

Valley County Board of Supervisors Minutes

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, and VanSlyke present. Baker called and said he was going to be late. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Quiz on February 8, 2023 and posted on the Website, agenda posted. Correction to January 31, 2023 minutes to change Ryan to Brian Johnson and to change Zoom to Conference call for Committee report from Cetak. DeRiso motioned to approve January 31, 2023 minutes, second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Voting Yes. Baker absent. Cullers motioned to approve the Agenda, second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Voting Yes. Baker Absent. Motion carried. Van Slyke noted the Open Meetings Act on west wall, public copies available. No public comment.

Jay Meyer with Roads Department reported that trying to get rock and gravel on roads, working on sign inventory, and 1 and 6 year road plan for last meeting in March.

Treasurer Brott reported on January Fund Report, delinquent taxes, pledge security, and miscellaneous receipts. Petska had questions on Relief fund, tax relief, and inheritance tax. Brott explained on how tax money is collected and spent.

Baker arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Clerk Bower reported on January fees, Clerk Magistrate Lisa Bower provided District Court fee report. Clerk Bower reported that a zero balance has been a struggle since July, KeShara Poland has been diligently working on getting zero and the statements for January finally reconciled zero. The code came to file the W-2 forms with Social Security office, that has been done and they were also mailed to be on the safe side since we had to ask for an extension. An old District Court claim was brought to our attention from May of 2022. It will be taken care of after the board meeting and approving of funds. The Clerk's office is close to being reinstated for passports, by the next meeting hope to be able to say that we are. Notaries as well, the employees have to take a test for that.

Nancy Glaubke with the hospital presented the board with the opportunity to purchase a new ambulance in 2025. She wants to get one spoken for, needed board approval to secure an ambulance. Discussion by Baker to see why the hospital couldn't buy the ambulance outright. Saved for further discussion later on. Also was recommended by board to make a deposit if possible of \$75,000.00, to maybe secure the ambulance as well. Motion by Cetak to secure and possibly make a deposit for the ambulance if able to, second by Baker. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. Voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Cole Baker was present to discuss County farm and water rights. Baker said he will pay water rights. County Attorney Hansen is drawing up a contract between County and Baker for water rights, fence, gates, NRD, and Irrigation District.

Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. Reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Tara Price and Harlan Welch with State Probation office were present. They needed clarification that the board would not charge rent as of yet, only if bill passes in the Legislature. According to Statute 29-2259 the County has to supply office space for the Probation office.

County Attorney Hansen reported lots of cases, at least 7 District Court cases, and he is advertising for a secretary.

Sheriff Hurlburt was present to discuss the County Sanctuary not all board members had signed; now all the board members have signed and the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary has been updated. Sheriff Hurlburt was asked to explain the STOP Program and the Drug Law Enforcement money. It is not tax money.

No Board of Equalization at this time.

Cullers motioned to pay \$40,422.23 for the fund request, second by Petska. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, Voting Yes. Motion carried.

Ashley from the Sheriff's office needs to report where the Opioid Settlement money is going to be dispersed. She reported that the money is going for trainings in Grand Island for 3 days, case law trainings, and CPR classes for the Sheriff's department.

Local Assistance/Tribal Consistency Fund(LCTF) report has to be reported where the money is going to be dispersed. Discussion was held about where it could be used, it can be used for a variety of County related spending. The Board decided that it would be for general operation. Motion by Ference to report that LCTF Funds will be used for general operation, second by Baker.

Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting Yes. Motion carried.

Petska is working on grant money and it is 150 years of Valley County being a County. Petska suggested that maybe incorporate a celebration of 150 years with the County fair. Ference is going to visit with the fair board.

Baker reported on gazebo, he is waiting to hear back from Buller.

Mail items: Letters from NIRMA

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene on February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 31, 2023 meeting and agenda for February 14, 2023 meeting are 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 the proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all 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 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 meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Judith Bower, Valley County Clerk

Amendment to January 31, 2023 Valley County Supervisors minutes, to change Ryan to Brian Johnson and Cetak Committee report for Mid-Nebraska was a Conference call, not Zoom.

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