

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Waldmann present; Sevenker (excused) and VanSlyke (excused) absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on June 22, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. July 19 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Abstain: Baker, not present at meeting. July 12 Board minutes and July 11 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Agenda adopted on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Cullers noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for July: accounts payable \$173,215.25, payroll \$51,149.76; allocation for July was \$80,259.31, motor vehicle fee \$18,306.57, transfer from General Fund \$122,107.39; larger expenses included diesel; motor graders payment, one payment left; HFE 300; gravel; signs; labor; parts; rock.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: will start overlaying asphalt on South Avenue next week; maintaining roads; mixing asphalt; final inspection of repair of flood damage on August 5, will receive the final payment from the State; Hoevet waiting for materials to construct the bridges; load of oil costs between \$18,000 to \$19,000; helping village of North Loup lay tack oil on streets to lay down millings.

DeRiso moved to sign Resolution 22-10 for approval of Valley County's portion of the FEMA approved Lower Loup NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to become eligible for project grant funding and meet final participation requirements, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

Communication was received from BrownGreer PLC, Directing Administrator of the National Opioid Settlements, that Valley County will receive \$1,801.87 for the Year 1 Payment Allocation; Clerk Musil created a portal account for Valley County, provided contact information and completed the Payment Election Form and W-9 Form; payments will over the next several months.

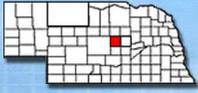
July Claims and Fund Request were reviewed, claim received from County/District Court showed amount due to Central Nebraska Attorneys for a juvenile case as \$20.00, amount should have been for \$1,077.44, the attorney's office said they will make a new claim next month. The July Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$556,835.23, on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

The following informational items were reviewed: Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit and Notice of Intent to Renew Permit for J & J Sanitation Solid Waste Transfer Station. A letter was received from County Auditor, Tonniges & Associates, that they will no longer be conducting audits, will ask County Accountant for a suggestion, continue discussion to next meeting.

Valley County will be hosting the Central District Fall Meeting on September 15 in Aurora; the County will be responsible for the flag salute, blessing, welcome and history of the County; responsible for gifts for the drawings, several Supervisors felt the businesses should not be asked to donate items for the drawings; will continue discussion to the next meeting.

Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report; the Hospital received a \$50,000 USDA grant toward the purchase of an ambulance, also applying for ARPA funds toward the purchase of an ambulance, the cost of an ambulance is \$324,000. Woodward reviewed financials: ER up, swingbed down, radiology up, CT scans up, hospice down, home health down, revenue down, benefits up, no interest expense, last of the COVID funds were recognized; front door has been unlocked; requested that reporting be changed to quarterly instead of monthly, will discuss at next meeting.

Preliminary budget information for FY 22-23 based on the funds requested by the County Officials and department heads and estimated receipts for FY22-23 prepared by County Budget Accountant Chuck Abel was reviewed. County cash balance is down; if all budget requests were spent General fund would be negative \$53,389, the



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preliminary property valuation for 2022-23 will be up 11.21%, normally the General fund does not spend its entire budget; if levy stays the same the increase in assessed taxes would be \$342,390, each one cent change in the levy rate would increase/decrease assessed taxes by \$99,898.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with Sevenker and VanSlyke absent.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Wozab Fund beginning balance was \$1,345,589.64; income for the period was negative \$65,637.80; expenses \$27,025.37; ending balance \$1,252,926.47, the available payout is \$41,572.27. DeRiso reported that Mid Plains is having problems with management, meeting with NIRMA. Cullers reported the Central Nebraska Economic Development District received a Cares Act grant in 2020 to be invested in creating programs for resiliency in the economy; input gathered from local consumers about the purchase of locally-raised and locally-processed meat products to create alternative markets for livestock producers, create workforce opportunities for existing and new small local meat processors and provide quality meat products to consumers is available in the "Keeping Meat Local to Nebraska" Livestock Demand Report.

At 10:45 a.m. Baker left the meeting. The Board members answered questions Theresa Petska had concerning the procedures of the Board meeting.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

The 2022 Plan of Assessment was approved on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The 2022 Cemetery Report was reviewed, Waldmann reported Manderson Cemetery needs work, big trees growing in cemetery, only 10-12 gravestones, will discuss further at the next meeting. Waldmann moved to sign the contract for appraisal services with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc., second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The next steps to take for the LB644 postcard and joint public hearing will be researched and discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

Custodian Vanek presented a quote from Doggett Tree Service for \$1,100 to remove a tree on the Courthouse lawn. Waldmann moved to accept the quote, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to reconvene on August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 22-23 budget meeting and August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 26 meeting and agendas for August 8 and 9 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