

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTES

February 28, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on February 23, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. **Minutes from February 14, 2023, clarification on the grant that Petska working on, that legislature declared Valley County a county in 1871 and Valley County became a government entity in 1873. Cullers made clarification on Baker talking to a company out of Hastings and not Buller.** DeRiso motioned to approve minutes from February 14, 2023; Baker second. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Act on the Agenda, motion by Ference to approve the Agenda, second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open meetings act on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment. Cullers motioned to pay funds and claims request in the amount of \$318,307.02, second by Baker. Discussion about electrical, furnace, sewer, water. Making sure that the board is being diligent with best quality for the courthouse. Jay Meyer commented that his office hasn't had heat for 6 months, they have been running sun heaters. Vanek is trying to get compressors to work but having difficulty getting repair help. Building and grounds committee to meet and hopefully get Vanek some help. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Sandy Simpson reported total roads/payroll \$119,734.60. Jay Meyer requested for a hearing on the 1 and 6 year plan for April 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Motion made by Baker and second by Cetak to have hearing for the road plan. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Meyer also reported on getting gravel on roads, on FEMA payments on disaster #4420 closed out payments from FEMA. Depending on the weather going to start working on bridges that have been put on hold due to materials and weather. Meyer also reported on Region 26, bill LB646 to increase cell phone 911 surcharge from .70 cents to \$1.00. Encouraged board members to email legislature and fill out form for online support. Baker made motion that board fill out form and have Clerk email it to the legislature in support of the increase. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Magistrate Lisa Bower reported on equipment upgrade in the Courtroom. She reported that the company will do 5 year maintenance on the equipment, then after that the County assumes responsibility. Project is estimated to start in June or July. Motion by Cullers to transfer ownership of the courtroom technology to the County. Baker second. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Voting yes.; Petska, Voting no. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski was present with Olivia Wolken the new State Weed Inspector. He reported on his Drone and new skid steer for cutting trees from the river banks.

Ashley Woodward was present with the Hospital report on financials from January. Chuck Zanger has applied to be reappointed to the Hospital board. The County Board needs to advertise for that position as well. Motion by Petska to advertise for Hospital board appointment, it is for 6 years. Starting March 6, 2023 and applications due by March 27, 2023 to the board to be reviewed. Second by Cullers. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran's Service Dale Beethe gave an annual report on the Veteran's Service program. As of January 256 Veteran's visited office, newly enrolled 16, and widows/family members served 40. Enrollment from 2021- 286 Veterans, Total Government benefit receipts for Valley Co. Veterans - \$4,097,000.00 (Compensation & Pensions - \$1,691,000.00)(Medical Services -\$2,328,000.00). 2022 numbers come out in late June.

County Attorney Hanson reported on more juvenile cases, DeRiso discussed about the County farm bids and clarification was made that the board can decline a bid if it is not what the board feels is right. Water rights was discussed and a new contract is being made with James Knapp and NRD, county water rights will be secure. Also need to have Attorney Hanson draw up another contract with Baker on fence, where the pivot walks thru the fence, put panels up.

Break at 10:45 a.m.

Back in session at 10:55 a.m.

Loup Valley Ag annual report was given by Johnny Ference. Total assets for Ag society \$303,830.83. Ference also reported the board is looking into enclosing the outdoor stage and replacing post on the outdoor arena.

Petska submitted the grant for \$75,000.00 that was due February 28, 2023.

No Board of Equalization at this time.

Cullers motioned to do a letter to GLVA of support for funding for revolving housing fund. Second by Ference. Discussion was made that it is not promising money as of now, but support that if the Board can help in any way that they will. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting, yes. Motion carried.

Cullers reported on Central Nebraska Economic Development to send information to the Clerk's office. Wozab project Cullers talked to Buller and he is going to have the blue prints and cost ready for the committee.

DeRiso reported on Mid-Plains having meeting on March 1, 2023. Baker reported on upcoming Loup Valley Public Health District nation wide by Zoom meeting.

Bill 683 was discussed about inheritance tax percentage changes in 2023.

Discussed seeing if Contryman Auditors could commit to 2-3 years with the County. Clerk is going to look into that.

Discussion of District meeting in Aurora on March 23, 2023.

Mail folder was empty,

No further business meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m., to reconvene on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting and agenda for February 28, 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.