

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2024, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, VanSlyke present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. The Minutes of October 29, 2024, were approved with the correction of the sentence to now read "Motion by Cullers to approve the claims and fund request of \$772,353.83, after removing claim to Central Nebraska Economic Development." on motion of Ference, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

Road Superintendent Meyer appeared with Jay Spearman with Piper Sandler at 9:05am. Explanation of lease purchase of 2018 Grader was given as well as handout of monetary figures, with anticipated closing of December 18. A resolution for the lease purchase was read. Motion by Baker to adopt Resolution 24-16, a resolution authorizing and approving the lease-purchase, authorizing various related transactions, adopting compliance procedures, and authorizing other matters relating thereto, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke. No: none. Documents were then signed.

Meyers' General Report included: ordered a new engine for one of the trucks, mowing along roads for snow preparation, an employee resigned.

Deputy Secretary of State Wayne Bena, the Deputy Secretary of State for Elections appeared. Deputy Secretary of State Bena stated that he was available for solving problems and to help with issues, outlined the process of appointing a new County Clerk, the deputy can sign off on election certifications and other election requirements, and offered the assistance of his office as well as that of Dave Shively, a trainer with the office.

The Board of Equalization convened at 10:10am on motion of Baker, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Assessor Waltman showed a correction for the Central Valley School District. The Board moved out of the Board of Equalization at 10:11am on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:11am, reconvened at 10:18am with all members present.

Dustin Will with Benefit Management gave an update on health insurance renewal rates and benefit amounts, provided handouts with renewal comparisons and current benefit levels, new rates will have an increase of approximately 5.62%. Motion by Petska to accept new Medica plan and keep current levels the same, second by Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Vanek provided information on request by Barbara Sibley to donate a picture of Elk to the courthouse to be displayed. Discussion was held that the board would need to see the picture and have more information before a decision could be made. Building and Grounds Superintendent Vanek reported that Berggren Architect will be flying drones around the courthouse to take pictures of the exterior for a grant application.

Motion by Cullers to approve Resolution 24-17, the acceptance of the resignation of County Clerk Judith Bower and the function of the Clerk's Office until appointment of a successor, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska. No: Baker. Motion by Baker to approve Resolution 24-18, appointment procedure for the successor county clerk, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Interested applicants will need to submit a resume by 4:30pm on December 2, 2024. Motion by Ference to have a special

meeting to interview candidates at 6pm on December 9, 2024, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none.

Motion by Baker to enter Executive Session at 10:59am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. Motion by Ference to exit Executive Session at 11:20am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke.

County Attorney Hanson gave an update, anticipated uptick in felony numbers, extradition from Delaware in progress, costs being reimbursed by other counties involved.

Treasurer Brott gave report on month end funds, personal property distress warrants, and miscellaneous receipts. Treasurer Brott also reported that she now has heat in her office.

The October District Court Fees and Fines Report was looked at. Motion by Petska to accept the Agreement for Clerk Magistrate with the State of Nebraska, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Agreement was signed.

Motion by Cetak to approve the claims and fund request in the amount of \$45,639.68, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. No: none.

Petska read the recognized holidays from the Employee Handbook. Because holidays are stated, discussion held that they would not have to be voted on for the upcoming year.

Mail Folder included NACO Newsletter, Central Nebraska Economic Development District, Broadband, Jake Bredthauer letter, and Community Building Solutions update that included windows being sealed soon.

For Committee Reports, DeRiso reported on MidPlains, Cetak commented on needing new chairs in boardroom, Petska commented on needing new toilets for the courthouse. Cullers gave update on Wozab Gazebo, will receive \$14,873.55 from Valley County Community Foundation, to include repayment of a \$12,000 loan, Bullers will seal the floor in the spring. Cullers gave a report on Region 3. Baker is arranging for Loup Basin Public Health to appear at a future board meeting. Petska received information on a grant, discussion followed, due date of application is November 15, will not pursue because of short notice.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52am, to reconvene on November 26 at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 12 meeting and an agenda for the November 26 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website <https://valleycountyne.gov>.

I, the undersigned Deputy 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.

KeShara Poland, Deputy Valley County Clerk