



# 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, February 8, 2022 in their Courthouse meeting room. 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 January 12, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022, Baker second. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to adopt the agenda, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted posting of Open Meetings Act; public copies available. No Public Comment offered.

The agreement between the State and the County for transfer of the District Court has been signed and will go into effect March 1.

Road Superintendent Meyer displayed a stop sign that had been destroyed by gunshots, fine for damaging road signs, Sherriff's office investigating, cost of sign \$40 plus time spent replacing the sign totals \$100. Meyer presented a list of surplus equipment and items for an online auction, might split up into two auctions. Baker moved to sell the surplus Road Department equipment and items, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer reported two quotes were received for purchase of used motor graders. The first quote was for a 2017 Caterpillar with all-wheel drive and 1,588 hours, 4 year or 2,000 hour powertrain and hydraulic warranty and basic CVA filter kits, if County hauls and uses own lift price would be \$233,075. Second quote was for 2016 Caterpillar with 2,030 hours, bumper to bumper warranty until August 2023 and basic CVA filter kits, new tires, price would be \$225,500. The quotes are good until February 24, 2022. County would sell 1998 and 1999 machines, bring \$20,000 on auction, motor graders qualify for ARPA funds, will also look into financing. Baker moved to purchase the motor graders, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none Absent: none. Culverts and bridges also qualify for ARPA funds.

Meyer's General Report included: will haul dirt for shoefly on Sargent/Ord Road, will put in culvert; will put culvert inside culvert and tear out headwall on Round Barn Road; will purchase truck for \$44,500 to replace truck that upset, money in Budget, bought back the old truck and stripped, \$6,000 worth of tires.

Linda and Paul Horner, Tom Kruml and Zeb Augustyn appeared to further discuss the request for ARPA funds to construct a Daycare. Plans for the project were presented, projected cost of \$1,066,000, on 4 acres with areas for safe drop off and playground. Valley County Economic Development cannot own land, Ord City Council will buy land for \$105,000, eligible for \$500,000 loan from Sales Tax Fund, purchase of land may have to come off of amount received, net loan would be for \$395,000, to recruit new families to the area need daycare, requesting \$400,000 of ARPA funds, small business new construction qualifies for ARPA funds. As restrictions are being loosened, the County is finding more County projects eligible for ARPA funds which will reduce the tax asking. Cullers said people are asking what do the owners put into the business, building could be sold in the future. Augustyn replied big buildings in the area cost more to build than what can be sold for, likely sold for a loss.

Katie Walmsley and Melani Flynn appeared for the Loup Valley Childcare Initiative, not asking for funds at this time, start fund raising at a later time, continuing to need more childcare, 106 children without daycare by 2027, another facility will be needed, supporting Linda's Daycare construction and moving forward with the LVCI.

Waldmann made the motion to give \$400,000 to the construction of Linda's Daycare facility, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: VanSlyke, Cetak. Absent: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all members present.

**The following sentence was corrected at 2-22-22 meeting: Ryan Dorsey instead of Shane Jensen.**

**Treasurer Brott reported County Tax sale Certificates were assigned to an investor in the amount of \$4,245.34, Private Tax Sale Certificate sold at a private sale to the same investor, Shane Jensen, for \$1,195.49, subsequent taxes paid on assigned certificates were \$8,608.05 for a total of \$14,050.88.** Brott also presented the Fund Balance Report for January: \$656,103.94 General, \$311,666.97 Road, \$213,730.55 Inheritance, \$66,524.13 Debt Serv. (bonds), \$145,313.81 State reimbursement to County for Personal and Real Estate Tax Credits. The delinquent tax list will be



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published for 3 weeks as required; the tax sale will be March 7. Pledge Security for \$1,000,000 was obtained from First National Bank.

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

County Attorney Hanson reported he is trying to get bonds forfeited for people who do not show up to Court, large uptick of felony cases, pursuing criminal prosecution of drug cases instead of taking money found during the arrest, not much money is found.

Cullers moved to give bonuses from the ARPA funds to full-time and part-time County employees for hours worked from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 at the rate of \$.50 per hour, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$5,700.00 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak moved to allow Valley County Philanthropic Partners to put the Thermometer for the Big Give on the Courthouse lawn, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

The NIRMA 22/23 Underwriting Questionnaire was reviewed. The NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle for JNR Farms, Inc., February 11 virtual presentation on LB644 about changes to the budget process, NACO Budget Workshop in Norfolk on May 12 and 2022 Lower Loup Hazard Mitigation Plan were noted. Financial Interest forms are due March 1.

VanSlyke reported for Region 26, attending February 23 appropriations meeting in Lincoln concerning a bill before the Legislature that would prorate funds to emergency management regions by population, wants funds divided equally. Cullers reported for Region 3, working on relieving the load on 911 calls by creating 988 calls that go to Boys Town; mental illness big issue, Richard Young's bed capacity for this area went from 90 to 30; expenditures for 2021 were \$11,909,000; emergency services served 37,686 individuals; 14,046 youth ages 18 and under were served. Waldmann reported it could be a year before Economic Development finds a new director.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 8 meeting and an agenda for the February 22 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](http://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.

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Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk