

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 January 31, 2023 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on January 25, 2023 and posted on the County Website, agenda posted. Correction to the January 10, 2023 minutes to be corrected to add the Weed Report. Motion by Cullers, second by Ference to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke; voting Yes. Motion carried. Van Slyke noted the Open Meetings Act on west wall, public copies available. No public comment.

Cullers motioned to pay claims of \$564,440.92, second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference; voting Yes. Motion carried.

Jay Meyer with Roads Department gave his report; most all of his employees came to meet the new Board members. Meyer also reported on the icy roads, widening roads, and hoping when weather gets better to cut trees and fix signs. Sandy Simpson reported the claims for the road department, paying off road grader and purchasing a truck lift.

Scott Philbrick and Ryan Simpson were present with Emergency Management. Simpson recommended Philbrick to be Chief and Simpson would be Deputy. Simpson also reported that Joe Miller and Randy Wadas were volunteers if Simpson or Philbrick aren't able to react to emergencies, Wadas has been for awhile and need to add Miller. Baker motioned to have Philbrick as Chief, Simpson as Deputy, and add Miller to volunteer list. Ference second. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers; voting Yes. Motion carried. Attorney Hanson and Philbrick are going to work up a memorandum to have in case of major emergency such as tornado, flood, power outages, etc. a plan on where to send people if any of that occurs.

Ryan Johnson was present from S&H Well Service with a request to drill a well at the Mortenson site that will be able to pump 200 gallons a minute. This is no cost to the County. This needed Board approval and Chairman signature. Motion by Ference to approve the well second by DeRiso; DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska; voting Yes. Motion carried.

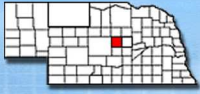
Viaro employees John Park and Mike Peterson requested to put a panel on the Courthouse lawn in the northeast corner for fiber optic. They said it would be no cost to the County and flat on the ground. With some discussion and Vanek's recommendations the board decided to not allow them to tear up the courthouse lawn. Motion was made by Petska second by Cullers to deny the request. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, Yes DeRiso, No. Motion carried.

Clerk Bower reported on lost checks from 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, working on getting to a zero balance on reconciliation of bank statements that the State requires; filed an extension on W-2's it is required to use a personal social security number to file them, the previous Clerk's account had expired so an extension was filed. Clerk Bower also reported that Hilary Maricle will no longer be with Zone 6 with UNL.

Sheriff Hurlburt has been battling United Healthcare to get reimbursement from overpayment of his healthcare deductible, he finally received notice that he could around get \$5,100.00 from insurance, needed board approval to pay him the amount. Motion by Ference second by Baker to authorize payment the reimbursement. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak Voting Yes. Motion carried.

Becky Ries reported on the Economic Development, housing studies, sales tax receipt, potential for new businesses, and the different grants that she is working on. Ries also requested the use of the Courthouse lawn for signage for the BIG GIVE, March 16th and 17th, 2023. Motion by Baker to allow signage on the Courthouse lawn for the BIG GIVE second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke; voting Yes. Motion carried.

Katie Wamsley with the Chamber Office reported on Nebraska Tourism, Historical Society grants, business after hours, success with Chamber Bucks, Winterfest was a success. Cullers recommended to



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Wamsley that if anyone needed places to have meetings to use the Old Courtroom in the Courthouse; the annual celebration is February 24, 2023.

DeRiso made a motion, second by Petska to proceed to Board of Equalization at 11:17 a.m. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke; voting Yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Hanson explained to the Board Statute 18-2137; in lieu of taxes; Hanson gave some guidelines for determination; also referred to Statutes 18-2101 and 77-1344. The Board and Ries agreed that all were trying to do what is best for the County and tax brackets. Discussion on the Quiz lot on the clean-up of metal, etc. With no further business, Cetak moved to leave Board of Equalization, at 11:30 a.m. Cullers second. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker; voting Yes. Motion carried.

Board made the decision to close the Courthouse for snow days. Employees will be paid for those days. Reminder to let the Driver's Examiner know if weather is inclement.

Petska motioned to align Colonial Life and Principal with Health insurance for payment. Ference second. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers; voting Yes. Motion carried.

The board sees no reason to change claims to twice a month yet, so will leave as is for now unless the in the future claims need to be paid more often.

Employee Handbook Committee consists of Ference, Petska, Baker, County Attorney Hanson, Clerk Bower, Treasurer Brott, County Assessor Waltman, Sheriff and Roads Dept.. Planning for this will be the 14th of February 2023.

Motion by DeRiso to appoint Ference to the Economic Development Board second by Baker. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers; voting Yes. Ference abstained.

Discussion on who is Broker for American/Capital; no agent; look into a person to talk to.

Subdivision Reports were discussed that the Board would like to have an annual report from each subdivision. Cullers motioned for the following subdivisions to give an annual report to the Board before the Budget in August. Twin Loup, Bureau of Reclamation, Airport Authority, Loup Valley Ag, Ord Township, Arcadia Township, North Loup Township, Veteran Service Office, Ord, North Loup, Arcadia Fire Districts, the ones that affect the levy. Baker second. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers; voting Yes. Motion carried.

Petska is moving forward with application for grant money, Historical grant for \$75,000.00.

Vanek reported on the furnace, looking to get estimates for new furnace, compressors keep going out. Water softener is here, waiting on plumber to get parts to attach it all.

Baker motioned to do direct deposit for the employees; for those that want paper check can still have paper. Discussion was held, Baker then amended his motion that with agreeance you get one chance to change your mind on direct deposit or paper check, no going back and forth. For the motion to do direct deposit, second by Ference. Voting Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Cetak, voting Yes; DeRiso, Petska; voting No. Motion Carried. For the amended motion you can't bounce back and forth from paper to direct deposit. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak; voting Yes.

Motion carried.

Tara with State Probation ask if the County were to charge rent for the use of the office upstairs what would the fee per square foot be or flat rate. Discussion, Motion by Baker to charge \$750.00 for rent. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke; voting Yes. Motion carried.

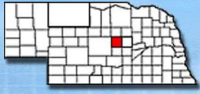
Cullers committee report from the Nebraska Community Foundation was financial statements for the Wozab Memorial Fund, ending balance \$1,245,476.49.

Baker reported on the Gazebo committee, he is meeting with Buller and Spitz for iron for Gazebo.

Cetak reported from Mid-Nebraska committee, with snowstorm it was on Zoom, Cetak said he didn't get much from it because to much back round noise.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m., to reconvene on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. In regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting and agenda for the January 31, 2023 meeting are for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and



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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 the 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 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.

Judith Bower, Valley County Clerk

Amendment to the January 10, 2023 Valley County Supervisors minutes, to add the Weed Report by Darrell Kaminski. He needed to update his paperwork with ne Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and board members. As well as the new Chairperson need to sign paperwork.

Judith Bower, Valley County Clerk