

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. 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 November 23, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of December 13, 2022 were approved on the motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Baker, not present for meeting. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reported the December Claims including: culverts, tires, grader door glass, road salt, auger motor, stored materials payment, diesel, gravel; payroll \$50,212.64, accounts payable \$286,626.32, transfer \$142,351.10, allocation \$88,318.82, all bridge match and buyback funds expended until March payments.

After review of the National Functional Classifications map of routes running through Valley County, VanSlyke moved to sign the document, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: moved snow; will be \$1.00 per gallon increase to stripe roads, \$.40 increase per pound for beads and \$.55 increase per gallon of paint; starting work on 1 and 6 year plans; good information presented at Convention, more red tape to acquire funds.

Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator Hilary Maricle reported on the streamlined strategic direction for Extension, maintaining 4-H numbers, working with school lunch programs, need to update the interlocal agreements between the extension boards and the Counties, need more Extension Educators.

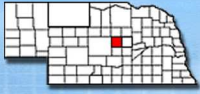
Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented the 2023 Weed Control Plan for review, report of what was done and what expect to get done; County has 11 open files, State shows no control of weed infestations, sprayed in spring and inspected in August so State sees regrowth; will approve at January 10 meeting.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported the MRI installation finished, working well; Gala in January. Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the audit report, cash investments \$21.9 million, paid down debt, received COVID funds, net income \$2.8 million; \$456,000 operating revenue, IT services up, temporary help increased; long term debt at \$0, small debt on Heritage Center; cash on hand decreased, related to paying down debt; as age of building goes up, older items replaced. Woodward also presented the monthly financials: census up; ER up; radiology up; building numbers for Hospice and Home Health; health insurance down; increase in temporary help; IT contracted services up; net income of \$42,717; received over \$560,000 from Second Hand Rose.

Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

David Williams presented a report for the Valley County Airport Authority Board, Board receives no pay, meets once a month, meeting advertised; FAA designs all changes to Airport; land purchased by FAA along runway so runway can be enlarged, land rented for three years then rent goes up, renters do not change every year so access to runway controlled; Authority owns pad, rents pad for \$3,200 per year, no room for spray or chemicals, no place to park a portable pad; airport receives money from aviation tax, can only be used for improvements, can keep up to \$350,00 for three years, then spend or lose; hangars rented for \$150-\$185, going up to \$160-\$200; if debt paid Authority dissolved, airport goes back to the County. County Attorney Hanson said the airport manager can be on the Authority Board but abstains from voting on issues concerning the manager; minutes of Board should be published; vacancy on Board filled by temporary appointment until the next General Election. VanSlyke spoke to Luke Kovarik about resignation from the Board, had attended few meetings. VanSlyke moved to accept the resignation of Kovarik and to temporarily appoint Dave Williams to the Board until a successor is elected in 2024, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Authority Board will report every six months to the County Board.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Treasurer, Theresa



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Petska and Judy Bower were present. Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications were presented for Loup Basin RC&D Council, Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Lee Park Cemetery and Heartland Assembly of God. Following review of the applications, VanSlyke moved to approve Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications for above named organizations, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. The Board moved back into regular session at 11:15 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

DeRiso received no communications from Baker concerning the written approval from NRD and the irrigation district of the pivot running from Knapp Farm onto the East County Farm. County Attorney Hanson will prepare an assignment from Petska to Corey Schaaf for the requested Mortensen Lot. The Maximus Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for indirect cost rate computations was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Hanson will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management to take action in an emergency without getting approval from the Board.

Sikyta Law put in claim for payment to Midwest Country Clinic for Juvenile court case that did not have a judge's order. Hanson said Sikyta was appointed special prosecutor for the juvenile case, Hanson had conflict of interest, special prosecutor has same relationship as County Attorney and does not need an order from the judge, in claims for this month.

Clerk Musil reported she had started an application for the Rural NE Historic Preservation Grant but did not feel she should be contact person since she will leave office on January 4, contact needs to know how to write a grant. Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects said the Courthouse is eligible. Theresa Petska agreed to submit the application.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023, NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023, FCC Broadband Map Individual Challenge and nominations to fill vacancy of Nebraska representative on National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

The Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. VanSlyke moved to approve the Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$679,785.07, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to approve Resolution 22-23 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 Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The property schedules for Location, Mobile Equipment and Vehicles were discussed. County department heads reviewed for accuracy to start the 2023 annual insurance renewal process, needed changes will be made.

At the NACO Convention, Cullers reported on attending a Department of Health and Human Services session on cleaning up homes where drugs were in use and capturing carbon emissions which are sent through a pipeline to North Dakota to create a better environment. VanSlyke reported NACO would like to change the law to hold the townhall meetings concerning proposed evaluations before the budget is adopted, advertise as a meeting.

Committee Reports: DeRiso reported the Mid Plains department heads attended the meeting an hour ahead of the regular meeting to voice concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 27 meeting and an agenda for the January 10 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 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