

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. 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 December 22, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of January 11, 2022 approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed January road claims including: blackslicer, diesel, grader payment, mobile radios, parts, gravel, accounts payable \$101,950.81, payroll \$50,633.37, transfer \$72,892.29, highway allocation \$76,033.79, motor vehicle fees \$15,639.77.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: blading and graveling roads; working on engine overhaul, parts are hard to get; working on 1 and 6 year Road Plan; USDA grant application completed and submitted, decision made in Washington, qualify for 35% of total project costs, eligible for \$96,000, in a national pool; availability of new motor grader a year out; ARPA funds can be used for government services, need to find out if can be spent on used equipment.

Corey Steel, State Administrator, and Amy Prenda, Deputy Administrator, from the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation presented the draft of an agreement where the Clerk Magistrate would assume the duties of the Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court; LB102 would transfer duties of Ex Officio Clerk of District Court to Clerk Magistrate, no financial needs from the County required; there has been no discussion of regional courts; under agreement office staffed 40 hours a week at cost to County of \$14,000 per year, first contract for two years then yearly contract, may be terminated by either party with 30 day notice. County Attorney Hanson reviewed contract, no problems, favors consolidation of courts. Judge Noakes also spoke in favor of consolidation. Baker moved to sign the Agreement for the Clerk Magistrate as Clerk of the County Court for Valley County to become the Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court for Valley County, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

VanSlyke moved to sign the Home Health License Renewal Forms, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the Hospital Report and monthly financials: Jessica Piskorski new secretary of Hospital Board, Josh Deickmann new Chief Information Officer, first bid for MRI \$1.5 million, Hospital Auxiliary has contributed \$500,000 to the Hospital; swing bed down; ER up; radiology up; Home Health and Hospice down; revenue up; contracted services up; IT expense up; all employees mandated to receive COVID vaccination or Hospital could lose Medicare and Medicaid funds, can apply for medical or religious exemption by February 14, vaccinated by March 1.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with all members present.

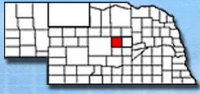
The Clerk of the District Court December Fee Report and the Department of Health and Human Services Child Support Enforcement Finance Subaward were reviewed.

The most equitable way to figure bonuses for employees through the ARPA funds will be by hours worked October 2020 to September 2021. Debate on LB 310 to eliminate the inheritance tax ended with a compromise that would increase exemption amounts but leave inheritance tax in place.

January Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. The Fund Request was approved in the amount of \$459,476.90 on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

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

Tax List Correction #3894 for Rollin and Maxine Mallery JT due to homestead exemption adjustment of income was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Tax List Correction #3895 for Agnes M Cernik due to homestead exemption



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adjustment of income was approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to sign the Contract of Services with Lake Mac Assessment to provide appraisal services for Valley County Assessor, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: Baker, DeRiso. Absent: none.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:15 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Linda and Paul Horner, Tom Kruml and Zeb Augustyn appeared to request ARPA funds for the expansion of Linda's Daycare. Linda Horner explained the daycare was opened 19 years ago with capacity of 21, 10 years ago moved to new location with capacity of 29, in 6 months upped capacity to 40, now out of room for kids and no way to expand, 30 kids on waiting list, two daughters with early childhood education want to take over business, want to take infants, construct new building for expansion to provide more children with daycare and provide more jobs in community, investment group brought in to determine cost, \$105,000 from Economic Development to purchase lot, estimated cost of entire project \$1,014,985 to get from dirt lot to finished facility with playground, need for daycare, not huge cash flow, infants barely cover wages, business structure in place, teachers in place, need to get staff in place, nice functional facility, support \$400,000 of debt, capacity of 105, no technical guidance for ARPA funds, \$400,000 bare minimum needed, if can move soon will have daycare by October, County has projects to fund, will talk to NACO for further guidance to find out if project eligible, table to next meeting.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with all members present.

VanSlyke moved to accept Wozab Fund Applications from February 7 through March 14, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The application will be advertised. The meeting to award the Wozab funds will be at the end of March, \$31,987.03 is available to be awarded.

NACO hosting County Board Chairperson Workshop on February 4, someone will attend. The NPDES modified construction and operating permit issued for livestock waste control facilities for Shoemaker Farms, Inc. and Nebraska Association of Emergency Management award nominations were noted. Cullers made the motion that the January 12, 2021 Board decision to offer up to 80 hours of paid sick time for COVID related reasons was no longer in effect, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Pie charts showing 2021 tax levy distributions will be posted in areas in the County.

Cetak attended a Mid-Nebraska meeting, 12 of 22 representatives attended, everything going well. DeRiso will be getting information about meetings of CNEDD. VanSlyke will attend a meeting in Lincoln to discuss the bill before the Legislature that would prorate funds to emergency management regions by population, Region 26 wants funds divided equally. Cullers reported for the Wozab Fund; beginning balance \$1,371,764.42, ending balance \$1,390,482.37, \$31,987.03 available to award.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene on February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting and an agenda for the February 8, 2022 meeting 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