



# 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, February 27, 2018 in the Courthouse Boardroom; Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Baker (excused) absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The minutes of Feb. 13 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. The agenda for Feb. 27 was adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. Chairman Sevenker noted posting of the Open Meetings Act on the west wall, copies available. No public comment offered.

Roads Supt. Meyer introduced Tom Bokenkamp from Ace Irrigation in Kearney, can make whatever pipe is needed, manufactures from 6" to 12' pipe, thanked County for business, invited Board to visit Ace. Meyer said that Ace provides good customer service, quality of pipe better and shipping less than others. Road Secretary Simpson reviewed February claims, noting the larger expenses; diesel, snow blower truck, oil, parts, gas, tires. Total accounts payable \$52,298.18, payroll \$44,197.55. Highway Allocation of \$63,131.74 and Incentive Payment of \$9,000 were received for February. \$138,472 plus stockpiled gravel left in budget, \$60,000 left in fuel budget.

Meyer reported that he has heard nothing from the State concerning improving the crossings on Hwy. 11, Green Plains wants to be involved in any discussion, State has not let bids on the project. Meyer's General Report included: plowed snow; salted and sanded; will try to fix oil leak on grader; patching holes; paved roads holding up; tonnage weight for bridges will change to gross weight instead of axles, federally mandated, will have to change some tonnage signs.

At 9:30 a.m., the public hearing on the One and Six Year Road Plans was opened, no one was present to offer comments. Meyer reviewed Form 8 Summary of One-Year Plan, the irrigation district will pay for a culvert to replace a bridge and County will install, use Federal Buyback funds for two bridges, correct the drainage on 811<sup>th</sup> Road, 4 asphalt projects, work with State on Ashton Ave. project; Form 9 Summary of Six-Year Plan, replace bridges, see if some asphalt qualifies for recycling, hope to get more than five years out of asphalt. Hearing was closed by Chairman Sevenker at 9:50 a.m. The Affidavit was signed by the Board. Resolution 18-04 adopting the One and Six Year Road Plans approved on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Weed Supt. Kaminski reported on Spring Conference; emphasis on working with landowners to reduce use of 10 and 15 day notices.

CFO Woodward reported for VCHS: a review of Home Health found no deficiencies; first Home Health department to receive disaster training; the nursing home is interested in building a new facility at the old hospital location; the Hospital Board members have recertified; the pharmacy remodel needs architect specs which will add \$20,000 to the cost. Woodward also presented the financial information: census down, ER up, lab up 6%, radiology down, physician clinic down 8.5%; Home Health down, operating expenses are in line with budget. Hospital Board approved redeeming the final two maturities of the 2012 bond issue, the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Meeting was signed by the County Board. Cullers moved to sign Resolution 18-05 to redeem the bonds, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Tort claim presented by Derrick-Shawton: Gonzalez was reviewed. The Board has six months to review the claim, County Attorney will determine if he can advise the Board, will present to liability insurance carrier.

A recess was called at 10:15 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m., Baker absent. Cetak left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

County Attorney Hanson is working with City Attorney Sikyta on the tax foreclosures, will publish notice of foreclosure.

It was noted that the Central District Meeting is March 15 at the Minden Opera House in Minden. U.S. Senator Deb Fischer's liaison Julie Brooker will be in the lobby of the courthouse on March 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a local office.

The Valley County Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOPs) has been scheduled for revision by December 8, 2018, Scott Philbrick will work on the revision. Alma Beland from Region 26 will attend a Board meeting in March to explain the Board's role in an emergency, Board is to be involved in all decisions.



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After review the February Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$263,333.16, on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak. Resolution 18-6 allowing the Co. Treasurer and Co. Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in February was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak.

DeRiso reported that Mid Plains Center for Behavioral Services is doing well financially, Region 3 may cut their budget. Cullers was told to go ahead and arrange to have flowers planted in the planters by the front steps of the Courthouse.

Following two paragraphs corrected at 3-13-18 meeting: Jeremy Shoemaker instead of Jim Shoemaker.

At 11:00 a.m. the Public Hearing was opened to allow residents the opportunity to speak for or against the lease of the County owned real estate. Sevenker stated that on the advice of NIRMA, the County insurer, hunting rights will be excluded on all County property, no subleasing is allowed, stocks are part of the crop, water costs are \$56 per acre. Cory Schaaf said that the small tracts need to be maintained, ditches mowed. Blake Bandur, James Knapp, Marty Petska, Kurt Petska, Cory Schaaf, Jim Shoemaker, Gavin Shoemaker, and Bryce Bauer were present to bid on the property. Marty Petska requested that the businesses in front of Tract 3 and Tract 4 be allowed to rent the small lots at the farm rent rate if they are maintained without going through the bidding process, none of the other bidders present were interested in the small lots. VanSlyke moved that Tract 3 and Tract 4 be rented to Petska and Schaaf at the bid farm rent rate subject to termination of either party until termination, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker and Cetak.

Jim Shoemaker opened the bidding on the Mortensen Farm containing 46.94 irrigated acres at \$200 per acre; Marty Petska bid \$220 followed by Shoemaker at \$230; Bryce Bauer bid \$240; Shoemaker countered with \$250; Knapp entered the bidding at \$252; following exchange of bids by Shoemaker and Knapp, Gavin Shoemaker entered his bid of \$265, after a series of bids between Gavin Shoemaker and Knapp, Shoemaker declined to raise Knapp's bid of \$313.

Cetak returned to the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Knapp started bidding on the East Farm containing 119 acres at \$17,000 with Gavin Shoemaker added his bid of \$21,000. After a series of bids Shoemaker declined to raise Knapp's bid of \$22,050.

The Board recessed to the Sheriff's Office to inspect the progress of the remodel.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on March 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 27 meeting and an agenda for the March 13 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](http://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.

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Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk