

Valley County Board of Supervisors Minutes
July 11, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Baker, absent. Clerk verified the meeting notice on June 28, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. DeRiso motioned to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Cetak. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Open meetings Act is posted on the west wall and on the counter. Roads Superintendent needed board approval to pay the 1st payment on the excavator and pay for a 1994 Kenworth truck. This is going on the 2023-24 budget. Discussion on how can we spend money when it hasn't been approved until September. All counties basically run that way. Meyer will get the checks and hand deliver them. Meyer completed his budget for 2023-24, milling is done, armor coating will happen next, maintaining roads and putting gravel down on roads. Baker arrived at 9:15 a.m. Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave his weed report, Kaminski has 11 open cases, he is working on getting money back for the lost drone, and discussed his State inspector showing up to look at the whole county. Treasurer Peggy Brott gave her month end report, fiscal year balance of funds for the Quiz, and misc. receipts. Clerk Judith Bower gave her fee report, lawyer fees separate line from the Courts for budget planning, the board would like to see separate lines, Bower also reported of a clerical error on her part with claims and payroll; it was fixed on her end and on the Treasurer side, well noted for the Auditors. Motion by Ference to pay claims of health insurance, utilities, and roads. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Gazebo committee asking for funds from the Wozab fund. Baker motioned to have access to the funds for the project. After much discussion, Baker withdrew his motion. Wozab funds if the interest is there will be open for applications after the 1st of the year. Valley County Economic Development Becky Ries presented the financials report, housing development, Pollard is very busy promoting the area, discussed doing second story study in downtown for housing, Ries attended a meeting in Central City on vacant and dilapidated properties, how to clean them up, and discussion of funding to keep Pollard employed with Economic Development. Katie Wamsley reported on the Chamber events, NE Children and Families Foundation, 177 members, 14 new members(8 new businesses or new to the area). Sidewalk Sales July 20-22, with Pancake Feed on July 22, 2023 Chamber golf tournament, National Night Out, Creative District was granted money and will meet on July 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Husk. The Chamber is no longer doing the Shop Ord website, it was getting expensive, Chamber is still promoting businesses in other ways. Wamsley then explained about the lodging tax, County collects 4% of that, Tourism committee is appointed by the County and they are Tylr Naperstek, Deb Kelley, Mike Klimek, Kate Wolf, Sharon Iwanski, Becky Trotter, and Betty Carlson. Board convened at 10:45 a.m. Reconvened at 10:55 a.m. County Attorney Hanson reported that he is still working on the Wilson property, attending a Governmental Seminar, and order for sale on tax foreclosure properties. Region 26 budget was discussed cost share equally, Valley County pays \$96,648.20. County and City Assessments for emergency operations/management based on population and usage. Baker motioned to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Ference. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Parcel #880020853, Ruth Campbell, Protest #7. Johnny Ference, Lisa Overland, and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Ruth was also there. Interior and exterior of the house was inspected, there have been no recent updates, some water damage on the ceiling on the main floor, issues in the 2nd floor bathroom, the 2nd floor has plaster falling in one room, the entry for unfinished ½ story is in one bedroom closet, foundation has cracks, garage, concrete drive, basement in poor condition, house in need of repair. Waltman's recommendation is to

change the quality to average and change the condition to fair. Value the house at \$59,665.00, land \$5,485.00 for a total of \$65,150.00. Motion by Baker to accept the valuation of \$65,150.00, move quality to average and condition to fair. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Voting No, Petska. Motion carried. Parcel # 880030296, Mary Poss, Protest #8. John DeRiso, Lisa Overland, and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Poss' daughter was going to meet at the house for interior review, she did not show, waited for her until 4:20 p.m., headed back to office and got a phone call from her on the way back, told her the County Board would make the decision what to do with the property. Waltman recommended to the Board to leave the value at the 2023 valuation. House valued \$18,265.00, land \$2,535.00 for a total of \$20,800.00. Ference motioned to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Voting No, Baker. Motion carried. Van Slyke talked to Darrel Standard about how he does his appraisals. Standard said there are 3 ways that he looks at the property he has to incorporate all of them, which consist of comparable, market analysis, and income analysis. Motion by Baker to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:22 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Sheriff's quarterly report was discussed and the contract with Jade Stethem. Motion by Ference to approve the terms on the Stethem contract with the County. Second by Petska. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Budget hearing will be August 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. Committee reports from DeRiso he attended the hearing on Monday on the Popcorn USA building, Region 3 report Beth Baxter retired, Behavioral Services received a large grant. With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. to reconvene on July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of June 27, 2023 meeting and Agenda for July 11, 2023 meeting 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 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 all reproducible material discussed at the meeting were in written form and available for the public.

Judith Bower
Valley County Clerk