



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 25, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance 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. Minutes of October 11 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the October Claims Report including: Accounts Payable \$222,200.45, Payroll \$50,654.44; larger expenses include blades, parts, labor, diesel, HFE 300, gravel, pavement marking; \$184,223.18 transferred from General, Highway Allocation \$85,298.04, Motor Vehicle Fees \$18,858.87. Simpson reviewed the State forms. Addendum-LB904 showing that Valley County does not have a Local Option Sales Tax was signed on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to sign the Road and Bridge Contracts Report noting no contract projects costing in excess of \$20,000 were completed this FY, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to sign Resolution 22-17 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Certification of Program Compliance Form 2022, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to sign the Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak made the motion to sign the Certification that design, construction and maintenance of roads, streets and highways and revenue expenditures have met standards of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, DeRiso moved to approve refunding Easements 21-448 for JNR Farms Inc and 21-449 for Kelven and Julie Foth, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished Potrzeba bridge; waiting to start Petska bridge until supplies are ready to deliver, once started have to continue, 12 weeks to build, need certification from the vendors that they have supplies to deliver, may decide to leave until next year, would need to be completed before winter; roads bladed; prices rising, diesel exhaust fluids did cost \$2.50 per gallon, now cost \$5.00 per gallon; increased governmental costs.

Katie Walmsley, Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, requested use of the Courthouse lawn on November 26 for Winterfest activities from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Waldmann moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn on November 26, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

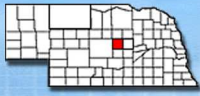
Cullers moved to sign the Hospice License Renewal, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke reported due to a scheduling conflict with the Nebraska Hospital Association conference, the Hospital Board meeting was postponed to October 26 so the October financials will be presented at the November Board meeting.

County Attorney Hanson reviewed the coverage NIRMA is providing to member Counties under the Public Officials Liability portion of their insurance regarding the election lawsuit Rick Hill filed in Lancaster County against Election Systems and Software also naming as defendants the County Clerks of all 93 Nebraska Counties, no further action needed at this time.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski said through Sandhills Weed Management, Valley County can acquire a drone, basic cost \$2,800, comprehensive insurance plan \$400, test study materials from FAA \$400, test fee \$175, total cost \$3,775, after the test is passed Sandhill Weed Management will reimburse the cost, would help with inspections.

Cullers moved to request the \$50,000 allocated to Valley County for the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund through the American Rescue Plan, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers,



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Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Reporting guidance and information the Treasury's contact center will no longer respond to phone calls was received.

October Claims and Fund Request were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$730,604.53 on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 22-18 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in October to meet expenditures was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers at the NACO Conference were reviewed. Cullers was designated to vote and VanSlyke was designated as the alternate to vote for the NACO officers at the NACO Conference.

County Accountant Chuck Abel advised the Board the drone purchase could be made through the General Fund under Equipment Purchases.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO Legislative Conference, October 28 in Gering and Region 26 Minutes.

Lisa Bower, Clerk Magistrate and Clerk of the District Court, explained the District Courtroom will receive a \$57,000 equipment upgrade, ownership of the equipment will be transferred to the County after installation.

Cullers, Waldmann and Baker have formed a committee to construct a gazebo on the Courthouse lawn; Baker would like a round shape, as maintenance free as possible, electrical outlets, some solar lights, 3 to 3 1/2 feet off of the ground, circumference 20 feet, one handicap and one regular entrance, drinking fountain, construction funded by donations.

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

County Attorney Hanson presented an opinion on the exemption of property from taxation under the Community Development Law; the Community Development Agency pays the real estate taxes the first year, in subsequent years the Development Agency is exempt from direct real estate taxes but must make an in lieu of taxes payment, a basis is needed to set the in lieu of payment that is just and equitable, once the property is conveyed to anyone other than a redevelopment authority the exemption ceases; Ries will find out what other Counties are doing.

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

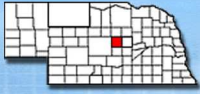
County Attorney Hanson said the Inheritance Fund will receive \$677,000 from an estate going to cousins.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported there will be an Open House on October 27 at the new daycare, the Board will do a final walk through prior to the Open House, the daycare will then request the \$400,000 ARPA fund payment. Cullers reported a recognition coffee will be held on November 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the three retiring County employees. Cullers also reported the Wozab Fund ending balance was \$1,207,044.51, income loss for the period was \$45,881.96; expenses \$6,606.03.

Mail Folder items: none

At 11:45 a.m. the meeting adjourned to reconvene on November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 25 meeting and an agenda for the November 15 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 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