

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017 in the Courthouse Boardroom; Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, and Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of August 7 budget meeting and August 8 regular meeting were approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment offered.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for August: accounts payable \$143,112.46, payroll \$41,581.49; larger expenses included clear diesel, motor grader payment, HFE 300, gravel, steering column, red diesel, tires; 1 grader payment left, allocation for August was \$70,529.99. Jebro Inc. has not been billing in a timely matter, had to request invoices.

Sevenker contacted the Union Pacific on August 24 concerning the 811th Road project, left voicemail, call returned on August 25, told to contact the North Central railroad; did not hear back from North Central, called Eldon Vohs, Vice-President of Operations for North Central out of Norfolk, no one had told him that Sevenker had called, he will get back to the County. Jeff Palik of Olsson's has emailed Union Pacific 6 times with no response, no call back. Vohs called during the meeting, cannot get in touch with Matthew at UP, nothing on the schedule for this summer, crossing work is planned a year ahead. Meyer suggested making subtle improvements to the road for this winter, use existing crossing and original drainage plan, put road back on centerline, County responsible for road on the east side of the tracks and the State on the west side. Jeff Palik had not contacted the people that Sevenker contacted, Olsson's is part of the problem. Diamond Engineering will probably want the cost of the performance bond back. Meet with Nebraska Distillers and find out what is needed to get through the winter and fix in the spring. County will ask for easement and permit money back from the railroad. DeRiso made a motion to drop the present plan and develop the road on the east side, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: Cetak. Absent: none. Waldmann will check with Economic Development to find out if the paving money can be used to make other improvements. Sevenker will write a letter to the railroad concerning the decision to drop the project and requesting the return of the money for the easement, will send a letter to Jeff Palik concerning the decision of the County, let Olsson's deal with Diamond and Vlach, Vlach has expenses that need to be reimbursed.

Meyer presented information about the lease/purchase of two Caterpillar motor graders, 5 year/5,000 hours warranty, \$13,000 parts credit, nothing will be paid out of this year's budget, will finance through Ameritas. The motion to approve the lease/purchase of two motor graders was made by Cetak, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Grader Blade bid date and time was set for September 26 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

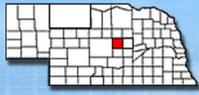
Meyer's General Report included: overlaying, oil bleed on Sargent/Ord Road will be milled off, armor coating, painting lines.

Hospital CEO, Nancy Glaubke, noted Carol Philbrick was named employee of the 4th quarter, Kate Morse employee of the year; Marilyn Winkelbauer retired; Dr. Schneider's contract was renewed; regulations have changed for mixing of some drugs, will remodel to provide separate rooms and air changes, some drugs are not qualified to be compounded at local pharmacies.

Hospital CFO, Ashley Woodward, reviewed the financial and statistical information: census is down, emergency room was up, operating room down, radiology down, out-patient clinic up, physician clinic down, Home Health down; benefits down; audit scheduled for third week of September. The cash balance which is the days of cash on hand is lower than the auditors want, liabilities at \$18,000,000, more debt than cash on hand. VA reimbursement is below cost.

The new ambulance has arrived. Vicki Bredthauer gave a presentation about the County ambulance service, County took over ambulance in 1969, contracted with the hospital for management in 1999, the hospital hired paramedics, before the ambulance can transport to another hospital there has to be a receiving physician, good service for taxpayers.

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m., reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.



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Brady Kerkman from Central Health Center spoke to clear up any misconceptions concerning services offered, not asking for financial support, never complete with local health services, only have vaccination and physical clinic for refugees in Grand Island, refugee program over September 1, provides contraceptive services at reduced cost, no health department provides reproductive health services, provides services to uninsured and underinsured to prevent ER visits, every patient asked to donate. The local clinic does not deny anyone a sports physical because they cannot pay.

Dahn Hagge with the Valley County Community Foundation Fund announced that Valley County has been chosen as one of only 4 rural community funds to participate in the Vibrant Future Fund Endowment Campaign to raise \$500,000 in unrestricted endowment funds, the Sherwood Foundation of Omaha will grant \$250,000 in matching funds, \$35,000 granted in annual payouts, challenge through December 31, 2018, have secured \$300,000 in donations and pledges.

Theresa Petska introduced herself as the new agent for American Funds, Raymond James with Heartland Bank has purchased Securities America, Sevenker and Cullers are on American Funds committee, 457 plan for local government. Cullers made the motion to sign the broker dealer change, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Petska will prepare a letter to go with the paychecks so employees can set up a time to meet with her.

Nancy Glaubke asked what the Board would like to do with the 2000 Chevy back-up ambulance, book value \$3,000; Loup County looking for ambulance, ask for a proposal to purchase.

County Attorney Hanson was informed of action taken concerning the 811th Road project, last correspondence from railroad in June. Sevenker received a call from the VP in Norfolk that the railroad had ordered materials. Hanson advised the County to fax a cancelation of the project to the railroad, wait to see what happens concerning the ordered materials, the easement was granted to the County and County can decide whether or not to use it.

Attorney Hanson also noted that the jury trials for September have been settled or continued until January; child support enforcement worker Marilyn Moody will be retiring, position reimbursed by DHHS, will check on requirements for position; no conflict with deputies working part-time in another county.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m., reconvened at 12:20 p.m. with all members present.

The motion was made by Baker to sign the Agreement between Valley County, Nebraska and the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, second DeRiso. Carried: Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Suminski will make arrangements for a picture to be taken of the County officials and department heads on September 26. Sevenker will make a frame for the map of the cemeteries, Vinton has not been cleaned up. September 22 was set as the date to close bids on the surplus County property, items will be displayed in the Courthouse lobby, custodian Danny Vanek will make a list of items for sale.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$455,139.46 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Office Inventories were reviewed and signed by each Supervisor.

The appointees to the Veterans' Service Committee to replace Marvin Spath and fill the expired term of Bud Kalhoff must be selected from a list of recommended names received from a recognized Veteran's organization in the County, list of names in September. The committee meets once a year, County auditor audits the Veteran Service Officer, committee has to follow rules, do not know why a trustee was added to the committee, member's terms should expire on June 30, Cullers will check the rules, ask why trustee is on the committee.

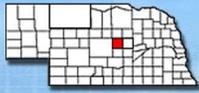
The Fall Central District meeting will be September 21 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, registration forms need to be in the Clerk's office by September 5 to pay pre-registration fee.

Budget revisions were reviewed, County Court telephone service from \$1,700 to \$1,000. Baker made a motion to raise the salary for Danny Vanek from \$16.00 to \$16.50 per hour, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Budget Hearing will be September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Resolution 17-10 authorizing the subdivision levy requests was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

DeRiso reported that the turmoil at Mid-Plains Center has improved.

Cullers reported for Region 3: expenditures \$13,895,785 for FY; shortfall of \$548,036, will service fewer people.



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Mail Folder item: none

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.; to reconvene on September 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 29 meeting and an agenda for the September 12 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