

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, May 31, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. 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 April 20, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of the May 11 meeting, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Cetak and Sevenker, not present for meeting. Agenda adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall and public copies are available on the counter. No public comment.

The May Claims and Fund Request information was reviewed, Treasurer Brott wanted the reimbursement of the General Fund by the ARPA Fund in the amount of \$225,500 for the purchase of the motor grader to reflect as a transfer of funds. Cullers moved to approve the May Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$844,267.79, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented the current Weed Notices that will contain a message alluding to the 10 Day Notice that will be sent if the infestation is not sprayed.

May Road Claims and Balances Report by Road Secretary Simpson included: Accounts Payable \$188,652.67, Payroll \$53,817.18, received \$78,123.13 highway allocation; Transfer \$144,440.71; larger expenses include blackslicer, mulcher, recycled concrete, oil, hammer rental, engineering services, diesel, tires, sand, gravel, rock.

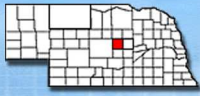
Gravel bid date and time was set for June 28 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of Cetak, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Waldmann moved to approve Easement 22-459 and waive the deposit for the City of Ord, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer presented the budget for this year and his proposed budget for 2022-2023, gave all employees a \$2.00 raise in March, has to keep wages up to keep CDL drivers, received no applications for open position; when Sandy Simpson retires will have clerical position to replace; Meyer makes less than some of his employees; will be receiving an extra \$35,000 in the Bridge Buyback, have \$330,500 in Bridge Buyback and Bridge Match, would like to finance the other \$281,328.96 for the construction of the two bridges, would make payments out of the Bridge Buyback; received \$74,500 for the second used motor grader; wants to update the fuel depot, if can get transport delivery can save \$.15 to \$.30 per gallon fuel cost; would like to purchase lift to service larger vehicles, cost around \$70,000, would take bids. VanSlyke moved to contact Central Nebraska Economic Development District for assistance in submitting the pre-application for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds to cover some of the cost share for infrastructure expenses from the 2019 floods, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished milling South Ave, will overlay this summer; will overlay the Sargent/Ord Road using some of the millings.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported the Health Fair will be June 21; hosting an open house in Burwell on June 10 to welcome Jenna Hilker, APRN; new helicopter service available out of Kearney. Cullers moved to sign the Hospice License Renewal, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Woodward presented the financial information: working on budget, census down, ER up for year, radiology up, hospice down, home health down, revenue down, salaries down, contract services up, benefits up, interest income down.

Valley County Public Defender Michael Borders asked for an increase of his contract price from \$40,000 to \$45,000, case load up, expenses up, receives no benefits since not a County employee, increase supported by County Attorney Hanson. Baker moved to increase the Public Defender contract price to \$45,000 beginning July 1, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The monthly Clerk report was reviewed. Medica did not receive payment for the medical insurance, discovered claim coded for United Healthcare instead of Medica, payment stopped for United Healthcare, payment overnighted to Medica to be delivered on Saturday, May 28, Benefit Management obtained an extension for payment to Medica.



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County Attorney Hanson presented the Memorandum of Understanding between Valley County and Linda S. and Paul E. Horner and Linda's Preschool concerning the \$400,000 grant from the ARPA funds, County waives any interest or obligation to \$150,000 on date project begins, interest or obligation to other \$250,000 waived at rate of \$83,333.33 per year on December 31 as long as project in operation and owned by Horners, project not tiffed, taxes paid from beginning. Waldmann moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Attorney's office has been busy, possibility of over 200 County Court cases filed this year.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

The following informational items were reviewed: letter from Deputy Secretary of Treasury about uses of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, the NACO County Board Workshop on June 8-9 and the NE Ag and Economic Development Summit August 9-10. Baker spoke to Dale Beethe, Veterans Service Officer, about the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee, had not received any information from Beethe, will contact again.

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

No order proposing an adjustment of the value for a class or subclass of real property in Valley County was entered by the NE Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Waltman presented a proposal from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. to provide appraisal services for the revalue of commercial properties at a cost of \$76,075, payments may be split between two budget years, Cargill not on the list of large commercial properties. The Board requested that Waltman obtain a quote from Brian Hill Appraisals.

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

No proposal for services was received from Applied Connective for cyber security. DeRiso spoke to Josh Jelden holding a Mobile Office for senator Deb Fischer, Jelden made note of DeRiso's concerns. Region 26 minutes were reviewed, Baker said he had been told about a 911 service out of Grand Island that was cheaper than Region 26.

Curtis Sikyta spoke to the Board concerning the payment of claims, copies of the claims as received by the Clerk's office were discussed, Sikyta and Clerk Musil will meet to go over the claims and the claim's process.

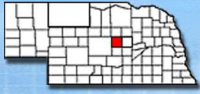
The Region 3 Governing Board voted to not increase the overall amount of tax match requested from all twenty-two counties, but to change the amount allocated to each county based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau's population estimates, decrease of \$132.91 for Valley County. Waldmann made the motion to approve Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2022/2023 County Match Request, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported for Region 3, camping can be taxed, should receive a percentage of lodging tax, will invite Becky Ries from Economic Development to the next meeting; had increase of 15% to budget but no increase to Counties; 988 new number for suicide prevention; Beth Baxter is retiring, will hire from within. Cetak said Mid-Nebraska held a conference call meeting, Medicaid gave a temporary 15% increase in service rates, will give one-time bonus to employees using a five tier structure, hope to retain the current labor force and attract new employees.

Mail folder items: Wozab Thank You from Valley County Historical Society, the Golden Husk, Village of Arcadia and Heartland Youth Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on June 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 31 meeting and an agenda for the June 14 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



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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