

# 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, September 27, 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 August 17, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of September 13, 2022 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed the September Road Payroll/Claims: Accounts Payable \$344,466.11, Payroll \$52,079.48, larger expenses include motor grader payment, payment for bridge, HFE 300, parts, labor, oil, professional services, diesel, red rock, gravel, hauling; \$219,471.59 transferred from General, Highway Allocation for September is \$88,084.84. Sevenker asked whether Buyback funds are Federal or State funds. Road Superintendent Meyer replied funds are Federal funds received through the State which takes 10% of the funds for administration. Meyer said allocations are going up but did not know the amount to put in the budget. Buyback, FEMA and Bridge Match funds have built a dozen structures, funds that are not taxed for. Buyback funds are ending at the end of the year, only \$5 million of the funds have been given to the Counties, the State will get the rest, can be extended.

Meyers' General Report included: will stripe South Ave next week, cost \$1,000 per mile; Hoevet waiting for supplies; laying millings on Sargent-Ord Rd, will armor coat within two years; cracks in roads will be sealed. County Surveyor gave a heads up about locating section corners in two sections. County Surveyor locates section corners for some State projects, State now paying \$300 per section corner to tie-in and tie-out. After the 2022 General Election, a surveyor will be appointed, Jesse Hurt with Olsson & Associates has been good.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski requested approval of a 10-day notice to spray a pasture for musk thistles and spurge after no response from the landowner for two years. Waldmann moved to approve the 10-day notice, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Sheriff's office secretary, Ashley Eley, presented the quarterly report; door replaced after damaged while executing a search warrant; short one employee for the jail, a corrections officer attends jail school for two weeks, difficult to fill positions, work 12 hour shifts; cheaper to replace tasers than repair.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the monthly hospital report; financials in packets, bottom line good but not as good as budgeted; auditors at facility last week, overall looks good; USDA ambulance grant has to be used by July 21, 2024, can ask for extension, hope to get another grant; Celebrate Being A Woman October 11.

Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m., reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with Baker absent.

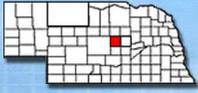
County Attorney Hanson said if a quorum of Supervisors had attended the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing, the Open Meetings Act would have been in effect; the secretary position is still open, looking for a particular candidate; the case load continues to be high.

The Treasury Department will be ending the call center support for the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Cullers reported 130 people were in attendance at the Central District meeting in Aurora hosted by Valley County, gifts bags were very nice, some presentations were the same as the last meeting, maybe only one meeting and December conference.

The NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference; NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting; NACO Legislative Conference and NACO Nominations for County Official of Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation were noted.

Communication received from Dustin Will from Benefit Management about the cost of full family coverage, will not know renewal increase for another month or more, would not know how many would enroll, estimate \$250,000 to \$300,000 more if paying full coverage, \$150,000 if employee pays 25% of cost. Twenty individuals attended the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing, four people spoke. The Region 26 August meeting minutes were reviewed, not likely that Howard County will join Region 26.

September claims and fund request in the amount of \$831,347.22 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.



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Committee Reports: Cullers reported Custodian Vanek would like to put metal letters on the east side of the Courthouse spelling out Valley County.

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

\$2,300 is in the budget to pay cost of printing and mailing the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase pink cards sent to every taxpayer in Valley County per LB 644; estimated change in taxes, actual increase depends on the adopted levies, Valley County did not increase levy.

Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second VanSlyke. Carried: Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Custodian Vanek joined the meeting to display a sample of the letters for the east side of the Courthouse, will continue discussion.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on October 11 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of September 27 meeting and agenda for October 11 meeting available for public inspection in office of County Clerk and on County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://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.

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Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk