

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Petska, VanSlyke present, Ference absent. Deputy Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Ference arrived at 9:04 a.m. The Minutes of November 26, 2024, were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Ference. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

Road Superintendent Meyer appeared. Discussion of applications for two new easements for county roads. Motion by Baker to approve Easements #24-466 (Flatwater Sales Inc) and #24-467 (Nagorski), second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Ference. Superintendent Meyer gave report to include installation of snow fence, repairs finished on truck, waiting on phone and cable utilities before can proceed with bridge project, will be advertising for open position, potentially updating easement forms for corporations. Discussion was held about a new residence that was built by Arcadia, building permit issued with understanding of a driveway being built by owners, minimum maintenance road is now servicing new residence. Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich also appeared for more discussion.

There was no new business for Board of Equalization.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave update on Wilson Property, previous tax certificate had been dismissed by previous county attorney, property will go up for tax foreclosure in 2027 if no action by owners. County Attorney Hanson spoke on Maximus report from the mail bag.

Deputy County Clerk KeShara Poland gave update on new attorney fees that were approved by the court for court appointed attorneys to take affect January 1, 2025, notices sent out for election, recount of Ord School Board completed with same results, will be over budget for elections office.

The Board recessed at 10:05am and reconvened at 10:15am.

Treasurer Peggy Brott spoke on applications for investment of funds, will move action to next board meeting. Treasurer Brott gave report for month end fund report and month end trial balance listing.

Discussion held to nominate Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski for NWCA Award. Petska and Baker will complete application. The board is grateful for Kaminski's service.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler gave an update on the sheriff's office and jail. An interlocal agreement is proposed between Valley County and City of Ord during the absence of a Police Chief, 6 month agreement, can cancel with 30 days notice, Sheriff will be responsible for scheduling and administration of city officers, City of Ord will pay Valley County a monthly rate. Sheriff Scheideler reported on two candidates going to the academy on January 5, need of replacing a sheriff's vehicle with one that has come available from Kansas Highway Patrol, vehicle was not budgeted to be replaced this fiscal year but has mechanical issues. Motion by Baker to approve purchase of 2023 Durango from Kansas Highway Patrol for \$38,825 from Inheritance Fund, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion held on providing space in the court house for State Patrol Investigator to use as an office, many benefits from having an investigator local. County Attorney Hanson will check with District and County Court on use of County Courtroom.

District and County Court month end report given to the board.

Motion by Cullers to approve the claims and fund request of \$62,875.25, Second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion held for appointment of new County Clerk to fulfill term. Motion by Baker to appoint KeShara Poland as County Clerk, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska.

Bryce Lamb appeared for Healing Hearts and Families, gave update on diversion program and changes to personnel. Memo of Understanding for 2025 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid presented.

Mail Folder: Ference will be calling Maximus for more clarification on report. Update from Community Building Solutions, will have final walkthrough of courthouse tentatively January 14.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am, to reconvene on December 31 at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 26 meeting and an agenda for the December 10 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website <https://valleycountyne.gov>.

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.

KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk