

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTES

October 8, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent, Ference. The clerk verified the meeting notice at the City Office, Quiz, Ord Township Library, and on the County Website. Agenda posted. Motion by Baker to approve the September 24, 2024, minutes. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to adopt the agenda. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No public comment. Superintendent Jay Meyer reported that Easement #24-465 that was corrected, okay to approve it. Motion by Petska to approve Easement #24-465 near Dane Creek Drive to bury Frontier Communications wire. Second by DeRiso. Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Midlands Contracting was the best recommendation for replacing a timber bridge with a concrete box culvert, for a cost of \$226,660.00. Motion by Cullers to approve the recommendation from Oak Creek Engineering. Second by Cetak. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Meyers reported truck down, overlaying, and a 2018 motor grader purchase, it is in the budget. Sandy Simpson handed out a report on budget and expenditures. Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported on some closed files and possibly that 2 or 3 will be open yet. Kaminski asked the board permission to send a letter to Westring. The board didn't see a problem with sending information. Valley County Economic Development/Chamber of Commerce Caleb Pollard and Katie Wamsley presented quarterly report, active community wide, Winterfest requests to use the courthouse steps, lighting of the Christmas tree, and Gazebo. Winterfest is November 30, 2024. Motion by Baker to allow the use of the Gazebo on November 30, 2024. Second by Cetak. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Second by DeRiso. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. The Board looked over the material that Assessor Waltman provided on Reduction/Exemption of Homesteads. Motion by Cullers to accept the reductions of the Homestead Exemptions that Assessor Waltman recommended. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 9:35 a.m. Second by Cetak, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Carrie Hurlburt presented Colonial Life information. She will be visiting with employees during open enrollment in November. Break at 9:52 a.m. Back in session at 9:58 a.m. Treasurer Peggy Brott gave month end fund report, miscellaneous receipts, and pledge receipts. Ashley Eley gave a report on a letter that has been sent out from the Sheriff's office; it is asking for donations for books and supplies to handout information on narcotics, abuse, etc. Clarification on minutes from previous meeting that Stena is not in charge of the law

enforcement/criminal justice part of Region 26, Joel Bergman is the main and Dustin Spanel is the alternate. Clerk Bower reported on Elections and printing issues with some ballots. Bower is hoping to have it resolved soon. District Court on the next agenda as Lisa Bower was sick. Motion by Cetak to approve the claims and funds request of \$50,770.60, Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to go into executive session at 10:28 a.m. for personnel reasons. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Out of executive session at 10:51 a.m. No decisions were made in the executive session. Committee reports: Cetak reported that Mid-NE building sold, the Board discussed the American funds/Capital Guardian, county owns the account, many employees of the County have this fund and are wanting to cash out or move these funds. Motion by Van Slyke to approve County Clerk Judith Bower to sign paperwork for the Capital American/ Guardian funds for employees to either cash out or move funds. Second by Cullers. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Wozab Gazebo will be having an open house on October 21, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., plaque and weathervane will be put on the Gazebo when Buller gets time. With no further business meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:03 a.m. until the regular meeting on October 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Complete minutes of September 24, 2024 meeting and Agenda for October 8, 2024 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 proceeding had by the County Board, that all subjects include the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for meeting, kept continuously current and available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk, that subjects were contained in said Agenda for twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy all reproducible material discussed at the meeting were written form available for the public.

Valley County Clerk
Judith Bower