

Valley County Board of Supervisors Minutes  
April 25, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on April 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on April 10, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Motion by Cullers to act on the Agenda, second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes, second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment. Sandy Simpson reported on the payroll and claims for the Roads Department. Motion by Baker to approve the Easement Refunds #22-450, #22-451, #22-452, #22-253, #22-454 as a whole group. Second by Ference. Discussion on if the County would ever have to pay the sum back. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to accept ownership of the 24 bridges in Valley County that the State of Nebraska is requiring. Second by Baker. Discussion that the County will be responsible for repairs and the type of bridges. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. Jay Meyer then gave his general report on culvert repair, ditch cleaning, Hoebet with bridge by Curt Petska's, asphalt has gone up about 10 cents. Armor coat oil is \$3.22 gallon and windrow oil is \$3.32 a gallon. It will take about 108,000 gallon. 50 miles of oil roads in the County. Hospital report was given. Glaubke and Woodward were not present. Clerk Bower reported on changes with the fund request, discussion about Nebraska LOIS, Ord Learning Center is offering a session on Broadband, County Board workshop, Trane Technologies letter, and that the State Auditors are dropping 20 counties across the State. Motion by Cullers to approve the claims and fund request of \$453,431.92, second by Cetak. Discussion - Eakes charges all offices a fee, long distance is being charged on Frontier, court appointed lawyers are charging mileage-Petska is checking into that, and fees being charged on bills. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Weed Superintendent Kaminski needed board approval on reports and requirements survey for the State. Motion by Baker to approve reports and requirements, second by Ference. Discussion Valley County still has 11 open files, provide documentation on spraying of property, follow up by the State, no longer an open file if maintained 3 years, if it is spurge Kaminski says it will never be a closed file because of that, Kaminski got to meet the new Director, Kaminski's goals are to get files closed. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Ord VFW/Legion were present to discuss the Veterans wall to somehow be attached to the Wozab Gazebo. The VFW representatives showed the board a mock up idea for a wall. The wall would be 6 ft tall and 20 ft long, possibly a bench to separate the wall from the Gazebo, wheelchair access, 2 structures with names on both sides, use the same pavers as the Gazebo, 7 flags, will be copied close to the North Loup Wall, idea for expansion, VFW in charge of maintenance of flags and wall, proposal of name, Central Nebraska Memorial Wall, anybody could have name on the structure, fund raising to be separate from the Gazebo and would start after the Gazebo fund raising, sprinkler system was mentioned to protect the structure, low voltage lights to light the structure, John Smedra pledged 14 blocks and \$1,000.00 to start the structure, Veterans want to honor John Wozab, it was also mentioned what happens when the wall is full, possibly the kiosk would be involved, VFW is working with Buller to get a drawing of the structure. Kiosk was mentioned as a suggestion, VFW is concerned about a Kiosk getting damaged from weather, made by man is going to break, and to see the screen of the Kiosk. The County board did not say yes or no for the structure – want to see the drawing that Buller is drawing up. The board recessed at 10:20 a.m. Reconvened at 10:28 a.m. County Attorney Hanson reported on 2 jury trials coming up, tax foreclosure, and finishing touches on the Employee packet. Board wanted to make sure that in the Employee handbook that it stated "Nebraska is an at Will State". Laurie Bush with Arcadia Township Library was present with an

annual report. Motion by DeRiso to approve the 2022 Audit by Contrymen and Associates. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Danny Vanek presented the board with the cost of a new mower, will be selling the old one for \$2,500.00. New mower cost is approximately \$6,600.00, 5 year warranty then 4 year warranty on parts after that, bagger is sold separately – approximately \$2,200.00 for the bagger. Baker motioned to purchase the mower. Second by Cetak. Discussion to purchase bagger next budget. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. The board also told Vanek that it was his decision to get who he wants for fertilizer and weed control of the Courthouse lawn. Committee report – Nebraska Foundation quarterly report, Gazebo waiting on brochures, 80% of the money to be raised before the Gazebo to be built. Petska waiting to hear about the Grant that was applied for. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. to reconvened on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of April 11, 2023 meeting and Agenda for April 25, 2023 meeting 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 that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all the subjects included 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 the public.

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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk