

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2017 in their Courthouse meeting room to consider the FY 17-18 budget and subdivision levy authority requests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Law posted; public copies available. No public comment.

Accountant Chuck Abel reviewed the adjusted budget information presented at the July 25 Board meeting, based on requested funds and estimated receipts the General Fund would be negative \$362,173 if all requests were spent, Inheritance would be down to \$552,686, will gain \$90,000 if leave levy the same, subdivisions need levy by the end of August. Discussion followed of ways to cut the budget, 811th Road probably won't happen this year, no budget request excessive.

Mike Wells spoke for Twin Loups Reclamation, they are asking \$31,392, the same amount they have requested for a number of years; spent on engineering, lawyer fees, EMS training. Wells noted that the Reclamation is responsible for pump land, had to put money into Geranium pumping plant this year, need to do pipe laying below Davis Creek.

No one was present to speak for the Airport, the levy request was up \$5,000.

Terry Christensen spoke for Loup Valley Ag Society, noting that restrooms are finished in the main building. The fair went well this year, 1,300 people attended the Saturday night concert, brought many people to town, insurance up. The Livestock Challenge is coming up.

Waldmann made a motion to stay with the same levy subdivision requests as last year, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

County Clerk Musil agreed to cut the \$2,000 microfilming costs from the budget request, the budget was increased to make a part-time position into a full-time position. The Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk coordinated on salary increases. The Election Commissioner's budget increased \$50, District Court is \$2,000 less. County Treasurer Suminski's budget increase was for salaries. County Assessor Arnold said her budget is down \$13,000 from last year, Ord needs to be accessed by 2020.

The County Court budget expense for telephone service was reduced by \$1,000 because services will be paid out of Misc. General.

Danny Vanek said the Building and Grounds budget includes \$6,000 for the Mechanical Sales service agreement, have not been getting back to him, system was to be serviced twice a year, Sevenker will call tomorrow; Cullers said a salary increase needed to be added. The Sheriff purchased the new refrigerator.

County Attorney Hansen said his budget increase was for salaries.

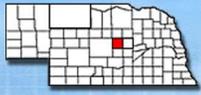
Planning & Zoning Admin. Sheri Goodrich noted that her budget is the same as last year, she would like to update her laptop, will no longer be working for Garfield County so Valley County will be paying all convention costs.

Sheriff Hurlburt was present to discuss the budget; State Auditor told him that a petty cash fund for \$3,000 would have to be added to his budget to pay service fees to the Treasurer even if fees had not yet been collected; telephone service includes cell phones for the deputies; will purchase at least one new camera; charge \$50 per day to board prisoners, will not take boarding prisoners until they are medically cleared.

Road Supt. Meyer was present to discuss the Road budget; increased salaries \$12,000, in order to get and keep employees need to offer competitive wages; request is \$852,500; 811th Road progress has been disappointing, doesn't see it going further, would not want to start the crossing this late in the year; can purchase 2 motor graders at last year's pricing and defer the payments for a year, offering \$26,000 parts credit, buy off of State contract so do not need to go through bid process; could reduce budget by \$26,000. Will have \$312,000 in buyback fund after next payment, hope to build up fund so can replace more structures without impacting taxes, will apply for bridge match program this year to replace bridge by North Loup. Trying to use same amount each year. Will discuss 811th Road at next meeting.

Valley County pays entire mileage budget for the Extension Agents and the other three counties reimburse Valley County quarterly. \$1,000 was cut from the Extension budget for telephone service.

The ambulance budget is for the payment of the new ambulance. Baker believes that hospital should be paying for the ambulance and not the County.



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The Civil Defense budget is the same as last year. Will ask Veteran Service Officer Walt Smith to explain increase in budget for clerical salaries. Reduced workshop expense by \$1,500 for the County Board budget.

Weed Supt. Darrell Kaminski was not present to discuss his budget, reduced misc. labor line item from \$2,000 to \$500. Misc. General budget was reduced by \$10,000 for County Court Costs, from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for Institution Costs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m., to reconvene on August 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 7 meeting and the agenda for the August 9 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes are also available 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 proceedings had and done by the County board, that all of 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 such 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 was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that said minutes 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 meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk