 Debt Service (bonds), \$3,325.727 total collected. The 2021 levy comparison and Pie charts showing 2021 tax levy distributions were reviewed. Additional Pledge Security was obtained from First National Bank. The Semi-Annual Fund Balance report was reviewed and will be published as required.

Corey Steel, the Nebraska State Court Administrator, will meet with the Board on January 25 to discuss relinquishing District Court to the State. The final rule for ARPA recovery funds was released, Valley County will be required to submit an annual report due by April 30, 2022 to the Treasury, discussion of bonuses for employees was continued to the next meeting.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$5,850.00 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

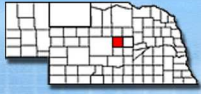
VanSlyke moved that the 2022 Board committees and representatives appointments remain the same as 2021 and to sign the Memorandum of Appointment for the County Physician, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Annual County Officers Signatures and Seals Report was signed.

Waldmann moved to designate the County website as a method to provide notice of Board meetings, second Baker. Carried: Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Region 26 minutes were reviewed. Discussion of LB310 which would reduce/eliminate inheritance taxes was held; Cullers had talked to local attorneys, had received no bad responses from clients, inheritance tax stays in the County.

Committee Reports: VanSlyke reported Region 26 cannot find help, backed off the residence requirement limit. Cetak said Mid-Nebraska will have a meeting. Waldmann reported for Economic Development, will probably buy and prepare the lot for the expansion of the private daycare, gift the lot to the business.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned to reconvene on January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 11 meeting and an agenda for the January 25 meeting



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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