

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, November 15, 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 October 19, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and public copies are available. No public comment.

Waldmann moved to sign Resolution 22-19 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2022, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer presented a Master Agreement for Land Survey Corner Preservation with a term of 5-years, in the past an agreement had to be signed each time the County Surveyor needed to locate survey corner monuments for a State highway project at the rate of \$100 to tie in or tie out, now a 5-year Agreement will be signed and the payment increased to a lump sum of \$300. VanSlyke moved to sign the Master Agreement, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

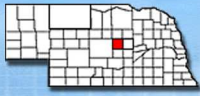
Meyer would like to purchase a hydraulic excavator for \$286,490 from NMC using \$100,000 from the sale of surplus road property as a down payment; financing from Cat Financial at 6.49%, Pipier Sandler rate of 4.1% plus issuance fees for a total rate of 5.11% and DA Davidson rate of 4.0%; County belongs to Government Buying Group called Source Well, does competitive bidding of equipment with no fee to belong, has already been bid; will keep old excavator with a tree saw, paid off the debt service on two motor graders. Baker moved to purchase the excavator from Cat with financing from DA Davidson, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Hoevet has finished the Potrzeba bridge and is requesting payment. Waldmann moved to sign Applications #2 and Application #3-Final from Ed Hoevet Excavating for the Potrzeba bridge, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished sealing cracks on Fort Road and Ashton Avenue, rented equipment from Rose Equipment, using mastic seal which bonds better to cracks; Potrzeba bridge open; waiting to start Petska bridge until March 1, all material in at vendor, will pay Hoevet 50% for stock piling material over the winter; all stripping done; working shoulders; will put in culvert on Mill Road before it gets cold, working with Frontier to get phone line moved.

Alma Beland with Region 26 spoke about the back-up equipment in the Sheriff's office, purchased by Region 26 in 2008 with grant funds, Region 26 can use the equipment if their equipment goes down, needs to be up graded, asking Valley County to share \$50,000 cost, Sheriff Hurlburt and Office Manager Eley said equipment used daily, Region 26 carries insurance and maintains equipment. Baker moved Valley County pay two-thirds of the cost of the equipment for the Sheriff's office and Region 26 pay one-third, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. with all members present.

Cole Baker spoke about the possibility of pivot irrigation on the East County Farm, now 80 acres of gravity irrigate land, pivot point would be on James Knapp farm and walk across the County Farm, use well water from Knapp well, the NRD and Irrigation District agreement with the plan, still have to pay water toll to maintain irrigated acres and keep the water turn out in place, Knapp put in fence between farms and County paid for material, would make into one field, Board questioned what happens if someone else rents the farm, County needs written agreement to make sure do not lose water rights, County Attorney would have to draw up agreement, need written statement from NRD and Irrigation District about water rights.



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After reviewing letter from Kayla Hinrichs, Extension Educator, Cullers moved to appointment Kay Knapp to a three-year term on the Central IV Area Extension Board beginning January 2023 replacing Natalie Kovarik who chose not to seek another term, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Month End Fund Report: General Fund balance \$79,146.26, Road \$504,078.85, Relief \$49,862.87, Inheritance \$1,415,060.67, total collected \$1,393,897. Distress Warrants were delivered to the Sheriff for collection, 22 Warrants for a total of \$7,726.83, some have been collected. The Misc. Receipts Folder was available for review.

The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. The Clerk reported a transfer from the Inheritance fund to the General fund was not necessary in October. There will be a claim in November from Linda's Preschool for \$400,000 from the ARPA fund.

The results of the survey conducted by Benefit Management concerning interest of the County employees in dependent health coverage at various premium levels were reviewed, little interest if County paid 50% of the dependent premium, more interest if County covered 75% of cost, VEBA contributions would increase. Cullers moved to offer family coverage with the County paying 75% of the cost and the employees paying 25%, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

NACO Conference December 14-16 in Kearney, nominations for the MIPS Board of Directors and the October District Court Fees and Fines Report were reviewed. Valley County received a membership dividend from NIRMA in the amount of \$2,550.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$32,581.14 were approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor's office employee Lorry Fleming, Theresa Petska and Judy Bower were present.

The Overvalued/Undervalued Report due to clerical error and report of Levies for 22-23 were reviewed. Fleming said Assessor Waltman would like any notes the Board members have on setting the value for the Edghill Protest, looked at comparables and changed the condition.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

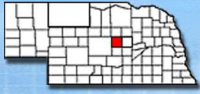
Clerk will review the process that was used in 2018 for appointment of a County Surveyor and get an opinion for the County Attorney, continued to next meeting. VanSlyke made the motion to pay NACo membership dues in the amount of \$450, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk will call CNEDD and find out information to apply for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported there are conversations to reform the current mental health system by dismantling the six local behavioral health boards and giving control and decision-making to the State Department of Health and Human Services, Board will sign a letter to send to Senator Briese pointing out benefits of local health boards at next meeting; recognition gathering November 27 for three retiring County Officials; Gazebo Committee met, will be built of metal and stone for low maintenance, plans are being drawn up. Cetak attended an in person Mid-Nebraska meeting. Baker reported the Loup Basin Health Department has \$2,000,000 from COVID funds and nothing to spend it on, 42 fire departments responded to the wild fire in western Nebraska.

Mail Folder items: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 15 meeting and an agenda for the November 29 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and 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



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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