

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, June 28, 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, agenda posted. Minutes of June 14 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. Under public comment Larry White thanked the Board for the Wozab funds given to North Loup Popcorn Days, receive no funds from ranch rodeo, some funds from team penning, receive 25% from carnival. Also, under public comment Steffan Baker spoke about the locked door of the hospital, doors not locked at other hospitals in area; person who went to the emergency room directed to go to front door.

Road Secretary Simpson's June Road Claims Report included: Payroll \$53,994.46, Accounts Payable \$222,957.34, Highway Allocation \$86,562.05, transfer from General Fund \$198,663.83; larger expenses included cold mill, HFE, payment on truck, crack sealer, pavement marking, diesel, gravel, rock.

Meyer's General Report included: \$138,000 left in the Budget; laying millings; mixing asphalt; trying to recycle, reuse and reclaim; short a machine and an employee, moving guys around; received \$18,484 from FEMA, paid the difference between 75% and NEMA increase to 90%; one job interview, applicant turned down job because of pay and no family insurance.

Gravel Bids were opened and read by Superintendent Meyer at 9:30 a.m. Bids were received from Jeffres Sand and Gravel Inc. and Ulrich Gravel Inc. Scott and Wes Ulrich and Lee Jeffres were present. Ulrich's bid included: (bids per cubic yard), Gravel at pit \$14.00, cubic yard mile truck charge \$.47, 47B Windrow Gravel \$14.00, Armor Coat Gravel \$14.00, Sand \$5.75, De-Icing Gravel \$14.00, haul rate min. \$3.90, Shaker Rock \$20.00, Waste Rock \$16.00, White rock \$48.50, Mud Rock \$22.00. Jeffres' bid included: (bids per cubic yard) Class A Road Gravel \$14.25, Sand \$7.00, Ice/Salt Gravel \$14.25, 47B Gravel \$14.25, Armor Coat Gravel \$14.25, haul rates \$95 per hour for dump truck and \$150 per hour for semi, White rock \$49.50. Following discussion, Cetak moved to accept the gravel bids from Ulrich and Jeffres, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report, Health Fair was successful, finished community health needs assessment. Woodward reviewed FY 2023 Financial Budget: realistically expect decrease of CT scans, need to get hospice and home health numbers up, no interest to pay. Woodward also reviewed financials: census down, ER up, need to give raises to retain staff, benefits in line, hospice down, home health down, increase of contracted services, local loan kept because receive 99% of costs back for the interest paid.

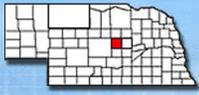
Becky Ries and Katie Walmsley, Tourism and Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, asked to increase the lodging tax agreement from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Cullers moved to approve the lodging tax agreement, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Ries presented the Lodging Tax budget draft for FY 22/23, increase of marketing and promotion and advertising, increase to Destination Development Fund; some approved grants from current fiscal year have not been paid out yet; 4% of camping fees goes to lodging tax; received letter of resignation from Tourism Committee member Skye Griess, recommended Becky Trotter as a replacement. Baker moved to appoint Becky Trotter to the Tourism Committee, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to approve the placement of a sign on the Courthouse lawn for the Sidewalk Sales, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Hanson reported office secretary Joann Scott will be retiring; sentencing up to the discretion of the Judge; no jury trials; thirty jury trials scheduled for September, may be continued or plea deal taken.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with all members present.

Cullers presented information about construction of a gazebo on the Courthouse lawn like former one, 19 feet to 20 feet in diameter, metal shingles, handicap entrance, funded by donations, will obtain more information.

Veterans Service Officer Dale Beethe will present an appointment to the Veterans Service Committee and a quarterly report at the next meeting.



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At 11:05 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk and Duane Krajnek were present.

Property Valuation Protest #2 from Ronnie and Tonna Drudik on Parcel #880025144, West Ord Add/102 S75' of N150' of E150' of B14; protested value: Land \$11,065, Buildings \$180,315, Total \$191,380; requested value: Land \$11,065, Buildings \$170,000, Total \$181,065; homeowner's written testimony: decided not to contest valuation increase of \$43,000. Cullers moved to accept the withdrawal of protest, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Property Valuation Protest #3 from Michael VanSlyke on Parcel #880034650, Arcadia Inside Corp/104 S 147' of SW4 Less W 85' 23-27-16; protested value: Land \$4,395, Buildings \$47,490, Total \$51,885; requested value: Land \$5,000, Buildings \$16,000, Total \$21,000. Owner's written testimony: Foundation and windows are bad, Floors are raised in places. Assessor's written testimony: Helen Cullers, Jack VanSlyke, Mike Linder and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Mike VanSlyke was there also, We inspected the interior and exterior of the house, Interior of house has not had any updates recently, The foundation is settling and causing floors to buckle and the basement is in poor condition. Assessor's written recommendation: Change the house to fair condition and leave quality at fair; House \$25,335, Land \$4,395, Total \$29,770. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation, Cullers second. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: VanSlyke.

Report of Destroyed Property #2 from Duane W. Krajnek on Parcel #880013909, Michigan Twp, NW4 of 36-15-19; damage to storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: High wind, Picture of storage bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the storage bin, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #3 from Duane W. Krajnek on Parcel #880007973, Vinton Twp, NW4 of 15-18-15; damage to buildings on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: 32'x28' barn destroyed, 16'x20' loafing shed destroyed, 32'x24' lean-to missing 32' side and roof - may repair, 12'x24' utility building is on top - may be able to set back up, Pictures of buildings included. Discussion included: Krajnek will repair lean-to and utility building. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove the assessed value for the barn and loafing shed, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

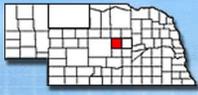
Report of Destroyed Property #1 from Keith L. Novak on Parcel #8800014763, Geranium Twp, NE4 of 25-19-16; damage to buildings on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Car port total damage, Pole building total damage, Bin 50% damage, Pictures of buildings and quote to replace grain bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the car port, pole building and bin, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #4 from Michael L Jackson on Parcel #880007728, Vinton Twp/153, NE4 of 8-18-15; damage to storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Due to the wind on 5/12 this elevator site took significant damage, Chief 45,000 bu. York 6,500-6,500-7,000bu., Pictures of storage bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the storage bin, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #5 from Kerry Petska on Parcel #8800019236, Elyria Twp/2, 9-20-14; damage to pole building on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Pole building destroyed, Pictures of pole building included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the pole building, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #6 from Petska's Hillcrest Ranch, LLC on Parcel #880036774, Elyria Twp/2, All sec. 5 except 9 acre tract SW4 5-20-14; damage to utility building on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Wind damage, Hole in roof, Doors blown out, Tin blown off, Pictures of utility building included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the utility building, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #7 from Richard L. Bilka on Parcel #880019117, Eureka Twp, N2 of 34-20-16; damage to pole shed on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: A pole shed 40'x48', The east wall 48'x14' and the west wall 48'x14' had major damage, Pictures of pole shed included. Discussion included: Everything in building intact,



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sides can be repaired. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove 50% of assessed value for the pole shed, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #8 from Lumir F. Bruha on Parcel #880018788, Eureka Twp/7, S2NW4 of 25-20-16, 160 acres; damage to utility building and storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Dent in corn bin, Machine shed – part of the roof blew away and part of roof fell into the shed, Pictures of utility building and storage bin included. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove assessed value for the utility building and storage bin, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Waltman received a quote from Central Plains Evaluation for \$36,500 for appraisal services, one assessor said did not show up at agreed time and did not measure, another assessor had no problems, will find out if they request a down payment and request references. LB 644 requires the printing and mailing of postcards to all affected property taxpayers if any county, city or school district increases their property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and is required to participate in a joint public hearing, assessor must mail postcards at least seven days before the hearing, cost of creating and mailing to be reimbursed by all political subdivisions participating in the hearing, must designate printing service and put cost in budget, State Print Shop charge around .53 per postcard including postcard, printing, presort and postage, approximately 4,485 parcels x .53 equals \$2,378 cost. Cullers moved to designate State Print Shop to print postcards, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:40 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Following review, Cullers moved to approve the June claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$720,277.02, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolution 22-09 transferring funds due to budget overages was approved on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker left at 11:45 a.m. The 22/23 budget timeline was reviewed. VanSlyke moved to hold the budget meeting August 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the special hearing to act on the County budget September, 13 at 9:00 a.m., second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Waldmann made the motion to sign the Region 3 EPC Letter of Agreement, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

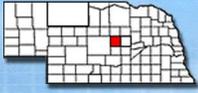
The following informational items were reviewed: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Equity and Outcomes Resource Guide, Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit, Probation District 8 Budget and Region 26 Minutes.

Baker moved to become a member of Loup Rivers Scenic Byway and Loup Basin Resource Conservation and Development Council, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Committee Reports: VanSlyke reported that Region 26 budget will be adopted that evening, expect \$17,000 increase for Valley County. Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska met via conference call to discuss the purchase of a vehicle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene as Board of Equalization on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. if necessary, to hear property valuation protests, and on July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 28 meeting and an agenda for the July 12 meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the June 28 meeting 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



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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