

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Ference, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on August 14, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Ference motioned to approve the minutes from August 7th budget meeting and August 8th regular meeting. Second by DeRiso. Baker Abstained. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall in the Boardroom. No Public comment. Sandy Simpson reported on the claims for the roads department. Roads Department Jay Meyer gave his report on the completion of the Sargent Highway hoping to be done with all of the armor coat by end of September. The telephone crew tore up some gravel roads, Meyer received payment from Hamilton for reimbursement of \$18,000.00 for repairs on the roads. Meyer suggested to the Board that the permit for underground needs revised. Meyer and County Attorney will work on that. As well as some form of speed limit for the work zone for the Roads crew. Meyer attended a grant writing workshop. He was very discouraged, some counties that spent a lot of money on Grant writers were still denied grants. Counties have to match some of the grants and most counties can't afford the matching amounts. Meyer has surplus that will sell this week. Dean Phelps was present with concerns on the Davis Creek Cemetery. He offered to call some of his family members to help with cleaning and clearing of some trees. He will get back to the Board when he finds out what his family says. Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward were present with the Hospital Report. Glaubke announced that Sara Smith PA will be starting October 1, 2023. Looking into electric charging station for the Hospital parking lot. Woodward reported on the financials, new fiscal year so not much to report yet. Break at 10:05 a.m. Back in session at 10:10 a.m. Clerk reported on the passports, since we have been reinstated over 45 new applications not counting renewals. Stethem contract was discussed. Baker motioned to go into Executive session for personnel and potential litigation at 10:10 a.m. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Litigation was reviewed, no action taken during Executive session. Back in regular session at 10:27 a.m. Baker motioned to use the Board letterhead for letter to Stethem to collect the buyout money, that the County did when he started from St. Paul Police Department. Second by Petska. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Brott explained about Pledge receipts. Better understanding on that for the Board. Board also ask County Attorney to get with Jay Meyer to work on new Easement pages and work zone area. Sheriff Hurlburt was present. Baker motioned to go back into Executive session to discuss personnel at 10:33 a.m. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Back in regular session at 10:43 a.m. No action taken in Executive session. County Attorney Hanson gave his general report. Strong arm break-ins all across the area. Still waiting to hear from Veterans about the wall, Ken Marvicka is waiting to hear from Buller/Koehn Designs. Insurance on buildings was discussed. Next meeting if it is convenient to have the Airport Board come to the meeting. Baker motioned to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Tax list correction #880026565 was discussed. Owner noticed clerical error that property was marked brick and should've been vinyl siding. Cullers motioned to approve the tax list correction for Parcel #880026565. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Valuation Summary Sheets for 2023-2024 was discussed and Ne Tax Equalization and Review Commission Notice/Hearing 10/3-10/5, Linda needed to know which Board members were able to attend. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 11:12 a.m. Second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke.

All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Brian Cox with UNL Extension was present. He is new to this position for all 4 counties. He brought the Interlocal Agreement for the Board and County Attorney to go over. Chuck Abel was present to review and act on revisions for the Budget with the Board. Abel discussed valuations going up, if all got spent by the end of June of 2024 it would be \$430,000.00 in the whole, inheritance tax transfer would have to happen if it all gets spent to cover the negative. Leaving the levy, the same would be this estimate. 1% increase/decrease would change the budget by \$108,000.00 either way. Discussion on lawyer fees, court costs, wages, insurance, re-evaluations of agriculture. 1% increase in the levy; example: on a \$100,000.00 home, \$10.00 increase in taxes. Board can't depend on the inheritance tax forever, State is slowly taking that away, it has gone from 18% to 15% that counties receive as of January 2023. Special joint hearing Sept. 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. District Courtroom 3rd floor of the Courthouse. Valley County will be on the pink cards for the Special Joint Hearing. Discussion on the heating/air for the Courthouse. Abel reminded the Board that they have never spent over the Budget. Motion by Baker to leave the levy the same. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Ference, Baker. Voting, Yes. Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers, Petska. Voting, No. Motion denied. Motion by Cullers to raise the levy from \$.34 to \$.35. Second by Van Slyke. Cetak, Cullers, Van Slyke, Petska. Voting, Yes. Ference, Baker, DeRiso. Voting, No. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the Claims/Payroll and Fund request of \$685,915.14. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to approve and sign inventories as presented by all departments. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. District meeting was discussed. Committee Reports: Public Health Board has purchased land for a new building. Ference will have Economic Development budget and update after the meeting with them this week. Region 26 meeting is August 29, Van Slyke is attending. Cullers reported that the Gazebo fund is \$62,000. Region 3, new number is 988 for suicide. Motion by Ference to pay the water rights for water for the County farm. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. to reconvene on September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the Budget hearing and regular session after the hearing and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of August 7 and August 8 meeting and Agenda for August 29, 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 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 available for the public.

Judith Bower
Valley County Clerk