

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, VanSlyke present, Cetak absent. Deputy Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of November 12, 2024, were approved on motion of Ference, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Petska. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

Road Superintendent Meyer appeared with Secretary Sandy Simpson. Simpson gave report on November claims and balances. Meyer gave information on request of surplus designation for 2006 CAT Motor Grader. Motion by Baker to designate Motor Grader as surplus, Second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Meyer updated on culvert north of Ord, waiting on utility lines to be moved, and signing of contracts for structure. General report included striping complete, number of miles for various types of roads in the county, #311 dump truck being repaired, and being short staffed.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave a report on the County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation that was just completed by the State Department of Agriculture. Kaminski scored 1,000 out of 1,000 points possible.

Deputy County Clerk KeShara Poland gave update on the election, passed around a letter to be sent to Edward Larson concerning how he filed for election for Arcadia Village Board, corrections to some provisional votes were made, automatic recount scheduled for Ord School Board.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler gave an update on the sheriff's office and jail. With changes to the City of Ord police department, the county will need to hire more deputies and will incur additional expenses because of the obligation to serve city residents if the city is unable to. Discussion followed about meeting with city officials to come to an agreement on ways to best serve and protect the citizens of Ord, possibility of special election in the future to increase county budget because of increased expenses. Sheriff Scheideler also reported on employee matters and asked about overtime for grants.

Valley County Health System appeared and gave hospital report, new nondiscrimination law, upcoming Gala, key patient volume statistics, and grant from Secondhand Rose.

Amanda Jeffres and Stefanie Gideon with Loup Basin Public Health Department gave a report on history, developments, services, and financials.

Katie Walmsley with Valley County Economic Development gave update on tourism committee resignation. Recommended appointment of Maddison Visek to the committee. Motion by Ference to approve appointment of Maddison Visek to the Valley County Economic Development Tourism Committee, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Walmsley spoke on upcoming annual report, Popcorn County USA walk through, and Winterfest.

The Board recessed at 10:28am and reconvened at 10:35am.

Reviewed correspondence from NIRMA on dividend payment that was received and board vacancy.

Upcoming NACO Conference in Kearney, a room had been found for Kaminski.

Motion by Cullers to adjust Courthouse hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, being open from 8:00am and closing at 12:00pm, Second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Motion by Cullers to approve the claims and fund request of \$748,259.89, Second Petska. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Motion by Baker to approve Resolution 24-19, transfer of funds from inheritance fund to general fund if needed, Second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Motion by Baker to enter Executive Session at 10:51am for personnel and financial reasons, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. No: none. Absent: Cetak. Motion by Baker to exit Executive Session at 11:27am, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Cetak.

Review of Application for Investment of Funds received, will move discussions and decisions to next regular board meeting of December 10.

Mail Folder: Region 26 for upcoming joint Region 26 LEPC meeting on December 5.

For Committee Reports, Ference updated on Economic Development.

Building Superintendent Danny Vanek gave an update on window sealing that has been completed. Discussion on replacement of stools, Vanek will seek bids for 6 new stools in courthouse. The Christmas Tree donated from Baker family recognized and greatly appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41am, to reconvene on December 10 at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization; reconvene on December 9 at 6:00pm in special session for interviews. Complete minutes of the November 26 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