

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, October 11, 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 September 21, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of September 27, 2022 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall of Boardroom, public copies available on the counter. There was no public comment.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: striping finished on South Avenue and Sargent-Ord Road, will finish armor coating four and a half miles; Hoevet hopes to set the concrete slabs for the Potrzeba bridge next week, next bridge has a poured deck, do not want to start until sure all supplies ready to be delivered, may wait until spring, bridge okay for use during harvest; received \$2,000 for bridge timbers sold at auction; will put temporary tabs down on the road until can be striped, striping company works in three states, do a professional job; prefer complaints are made directly to Meyer instead of social media.

The County Clerk September fee report was reviewed, County receives only .2222 per cent of the documentary stamp tax collected, the State receives the rest.

Treasurer Brott reviewed the Month End Fund Report collections and balances for September, General balance \$388,154.16, Road \$486,220.97, Relief \$50,456.21, Inheritance \$771,099.75. Total collected \$1,373,684. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The US Department of the Treasury launched the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) for eligible revenue sharing counties to serve as a general revenue enhancement program, \$750 million allocated to counties for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, payment requested through the Treasury Submission Portal which opened September 29, funds must be requested by January 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Valley County eligible for \$50,000, discussion continued to obtain more information.

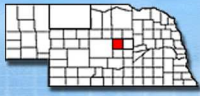
Becky Ries and Katie Walmsley presented the Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Report; sales tax receipts have been slow, one loan inquiry, application goes to five member sales tax loan committee then to the City Council, 10 year loan at 1% interest, final balloon payment, can be refinanced; eateries struggling, Pizza Hut will reopen November 2; contacted by Central Nebraska Economic Development about potential grant for rural workforce housing, matching grant; Big Give will be March 16 and 17; Winterfest will be November 26, due to lack of participation in the parade will focus on holiday light displays in businesses, map available showing where to drive and see the lights, voting on displays with prizes awarded; the application for the Creative District Program submitted, Nebraska Arts Council will visit October 25, pick two location to visit, panel will review; \$12,000 increase of Lodging Tax, two bed and breakfasts have closed.

Corey Schaaf requested use of another lot in the Mortensen Industrial Site, needs to expand the well drilling business, would enclose an 80'x80' lean-to on back of lot, currently farmed by Marty Petksa. Baker moved to lease Lot 3 of the 4th Subdivision Mortensen Industrial Site to Longhorn Land Company with stipulation the lot is released by Petska, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

Judd Allen and Mike Boden presented the NACO Benefit Services, full service broker; offer cash-in lieu, Health Reimbursement Arrangement, medical transport, life insurance, vision insurance, long-term disability, dental plan and Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield; work to find the best option; to get a quote would need census from employees; two year waiting period to get back into the pool, could have a 30% increase, goes down 10% each year after; the rate does not change by age or number of members for family coverage; four tier rate, employee insurance, employee plus spouse, employee plus family, family; need decision before Thanksgiving.

The NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference in Kearney on October 20-21, NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting in Kearney on October 21 and NACO Legislative Conference on October 28 in Gering were noted.



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The Joint Public Hearing Report was reviewed, could have the hearing and meeting on the same date if it was advertised as such.

County Attorney Hanson said under the Community Development law property has to be owned by a community development authority and used for public purpose, exempt from real estate taxes, pays in-lieu of payment the first year equal to real estate taxes, Board of Equalization determines amount of in-lieu payment in following years, has to be just and show basis why rate changes.

At 11:05 a.m. Baker moved to go into Board of Equalization, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor, Theresa Petska and Judy Bower were present.

Following review of the calculated levies, Cullers moved to adopt Resolution 22-16 approving the levies for FY 22-23 as calculated by the Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Alan L. Edghill filed an appeal of the property valuation set by the Board of Equalization with the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, TERC appeals are two years behind.

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

Dustin Will from Benefit Management presented information about the current County employee health insurance plan with Medica, \$7,050 deductible, County reimburses claims if more than \$3,000, Medica sends information directly to Mid-American Benefits, \$150 a month put in employee's HRA account; claims are higher; rates are age based, rate increase of 5.5%; can take steps to get to full family coverage, since age based every situation different, can pay flat amount for each employee to use toward premium, can pay percentage of premium; will determine premium if County pays 75% of rate and employee pays 25%; employees will receive one page survey to determine interest. VanSlyke left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Baker left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$35,913.00 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke and Baker.

Waldmann moved to allow FCCLA to use the Courthouse steps and lawn for the Halloween parade on October 31, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke and Baker.

The District Court September Fees and Fines Report was reviewed. Baker returned at 11:55 a.m. Since the first Board meeting in November falls on November 8 which is Election Day, Clerk Musil requested the date be changed. Cullers moved to change the date of the first November Board meeting from November 8 to November 15, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

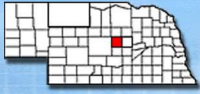
Committee Reports: Sevenker reported for Building and Grounds; new stool was installed in the upstairs restroom, will find out cost of soft water for the Courthouse.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

Mail Folder items: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m., to reconvene on October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 11 meeting and an agenda for the October 25 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete meeting minutes are also available for public inspection 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.



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Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk