



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 22, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present; Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on January 12, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Cullers indicated the minutes of the February 8 meeting should be corrected to state "Private Tax Sale Certificate sold at a private sale to the same investor, Ryan Dorsey" not "Private Tax Sale Certificate sold at a private sale to the same investor, Shane Jensen." The corrected minutes of February 8 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. The agenda was adopted on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. Chairman Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, copies available. No Public Comment offered.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed February claims, noting the larger expenses; culvert, parts, truck, repairs, blades, track loader and lift payments, water tank; accounts payable \$109,612.97, payroll \$50,364.37, transfer \$62,915.48; received highway allocation of \$75,171.13, incentive payment of \$9,000. Cetak moved to set the time and date for the public hearing on the One and Six Road Plans to March 29 at 9:15 a.m., second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Road Superintendent Meyer presented information on Lease Purchase financing of \$233,075 for one motor grader and \$458,575 for two motor graders through Piper Sandler; repayment term of 5 year semi-annual; checked rates with D.A. Davidson, Piper Sandler had best rates. Cullers moved to purchase motor grader for \$225,500 with ARPA funds, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyer's General Report included: overhaul of truck done, hard to find parts; sign inventory done; picked up the two motor graders.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented information he received at the Spring Conference concerning the chemical Invora for control of leafy spurge, being used for control of mesquite, Bayer hoping to get clearance for use of the chemical on spurge in May. Baker arrived at 9:35 a.m.

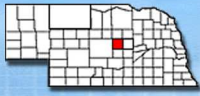
CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital Report. Woodward presented the financial information: volume down; ER up; lab down; radiology down; Home Health and Hospice down; revenue down; salaries and benefits up; contracted services up; \$907,031 of COVID funds have not been recognized. Glaubke reported the cost of a new MRI is \$1.5 million, 10 weeks without on-site MRI during replacement, use mobile unit during this time, working on grants to help purchase; Vaccine Mandate is in effect, lost a few employees because of mandate. Two Hospital Board positions are up for appointment, both appointees are willing to continue to serve, will place ad in Ord Quiz for two weeks beginning March 2 for applications for the positions, 6 year term, continuing education required.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Ord Public School Superintendent Dr. Heather Nebesniak and District Business Manager Cathy Carson gave a presentation concerning the use of tax resources by the school district, preparing students for the world they will live in; maintaining resources, refinanced bond at good rate; 80% of budget for personnel; decreasing tax asking dollars, \$987,000 decrease; state funds are going down, valuations are up; Columbus Plan decreases property tax asking and includes sales tax and income tax, did not get out of committee in Legislature; school choice is available in Nebraska; enrollment is holding steady, 638 students; increase in mental health needs of students; \$14,000-\$15,000 per student cost.

County Attorney Hanson reported on Legislative bill 921 which would require all sentences for Class III, IIIA or IV felonies regardless of the length of imprisonment and all sentences for terms of imprisonment of less than one year be served in the county jail, County jail not set up for that; very busy in court.

County Clerk Musil reported that a Deputy County Clerk has been appointed, can sign documents when Clerk not in the office, Deputy Clerk has to earn 65% of Clerk's salary, Deputy works part-time, pay per hour has to enable the employee to earn 65% of Clerk's salary if works enough hours, pay rate would be \$20.00 per hour, Clerk's budget will most likely go over.



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The SAM number that is used to request ARPA funds has been renewed, will request funds when available. VanSlyke feels information for requesting ARPA funds needs to be more available to the public, too much given to one requestor, should add conditions to the use of the funds. Cullers said Board has to track if funds are being used for purpose stated on the request.

After review the February Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$382,451.07, on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Region 26 Minutes were reviewed. The Nebraska Jail Standards Board will conduct the annual inspection of the Valley County Jail facility on March 8. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO Central District meeting March 17 in Kearney; CNEDD Zoom meeting February 24 and LR263CA Constitutional amendment forbids Legislature from imposing new program expenses on political subdivisions without full reimbursement by the State for the expenses.

DeRiso reported Region 3 cut the Mid-Plains budget. Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska is selling some property, number of clients going down.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 22 meeting and an agenda for the March 8 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