

# 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 29, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke present. Absent: Waldmann (excused). 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 November 15, 2022 minutes, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the monthly Claims Report including: blades, bridge payments, diesel, HFE, equipment rental, pavement marking, parts, gravel; Accounts Payable \$237,612.63, payroll \$50,425.00; transfer \$47,168.44; Highway Allocation \$90,248.16; after payments to Hoevet \$36,575.29 in street buyback and \$0.00 in bridge buyback. Road Superintendent Meyer said buyback funds are federal funds; rented machine for a week to put down the mastic sealer, keeps water out of the cracks, can be used to fill potholes.

Meyer's General Report included: clearing roads after snow; inspecting bridges, Meyer certified bridge inspector; will replace bridge with culvert on Mill Road, waiting since August for Frontier to move phone lines, difficult to work with, culverts under Bridge Buyback; applying for bridge match funds, pays 60% of cost or \$200,000, program will sunset in 2023, State has not given out all of the allotted \$40,000,000, not sure what will happen to funds; short two employees.

Information sent by Olsson concerning surveyor services was reviewed, rate first year \$135 per hour, increases 3% each year; Meyer spoke in support of appointing Jesse Hurt as surveyor. VanSlyke moved to appoint Jesse Hurt of Olsson as the County Surveyor for a four year term, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke reported Celebrate Being a Woman held in October; new MRI arrived, ready for use by the end of December; held a drive through breakfast for Veterans; biggest challenge finding employees, survey showed employees proud of what they do and would recommend working at VCHS; check mask requirements weekly. Woodward also presented the monthly financials: census down; ER up; radiology steady; Hospice and Home Health down, clinic steady; salaries and benefits in line with budget; claims down; revenue gain; sold old MRI, investment rates up; 349 days of cash on hand; bonds paid off.

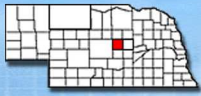
Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with Waldmann absent.

County Attorney Hanson reported several jury trials set for January, hope to settle or move trials to May; felony case load high, many controlled substance cases; court appointed attorney costs high, requester of court appointed attorney must file an affidavit of income, if not facing jail time no attorney appointed; State crime lab processes evidence at no cost to County; will check statutes to determine if Airport Authority required to report to County Board.

The East County Farm previously gravity irrigated from south to north with gated pipe, County Farm higher than Knapp Farm, if fence removed for pivot would have to be replaced if no longer used, County does not want to lose ditch water rights, would need a full proposal about fence and water rights. Attorney Hanson will check with the Regional Reclamation office to insure protection of water rights. Will also research the lease for a lot in the Mortensen Site Corey Schaaf would like to use which is now rented by Seed Solutions.

Jessica from Healing Hearts and Families explained services for domestic assault and violence are provided; also diversion program, juvenile referrals by County Attorney, program consists of community service, online classes and restitution, if necessary; if program completed charges no longer appear on record; under ten referrals from Valley County this year; funded by State, grants and fund raisers. Cullers made the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Carla Kimball, Deputy Director of CNEDD, provided the link to a website to view the webinar about the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant awarding from \$10,000 to \$75,000, manual also available, tuckpointing on the Courthouse would be eligible activity, will review grant applications before submission.



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After reviewing the letter to Senator Tom Briese asking for support of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities, DeRiso moved to sign the letter, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Cullers moved to accept the Medica Health Insurance renewal with the County providing 75% of the cost of family coverage, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

The Claims and Fund Request information were reviewed, over \$21,000 of court appointed attorney fees, includes \$400,000 ARPA grant to Linda's Daycare. Cetak moved to approve the November Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$1,059,470.54, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Cullers moved to approve Resolution 22-20 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund if collections are not sufficient to meet expenditures, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

The following informational items were reviewed: 2022 NACO Conference - December 14-16, Region 26 Minutes, NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023 and NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023.

A water softener for the courthouse was discussed, hard water caused stains in the toilets, having problems with dishwasher and washer in the Sheriff's office, cost of unit from Culligan in Broken Bow \$5,500, \$3,000 for necessary plumbing. VanSlyke moved to install a water softener in the Courthouse, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Committee Reports: Cetak reported Mid-NE serves a twenty-two county area, hold quarterly meetings, had to release two clients because insufficient staff to care for clients. DeRiso reported Mid-Plains hired a new CEO, temp position made permanent, employees will be able to talk to the Board about problems.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m., to reconvene on December 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 29 meeting and an agenda for the December 13 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the 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