



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, April 12, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on March 16, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting and the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Wozab Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Abstain: Cetak, not present at Wozab Advisory Board meeting. Absent: none. The Agenda was adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted. There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed the 2022 Nebraska Choice Gas Supplier Selection Form, current supplier ACE, only use gas in old shop building, quotes obtained from ACE and Constellation, from \$.85 to \$.90 per therm. Baker moved to select the three year fixed rate plan from ACE for \$.873 per therm, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cullers moved to approve refunding Easement 21-443 for Michael Jackson, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve Easements 22-455 for James Psota and 22-456 for Jeff Wieskamp, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: removed bridge and put in culvert on Sargent Ord Road near Fairplay school, plan to have road open next week; signs vandalized in Arcadia area, Sheriff's office investigating, if prosecuted Judge can order restitution, may or may not be paid; 79 bids on auction site for old motor grader, top bid as of now \$57,000; oil prices are up; will start milling 9 miles on South Ave.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke was present for the selection of two appointees for the Hospital Board for positions presently filled by Charles E. Blaha and Nathan Flessner. Four applications were received from Bruce Lammers, Camerin Schimenti, Charles E. Blaha and Nathan Flessner. Each member of the Board marked ballots which were tabulated by Clerk Musil and Clerk's Office employee Whited. The result was a three way tie. Each member of the Board then marked ballots with their top two choices which were also tabulated by Musil and Whited. Bruce Lammers and Nathan Flessner will receive appointments to the Hospital Board for a six year term from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2028. The Board will send thank you letters to the applicants.

County Attorney Hanson and Zeb Augustyn joined the discussion of ARPA grant requirements, ARPA funds are a grant not a loan, funds not repaid, available daycare attracts young people to area, large buildings in the area have not historically sold for a profit, County's responsibility ensuring funds used for awarded purpose. Hanson will seek advice from Mark DeDiana of Lutz about possible grant requirements for ARPA funds.

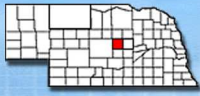
Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson reported one or two cases may go to trial on May 9; working on foreclosures of Tax Sale Certificates; Sheriff's office busy; would seek restitution for vandalized road signs, District Court case if over \$1,500 in damages, County Court if under \$1,500.

Payroll and Claims Clerk Whited presented options to calculate premium pay for current employees who meet eligibility requirements, flat rate of \$85 per month for full-time, \$45 per month for part-time. Baker made the motion to use the flat rate calculation for employee premium pay, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for March, \$269,348.55 General, \$427,671.52 Road, \$222,217.71 Inheritance, \$79,691.46 Debt Service (bonds), \$1,916,482 total collected. Pledge Security for \$75,000 was obtained from First National Bank. Treasurer's office will be open Arbor Day, April 29, 2022 until 4:00 p.m.

The County Clerk March Fee Report was reviewed. Pledge Security for \$695,000 was obtained from First National Bank. Since the date of the first Board meeting in May would fall on the same day as the Primary Election, County Clerk Musil requested that the date be changed. Cullers moved to change the date for the first Board meeting in May to Wednesday, May 11, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.



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The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds report was reviewed, filed with assistance of Mark DeDiana from Lutz on April 8, 2022, projects reported were Employee Premium Pay, Motor Grader Acquisition and Daycare Facility Construction. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO County Budget Workshop registration and agenda and March District Court Fees and Fines Report. Minutes of the Region 26 Council meeting were reviewed. VanSlyke shared the discussion concerning charges per County, has been base plus population plus usage, want base plus usage, due to the budget the fee increase will be \$5,000 to \$6,000 for Valley County and City of Ord, trying to get surcharge on cell phones for Emergency Management to be paid directly by phone companies to Region 26. Sheri Goodrich volunteered to attend the NIRMA Cyber Security Seminar. Ed Knott will attend a May Board meeting to explain cyber security available through Applied Connective.

Claims and Fund Request of \$60,223.77 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Tax Increment Finance Report was reviewed, redevelopment areas listed were Rolling Hills, KTJ 264 and Cobblestone, Ethanol Plant paid in full during 2021.

Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska will have a meeting, requested funds from Valley County will not change. Cullers reported information received at the Central District meeting, the Nebraska Community Foundation stated with \$14,000,000 in endowments and donations Valley County has turned the generosity of local people into a national model for a thriving economic system; Emergency Management co-director Scott Philbrick said that an emergency declaration needs to be signed immediately so action can be taken, with Board approval the signature of only one Board member will be needed on the declaration instead of the entire Board; Region 3 tax match for Valley County will be \$10,835.55, less because population decreased. DeRiso reported if any lawn waste is in with the regular trash in Ord, the trash has to be taken to David City instead of Elba. Waldmann reported Economic Development has hired Becky Ries as the new director. Sevenker reported for Building and Grounds, Mechanical Sales will need to get parts to fix one of the heating units.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

Mail Folder items: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on April 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 12 meeting and an agenda for the April 26 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