



# Valley County Board Minutes



## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were called for: VanSlyke moved to retain Sevenker for Board Chairperson and Cullers for Board Vice Chairperson, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on December 22, 2021 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. VanSlyke moved to approve minutes of December 28, 2021, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

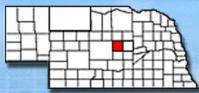
Baker moved to appoint Jay T. Meyer, License #S-1162 Class A as the employed Highway Superintendent beginning January 11, 2022, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 22-01, authorizing the County Highway Department to erect and maintain signs designating restrictions to County Highways when necessary was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Road Superintendent Meyer stated he will be seeking a USDA Grant for Rural Development to help fund the cost of a motor grader, the Board needs to approve three people to sign the documents. Cullers moved to approve the Valley County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Valley County Treasurer and the Valley County Road Superintendent to sign documents for a USDA Grant, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Nancy Glaubke, CEO Valley County Health Systems, informed the Board that she had been seeking a USDA Grant to help fund an ambulance, would like approval to go forward with the grant and to approve three people to sign the documents. Waldmann moved to approve going forward with the USDA Grant and approve the Valley County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Valley County Treasurer and the CEO of the Valley County Health Systems to sign documents for a USDA Grant, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer presented an estimate for \$43,561.75 from NMC to replace the transmission on a motor grader, failure of valve body, will replace oil cooler, 10 hours on 2007 machine, have machines in worse shape, would save \$5,712.73 if optional services of replacement of transmission hoses and rear crankshaft seal and 3 year/5,000 hour transmission warranty instead of 1 year parts warranty were not purchased, plan to keep for 10 more years. Baker moved to approve bid of \$43,561.75 to do all work quoted, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Purchase of a new machine is one year out, will not guarantee price or trade in amount. Meyer's General Report included: blading dry roads, hard to keep up; working on a truck in the shop; making list of surplus equipment to sell at online auction; working on sign inventory.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented and reviewed the 2021 Year End Reports and the 2022 Noxious Weed Plan; lowered acres of musk thistle by 4,000 acres. VanSlyke moved to approve the 2021 Infestation Report and Activity Report, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The 2022 Board Roster, Budget Form and Noxious Weed Control Plan were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Katie Walmsley presented the Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Report: Loup Valley Childhood Initiative is looking at two sites for childcare center, old hospital owned by Arbor Care and empty lots along Highway 11, Arbor Care would share cost of renovation of old hospital, kitchen already there; private childcare business is expanding, building new facility; working with CNEED to secure Good Jobs Grant, would provide workforce preparation programing for area junior and senior high school students; great interest among local contractors and developers in property rehab and developing duplex units to meet housing rental needs; over 50 requests for housing rentals; North Loup River Water Trail Task Force working to increase public access of North Loup River at the Ord Veteran's Grounds and Anderson Island, pursuing funding for phase 2; Ord Area Chamber of Commerce has 10 new



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members; Ord Area Chamber and several organizations are submitting an application to become a Nebraska Creative District, illustrates arts, culture, history and tourism as economic drivers, would be a Countywide district, working on workbook; delay by the State of reporting lodging tax in May and June reflected in July and August totals; new Traveler Attraction Grant available for public or non-profit organizations for media advertising to improve visitor attraction; Valley County will host BRAN and Tour de Nebraska bike tours in June 2022; working on Venture to Valley County travel guide to be published by the Ord Quiz.

Sheriff Hurlburt and Secretary Ashley Eley presented the Quarterly Report, 135 kids received gifts and 20 turkeys were given out at Christmas from the Stuff the Patrol Truck program; the jail has been busy; the drug fentanyl causing issues, highly toxic; Narcan is an opioid reversal agent like an EpiPen, saves life if someone overdoses, cannot be in cold so cannot be left in patrol car; dog has led to 7 busts.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson presented his recommendation for salaries for 2023-2026 for County Attorney, presently a part-time position with salary of \$53,500, Boone County adopted salary of \$63,000 for 2023, NACO's recommendation is minimum base salary 160% of other elected officials salary, recommends part-time salary for 2023 of \$63,000 and full-time of \$90,240, if becomes full-time position would have a separate Mental Health Board. Board discussion followed, only resource County has is taxes, County has lids on amount budget can increase, County salaries \$3,000-\$5,000 behind other Counties, 5% increase first year and \$1,500 increase each year after was suggested, 5% increase each year suggested to bring positions up to other counties, several Board members presented their recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. with all members present.

Cullers made the motion to adopt Resolution 22-2 setting the salaries for Elected Officials for the 2023-2026 term, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Clerk monthly fee report for December was reviewed, will present the Clerk of the District fee report at next meeting.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for December, \$620,807.88 General, \$294,297.00 Road, \$213,730.55 Inheritance, \$53,965.75 Debt Service (bonds), \$3,325.727 total collected. The 2021 levy comparison and Pie charts showing 2021 tax levy distributions were reviewed. Additional Pledge Security was obtained from First National Bank. The Semi-Annual Fund Balance report was reviewed and will be published as required.

Corey Steel, the Nebraska State Court Administrator, will meet with the Board on January 25 to discuss relinquishing District Court to the State. The final rule for ARPA recovery funds was released, Valley County will be required to submit an annual report due by April 30, 2022 to the Treasury, discussion of bonuses for employees was continued to the next meeting.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$5,850.00 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

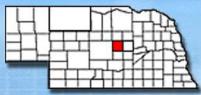
VanSlyke moved that the 2022 Board committees and representatives appointments remain the same as 2021 and to sign the Memorandum of Appointment for the County Physician, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Annual County Officers Signatures and Seals Report was signed.

Waldmann moved to designate the County website as a method to provide notice of Board meetings, second Baker. Carried: Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Region 26 minutes were reviewed. Discussion of LB310 which would reduce/eliminate inheritance taxes was held; Cullers had talked to local attorneys, had received no bad responses from clients, inheritance tax stays in the County.

Committee Reports: VanSlyke reported Region 26 cannot find help, backed off the residence requirement limit. Cetak said Mid-Nebraska will have a meeting. Waldmann reported for Economic Development, will probably buy and prepare the lot for the expansion of the private daycare, gift the lot to the business.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned to reconvene on January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 11 meeting and an agenda for the January 25 meeting



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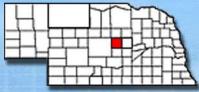


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I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, 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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Road Secretary Simpson reviewed January road claims including: blackslicer, diesel, grader payment, mobile radios, parts, gravel, accounts payable \$101,950.81, payroll \$50,633.37, transfer \$72,892.29, highway allocation \$76,033.79, motor vehicle fees \$15,639.77.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: blading and graveling roads; working on engine overhaul, parts are hard to get; working on 1 and 6 year Road Plan; USDA grant application completed and submitted, decision made in Washington, qualify for 35% of total project costs, eligible for \$96,000, in a national pool; availability of new motor grader a year out; ARPA funds can be used for government services, need to find out if can be spent on used equipment.

Corey Steel, State Administrator, and Amy Prenda, Deputy Administrator, from the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation presented the draft of an agreement where the Clerk Magistrate would assume the duties of the Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court; LB102 would transfer duties of Ex Officio Clerk of District Court to Clerk Magistrate, no financial needs from the County required; there has been no discussion of regional courts; under agreement office staffed 40 hours a week at cost to County of \$14,000 per year, first contract for two years then yearly contract, may be terminated by either party with 30 day notice. County Attorney Hanson reviewed contract, no problems, favors consolidation of courts. Judge Noakes also spoke in favor of consolidation. Baker moved to sign the Agreement for the Clerk Magistrate as Clerk of the County Court for Valley County to become the Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court for Valley County, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

VanSlyke moved to sign the Home Health License Renewal Forms, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the Hospital Report and monthly financials: Jessica Piskorski new secretary of Hospital Board, Josh Deickmann new Chief Information Officer, first bid for MRI \$1.5 million, Hospital Auxiliary has contributed \$500,000 to the Hospital; swing bed down; ER up; radiology up; Home Health and Hospice down; revenue up; contracted services up; IT expense up; all employees mandated to receive COVID vaccination or Hospital could lose Medicare and Medicaid funds, can apply for medical or religious exemption by February 14, vaccinated by March 1.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with all members present.

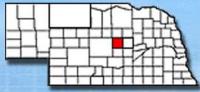
The Clerk of the District Court December Fee Report and the Department of Health and Human Services Child Support Enforcement Finance Subaward were reviewed.

The most equitable way to figure bonuses for employees through the ARPA funds will be by hours worked October 2020 to September 2021. Debate on LB 310 to eliminate the inheritance tax ended with a compromise that would increase exemption amounts but leave inheritance tax in place.

January Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. The Fund Request was approved in the amount of \$459,476.90 on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

Tax List Correction #3894 for Rollin and Maxine Mallery JT due to homestead exemption adjustment of income was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Tax List Correction #3895 for Agnes M Cernik due to homestead exemption



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adjustment of income was approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to sign the Contract of Services with Lake Mac Assessment to provide appraisal services for Valley County Assessor, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: Baker, DeRiso. Absent: none.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:15 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Linda and Paul Horner, Tom Kruml and Zeb Augustyn appeared to request ARPA funds for the expansion of Linda's Daycare. Linda Horner explained the daycare was opened 19 years ago with capacity of 21, 10 years ago moved to new location with capacity of 29, in 6 months upped capacity to 40, now out of room for kids and no way to expand, 30 kids on waiting list, two daughters with early childhood education want to take over business, want to take infants, construct new building for expansion to provide more children with daycare and provide more jobs in community, investment group brought in to determine cost, \$105,000 from Economic Development to purchase lot, estimated cost of entire project \$1,014,985 to get from dirt lot to finished facility with playground, need for daycare, not huge cash flow, infants barely cover wages, business structure in place, teachers in place, need to get staff in place, nice functional facility, support \$400,000 of debt, capacity of 105, no technical guidance for ARPA funds, \$400,000 bare minimum needed, if can move soon will have daycare by October, County has projects to fund, will talk to NACO for further guidance to find out if project eligible, table to next meeting.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with all members present.

VanSlyke moved to accept Wozab Fund Applications from February 7 through March 14, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The application will be advertised. The meeting to award the Wozab funds will be at the end of March, \$31,987.03 is available to be awarded.

NACO hosting County Board Chairperson Workshop on February 4, someone will attend. The NPDES modified construction and operating permit issued for livestock waste control facilities for Shoemaker Farms, Inc. and Nebraska Association of Emergency Management award nominations were noted. Cullers made the motion that the January 12, 2021 Board decision to offer up to 80 hours of paid sick time for COVID related reasons was no longer in effect, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Pie charts showing 2021 tax levy distributions will be posted in areas in the County.

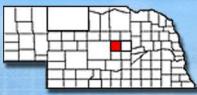
Cetak attended a Mid-Nebraska meeting, 12 of 22 representatives attended, everything going well. DeRiso will be getting information about meetings of CNEDD. VanSlyke will attend a meeting in Lincoln to discuss the bill before the Legislature that would prorate funds to emergency management regions by population, Region 26 wants funds divided equally. Cullers reported for the Wozab Fund; beginning balance \$1,371,764.42, ending balance \$1,390,482.37, \$31,987.03 available to award.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene on February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting and an agenda for the February 8, 2022 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).

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The agreement between the State and the County for transfer of the District Court has been signed and will go into effect March 1.

Road Superintendent Meyer displayed a stop sign that had been destroyed by gunshots, fine for damaging road signs, Sheriff's office investigating, cost of sign \$40 plus time spent replacing the sign totals \$100. Meyer presented a list of surplus equipment and items for an online auction, might split up into two auctions. Baker moved to sell the surplus Road Department equipment and items, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer reported two quotes were received for purchase of used motor graders. The first quote was for a 2017 Caterpillar with all-wheel drive and 1,588 hours, 4 year or 2,000 hour powertrain and hydraulic warranty and basic CVA filter kits, if County hauls and uses own lift price would be \$233,075. Second quote was for 2016 Caterpillar with 2,030 hours, bumper to bumper warranty until August 2023 and basic CVA filter kits, new tires, price would be \$225,500. The quotes are good until February 24, 2022. County would sell 1998 and 1999 machines, bring \$20,000 on auction, motor graders qualify for ARPA funds, will also look into financing. Baker moved to purchase the motor graders, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Culverts and bridges also qualify for ARPA funds.

Meyer's General Report included: will haul dirt for shoefly on Sargent/Ord Road, will put in culvert; will put culvert inside culvert and tear out headwall on Round Barn Road; will purchase truck for \$44,500 to replace truck that upset, money in Budget, bought back the old truck and stripped, \$6,000 worth of tires.

Linda and Paul Horner, Tom Krumml and Zeb Augustyn appeared to further discuss the request for ARPA funds to construct a Daycare. Plans for the project were presented, projected cost of \$1,066,000, on 4 acres with areas for safe drop off and playground. Valley County Economic Development cannot own land, Ord City Council will buy land for \$105,000, eligible for \$500,000 loan from Sales Tax Fund, purchase of land may have to come off of amount received, net loan would be for \$395,000, to recruit new families to the area need daycare, requesting \$400,000 of ARPA funds, small business new construction qualifies for ARPA funds. As restrictions are being loosened, the County is finding more County projects eligible for ARPA funds which will reduce the tax asking. Cullers said people are asking what do the owners put into the business, building could be sold in the future. Augustyn replied big buildings in the area cost more to build than what can be sold for, likely sold for a loss.

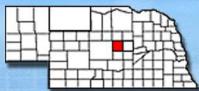
Katie Walmsley and Melani Flynn appeared for the Loup Valley Childcare Initiative, not asking for funds at this time, start fund raising at a later time, continuing to need more childcare, 106 children without daycare by 2027, another facility will be needed, supporting Linda's Daycare construction and moving forward with the LVCI.

Waldmann made the motion to give \$400,000 to the construction of Linda's Daycare facility, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: VanSlyke, Cetak. Absent: none.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all members present.

The following sentence was corrected at 2-22-22 meeting: Ryan Dorsey instead of Shane Jensen.

Treasurer Brott reported County Tax sale Certificates were assigned to an investor in the amount of \$4,245.34, Private Tax Sale Certificate sold at a private sale to the same investor, Shane Jensen, for \$1,195.49, subsequent taxes paid on assigned certificates were \$8,608.05 for a total of \$14,050.88. Brott also presented the Fund Balance Report for January: \$656,103.94 General, \$311,666.97 Road, \$213,730.55 Inheritance, \$66,524.13 Debt Serv. (bonds), \$145,313.81 State reimbursement to County for Personal and Real Estate Tax Credits. The delinquent tax list will be



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published for 3 weeks as required; the tax sale will be March 7. Pledge Security for \$1,000,000 was obtained from First National Bank.

The County Clerk and Clerk of District Court fee reports for January were reviewed.

County Attorney Hanson reported he is trying to get bonds forfeited for people who do not show up to Court, large uptick of felony cases, pursuing criminal prosecution of drug cases instead of taking money found during the arrest, not much money is found.

Cullers moved to give bonuses from the ARPA funds to full-time and part-time County employees for hours worked from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 at the rate of \$.50 per hour, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$5,700.00 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak moved to allow Valley County Philanthropic Partners to put the Thermometer for the Big Give on the Courthouse lawn, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

The NIRMA 22/23 Underwriting Questionnaire was reviewed. The NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle for JNR Farms, Inc., February 11 virtual presentation on LB644 about changes to the budget process, NACO Budget Workshop in Norfolk on May 12 and 2022 Lower Loup Hazard Mitigation Plan were noted. Financial Interest forms are due March 1.

VanSlyke reported for Region 26, attending February 23 appropriations meeting in Lincoln concerning a bill before the Legislature that would prorate funds to emergency management regions by population, wants funds divided equally. Cullers reported for Region 3, working on relieving the load on 911 calls by creating 988 calls that go to Boys Town; mental illness big issue, Richard Young's bed capacity for this area went from 90 to 30; expenditures for 2021 were \$11,909,000; emergency services served 37,686 individuals; 14,046 youth ages 18 and under were served. Waldmann reported it could be a year before Economic Development finds a new director.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 8 meeting and an agenda for the February 22 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).

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Road Secretary Simpson reviewed February claims, noting the larger expenses; culvert, parts, truck, repairs, blades, track loader and lift payments, water tank; accounts payable \$109,612.97, payroll \$50,364.37, transfer \$62,915.48; received highway allocation of \$75,171.13, incentive payment of \$9,000. Cetak moved to set the time and date for the public hearing on the One and Six Road Plans to March 29 at 9:15 a.m., second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Road Superintendent Meyer presented information on Lease Purchase financing of \$233,075 for one motor grader and \$458,575 for two motor graders through Piper Sandler; repayment term of 5 year semi-annual; checked rates with D.A. Davidson, Piper Sandler had best rates. Cullers moved to purchase motor grader for \$225,500 with ARPA funds, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyer's General Report included: overhaul of truck done, hard to find parts; sign inventory done; picked up the two motor graders.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented information he received at the Spring Conference concerning the chemical Invora for control of leafy spurge, being used for control of mesquite, Bayer hoping to get clearance for use of the chemical on spurge in May. Baker arrived at 9:35 a.m.

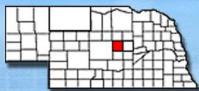
CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital Report. Woodward presented the financial information: volume down; ER up; lab down; radiology down; Home Health and Hospice down; revenue down; salaries and benefits up; contracted services up; \$907,031 of COVID funds have not been recognized. Glaubke reported the cost of a new MRI is \$1.5 million, 10 weeks without on-site MRI during replacement, use mobile unit during this time, working on grants to help purchase; Vaccine Mandate is in effect, lost a few employees because of mandate. Two Hospital Board positions are up for appointment, both appointees are willing to continue to serve, will place ad in Ord Quiz for two weeks beginning March 2 for applications for the positions, 6 year term, continuing education required.

A recess was called at 10:10 a.m., meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Ord Public School Superintendent Dr. Heather Nebesniak and District Business Manager Cathy Carson gave a presentation concerning the use of tax resources by the school district, preparing students for the world they will live in; maintaining resources, refinanced bond at good rate; 80% of budget for personnel; decreasing tax asking dollars, \$987,000 decrease; state funds are going down, valuations are up; Columbus Plan decreases property tax asking and includes sales tax and income tax, did not get out of committee in Legislature; school choice is available in Nebraska; enrollment is holding steady, 638 students; increase in mental health needs of students; \$14,000-\$15,000 per student cost.

County Attorney Hanson reported on Legislative bill 921 which would require all sentences for Class III, IIIA or IV felonies regardless of the length of imprisonment and all sentences for terms of imprisonment of less than one year be served in the county jail, County jail not set up for that; very busy in court.

County Clerk Musil reported that a Deputy County Clerk has been appointed, can sign documents when Clerk not in the office, Deputy Clerk has to earn 65% of Clerk's salary, Deputy works part-time, pay per hour has to enable the employee to earn 65% of Clerk's salary if works enough hours, pay rate would be \$20.00 per hour, Clerk's budget will most likely go over.



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The SAM number that is used to request ARPA funds has been renewed, will request funds when available. VanSlyke feels information for requesting ARPA funds needs to be more available to the public, too much given to one requestor, should add conditions to the use of the funds. Cullers said Board has to track if funds are being used for purpose stated on the request.

After review the February Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$382,451.07, on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Region 26 Minutes were reviewed. The Nebraska Jail Standards Board will conduct the annual inspection of the Valley County Jail facility on March 8. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO Central District meeting March 17 in Kearney; CNEDD Zoom meeting February 24 and LR263CA Constitutional amendment forbids Legislature from imposing new program expenses on political subdivisions without full reimbursement by the State for the expenses.

DeRiso reported Region 3 cut the Mid-Plains budget. Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska is selling some property, number of clients going down.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 22 meeting and an agenda for the March 8 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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Baker arrived at 9:05 a.m. Jay Spearman, Piper Sandler, presented documents for a lease-purchase agreement, Board members signed the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Meeting. Spearman read the Resolution presented to the Board. VanSlyke moved to adopt Resolution 22-4 approving the Lease-Purchase of a motor grader which will not exceed \$250,000, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Spearman will put together the offering document which will be offered to financial institutions in the County, if no takers in County will present to other institutions. Road Superintendent Meyer spoke to Accountant Abel about transferring funds from the ARPA fund to the Road fund for the purchase of a motor grader, Budget would have to be amended to include the ARPA funds so the funds can be transferred to the Road Fund for spending, would need a resolution to transfer Inheritance Funds to Road Fund for the purchase of the motor grader, after the Budget amended funds from the ARPA fund would be transferred to the Inheritance Fund to replace funds spent by Roads, resolution to transfer funds from Inheritance will be prepared for the March 29 meeting.

On recommendation of Meyer, Cetak moved to approve Easements 22-450 for David Setlik and 22-451 for Rice Ranch, Inc, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. An agreement for professional services from Oak Creek Engineering for replacement of a bridge 1/4 mile north of 816<sup>th</sup> Road was reviewed, will be getting bids for materials. Cullers made the motion to sign the agreement with Oak Creek Engineering, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

General Report included: cut trees; salted roads; red diesel contracted for \$3.41, hope clear diesel price goes down; six months to a year to get materials.

VanSlyke made the motion to approve the Employment Contract of Weed Superintendent Kaminski and Resolution 22-3 authorizing Weed Superintendent Kaminski, the County Board and County Attorney to act as the Weed Control Authority, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Kaminski asked for support for hosting the Leafy Spurge Task Force summer meeting, tour pastures on which chemical has been applied, meal in evening. Waldmann moved to support the Leafy Spurge Task Force meeting in Valley County, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

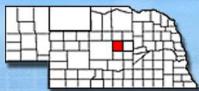
The County Clerk February Fee Report was reviewed, no longer District Court Reports, Court Office staffed part time until someone hired for Greeley County office, hours posted. Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present except Baker who left at 10:00 a.m.

County Attorney Hanson presented a Professional Services Invoice from the Attorney General's Office to retain an expert witness for a District Court case, plea agreement offered with response deadline of March 21.

VanSlyke spoke with Jon Cannon from NACO concerning the ARPA funds, stipulations to ensure every dollar is used for awarded purpose, County Attorney will consult with Lutz to formulate agreement with recipient of ARPA funds.

Cetak moved to set the date and time of the Wozab Fund Advisory Committee meeting to consider the Wozab Fund requests as March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Following review, the Fund Request and Claims in the amount of \$34,102.29 were approved on motion of Cetak, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.



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The following informational items were reviewed: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds updated compliance and reporting guidance; NACO Central District Meeting March 17 in Kearney; NACO County Budget Workshop May 5 in Ogallala and May 12 in Norfolk; NIRMA Cyber Security Regional Seminars April 13-22 in Gering, Ogallala, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk; VFD Department of Nebraska Veteran Service Officer of Year nominations; CNEDD Broadband Virtual Event March 21, 2022 in Broken Bow, O'Neill, Ord, Valentine; NDOT Federal Infrastructure Funding for Counties Webinar March 30 at 2:00 p.m. and NACO 2021 Outstanding County Board Member of Year nominations.

VanSlyke reported for Region 26, February 23 Appropriations Committee meeting in Lincoln concerning bill before the Legislature that would prorate funds to emergency management regions by population, wants funds divided equally, each person allowed 5 minutes to present to the Committee, Diana Hurlburt went over time limit but allowed to finish.

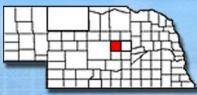
Mail Folder item: NIRMA 2021 Annual Report

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. as Wozab Advisory Committee, March 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 8 meeting and an agenda for the March 28 and 29 meetings are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on February 16, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of the March 8 meeting were approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available on counter. No public comment offered.

Road Secretary Simpson gave the Road Claims & Balances Report for March: Accounts Payable \$342,839.51, Payroll \$54,661.93, Transfer \$312,173.95; larger expenses were reviewed: culvert, motor grader, oil, diesel, parts, labor; received highway allocation of \$84,438.48.

At 9:15 a.m., the public hearing on the One and Six Year Road Plans was opened. No member of public in attendance. Form 11 Report of Previous Year Projects, projects not finished moved to 2022 One-Year Plan; Form 8 Summary of One-Year Plan, unfinished projects from Form 11 with addition of a few projects, summary of projects hope to get done. Road Superintendent Meyer explained a culvert will replace a bridge on the Sargent-Ord Road, cost of bridge \$600,000, cost of culvert \$80,000; will piggyback off of the Custer County asphalt oil bid to overlay South Avenue this summer; may use mastic seal on Fort Road instead of overlaying; replacing bridges will depend on cost and availability of steel. Form 9 Summary of Six-Year Plan, can move projects from Six Year Plan to One Year Plan. Hearing was closed by Sevenker at 9:25 a.m. The Affidavit certifying the hearing on the One and Six Year Highway and Street Improvement Plan was signed by the members of the Board. Cetak moved to approve Resolution 22-5 adopting the One and Six Year Road Plans, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

No need to adopt Resolution 22-8 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund or the General Fund after the budget is amended because there is enough in the General Fund to purchase the motor grader, will transfer funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund to reimburse for the purchase of the motor grader after the Budget is amended. VanSlyke made the motion to set the Bridge Bid Letting for April 26 at 9:15 a.m., second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

On recommendation of Meyer, Baker moved to approve Easements 22-452 and 22-453 for Norman Bredthauer and 22-454 for Anthony McCarville, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer's General Report included: installing bridge; maintaining roads; using tree grinder in ditches.

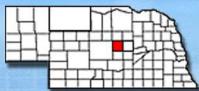
In response to a question from Sevenker, Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke stated masks and COVID vaccines are mandated in a healthcare setting; the cost of the MRI is \$1.5 million, including the rental of a mobile machine while the new one is installed, rental \$11,000 a week; a new ambulance costs \$324,000, seeking USDA grant. CFO Ashley Woodward presented the financial information: acute days up; swingbed down; ER up; lab down; radiology up; outpatient up; hospice down; home health down; clinic up; gross patient revenue down; benefits up; contract services up; gain for month; cash on hand 202 days; single audit for COVID funds.

County Attorney Hanson reported the plea deal in the Privoznik-Bloom case was accepted, plead no contest to manslaughter, sentencing in June; talking to Mark DeDiana from Lutz about grant requirements and parameters for ARPA funds.

Jerad Reimers from Congressman Adrian Smith's office answered questions about the Veterans Administration, funded through committees in Congress, Congressman Smith not on any of the committees, funding voted on by whole Senate and House, one of two agencies still working remotely, under staffed by 15%; Reimers held a mobile office in the Courthouse lobby.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Hurlburt and Office Manager Eley presented information about the purchase of a patrol vehicle, two orders for new vehicle have been cancelled, two years before will be available, took bids for used vehicle, will purchase 2020 for \$29,600, will sell 2017 for \$22,500, would like to use \$22,500 and additional \$7,100 from Sheriff's budget to pay for patrol, will handle through claims process.



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At 11:05 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

Tax List Correction #3896 for LMD3, LLC due to clerical error was approved on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:10 a.m. on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for February, \$527,911.90 General, \$300,747.28 Road, \$217,313.80 Inheritance, \$69,313.80 Debt Serv. (bonds). The following items regarding the tax sale were presented: the annual Certification closing the tax sale, list of taxes sold at the sale and annual notice of delinquent taxes/assessments. Brott noted that 20 certificates were sold for \$37,947.17, tax sale fees of \$400.00 and registration fees of \$200 were collected; any delinquent properties not bought by the tax sale companies will go on County Tax Sale Certificates. Baker moved to sign Resolution 22-6 directing the County Treasurer to place Tax Sale Certificates on all delinquent taxes and city assessments for 2020 and prior, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Five Tax Sale Certificates are due for foreclosure. Resolution 22-7 directing the County Attorney to foreclose on delinquent real estate taxes, assessments, etc., was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Performance standards for the Coronavirus State and Local fiscal Recovery Funds will be discussed at the next meeting.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO County Budget Workshop May 5 in Ogallala and 12 in Norfolk, NIRMA Cyber Security Regional Seminars April 13-22, VFW Department of Nebraska Nomination for Veterans Service Officer of the Year, NDOT Federal Infrastructure Webinar March 30, NACO 2021 Outstanding County Board Member of Year Nominations, Region 26 Council minutes and KC Pawling new NIRMA Loss Prevention Team member.

Following review Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$894,603.23 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers reported a local attorney had asked about the delay in paying some court claims, orders from the Judge to pay the claims received too late to include in February's claims so will be paid in March; also inquired why another attorney had not received payment for one month, attorney had not informed the payroll department that the address had changed until after the check was sent, check was returned by Post Office.

February District Court Fees and Fines Report was reviewed, invoice received from Administrative Office of the Courts for March in amount of \$1,157.08 per Ex-officio Agreement, position was staffed about half of the 40 hours as stated in the Agreement, will speak to the Office of the Courts.

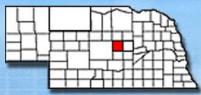
Valley County will be the host for the NACO Fall Central District Meeting on September 15, Leadership Center in Aurora was chosen as the venue for the meeting. The Audit for fiscal year 2020-2021 was reviewed, Audit Notice will be published. The Wozab distributions selected by the County Board sitting as the Wozab Advisory Board on March 28 were reviewed. Baker moved to approve the Wozab Grant distributions in the amount of \$28,350, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Abstain: Cetak, not present at Wozab meeting. Absent: none.

Sevenker reported for the Building Grounds Committee, the green barrel on the Courthouse lawn fell off a truck and was placed on the lawn until picked up, has been removed from the lawn.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene on April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 29 meeting and an agenda for the April 12 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).

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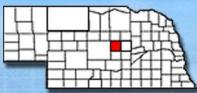
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The Board reviewed the 2022 Nebraska Choice Gas Supplier Selection Form, current supplier ACE, only use gas in old shop building, quotes obtained from ACE and Constellation, from \$.85 to \$.90 per therm. Baker moved to select the three year fixed rate plan from ACE for \$.873 per therm, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cullers moved to approve refunding Easement 21-443 for Michael Jackson, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve Easements 22-455 for James Psota and 22-456 for Jeff Wieskamp, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: removed bridge and put in culvert on Sargent Ord Road near Fairplay school, plan to have road open next week; signs vandalized in Arcadia area, Sheriff's office investigating, if prosecuted Judge can order restitution, may or may not be paid; 79 bids on auction site for old motor grader, top bid as of now \$57,000; oil prices are up; will start milling 9 miles on South Ave.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke was present for the selection of two appointees for the Hospital Board for positions presently filled by Charles E. Blaha and Nathan Flessner. Four applications were received from Bruce Lammers, Camerin Schimenti, Charles E. Blaha and Nathan Flessner. Each member of the Board marked ballots which were tabulated by Clerk Musil and Clerk's Office employee Whited. The result was a three way tie. Each member of the Board then marked ballots with their top two choices which were also tabulated by Musil and Whited. Bruce Lammers and Nathan Flessner will receive appointments to the Hospital Board for a six year term from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2028. The Board will send thank you letters to the applicants.

County Attorney Hanson and Zeb Augustyn joined the discussion of ARPA grant requirements, ARPA funds are a grant not a loan, funds not repaid, available daycare attracts young people to area, large buildings in the area have not historically sold for a profit, County's responsibility ensuring funds used for awarded purpose. Hanson will seek advice from Mark DeDiana of Lutz about possible grant requirements for ARPA funds.

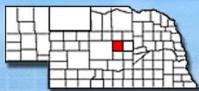
Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson reported one or two cases may go to trial on May 9; working on foreclosures of Tax Sale Certificates; Sheriff's office busy; would seek restitution for vandalized road signs, District Court case if over \$1,500 in damages, County Court if under \$1,500.

Payroll and Claims Clerk Whited presented options to calculate premium pay for current employees who meet eligibility requirements, flat rate of \$85 per month for full-time, \$45 per month for part-time. Baker made the motion to use the flat rate calculation for employee premium pay, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for March, \$269,348.55 General, \$427,671.52 Road, \$222,217.71 Inheritance, \$79,691.46 Debt Service (bonds), \$1,916,482 total collected. Pledge Security for \$75,000 was obtained from First National Bank. Treasurer's office will be open Arbor Day, April 29, 2022 until 4:00 p.m.

The County Clerk March Fee Report was reviewed. Pledge Security for \$695,000 was obtained from First National Bank. Since the date of the first Board meeting in May would fall on the same day as the Primary Election, County Clerk Musil requested that the date be changed. Cullers moved to change the date for the first Board meeting in May to Wednesday, May 11, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.



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The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds report was reviewed, filed with assistance of Mark DeDiana from Lutz on April 8, 2022, projects reported were Employee Premium Pay, Motor Grader Acquisition and Daycare Facility Construction. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO County Budget Workshop registration and agenda and March District Court Fees and Fines Report. Minutes of the Region 26 Council meeting were reviewed. VanSlyke shared the discussion concerning charges per County, has been base plus population plus usage, want base plus usage, due to the budget the fee increase will be \$5,000 to \$6,000 for Valley County and City of Ord, trying to get surcharge on cell phones for Emergency Management to be paid directly by phone companies to Region 26. Sheri Goodrich volunteered to attend the NIRMA Cyber Security Seminar. Ed Knott will attend a May Board meeting to explain cyber security available through Applied Connective.

Claims and Fund Request of \$60,223.77 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Tax Increment Finance Report was reviewed, redevelopment areas listed were Rolling Hills, KTJ 264 and Cobblestone, Ethanol Plant paid in full during 2021.

Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska will have a meeting, requested funds from Valley County will not change. Cullers reported information received at the Central District meeting, the Nebraska Community Foundation stated with \$14,000,000 in endowments and donations Valley County has turned the generosity of local people into a national model for a thriving economic system; Emergency Management co-director Scott Philbrick said that an emergency declaration needs to be signed immediately so action can be taken, with Board approval the signature of only one Board member will be needed on the declaration instead of the entire Board; Region 3 tax match for Valley County will be \$10,835.55, less because population decreased. DeRiso reported if any lawn waste is in with the regular trash in Ord, the trash has to be taken to David City instead of Elba. Waldmann reported Economic Development has hired Becky Ries as the new director. Sevenker reported for Building and Grounds, Mechanical Sales will need to get parts to fix one of the heating units.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

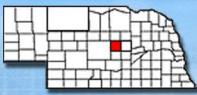
Mail Folder items: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene on April 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 12 meeting and an agenda for the April 26 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).

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# 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, April 26, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on March 16, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of April 12, 2022 meeting were approved on the motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Agenda was adopted on the motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reported April Claims & Balances: accounts payable \$53,937.79, payroll \$54,684.43; received \$74,447.20 highway allocation and \$18,869.92 Motor Vehicle Fees; Transfer \$10,415.00; larger claims were reviewed: tank, diesel, flowable fill, parts, labor, bareground chemical; Buyback account is at \$261,940.07, which must be used for roads and bridges.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cetak moved to approve Easements 22-457 for Judi Welniak, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished installing culvert on Sargent Ord Road, road open; will start milling South Ave; motor grader sold for \$59,000 on Auction Time, going to Thailand, other surplus motor grader for sale on Auction Time; hauling 47B; stockpiling gravel; blading roads; try to do business locally.

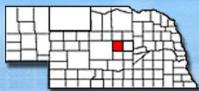
At 9:15 a.m., the public hearing on the Bridge Bid Letting to replace two structures was opened. Bids were opened and read by Alex from Oak Creek Engineering in the order in which they were received. Bids were received from Hoevet Excavating, Thiesen Construction, Midwest Infrastructure and Simon Contracting. Representatives from each company were present. Hoevet's bid: Structure 1705 \$225,363.33 and Structure 2720 \$386,464.63. Thiesen's bid: Structure 1705 \$373,231.76 and Structure 2720 \$556,331.46. Midwest's bid: Structure 1705 \$389,290.07 and Structure 2720 \$573,355.04. Simon's bid: Structure 1705 \$350,000 and Structure 2720 \$534,000. Engineer's estimate for Structure 1705 was \$330,000 and Structure 2720 \$535,000. The apparent low bidder was Hoevet. The bids will be reviewed by Alex from Oak Creek Engineering and Meyer and awarded at the May 11 meeting. Sevenker closed the Public Hearing at 9:25 a.m. VanSlyke moved to accept the bids, second Cullers. Carried. VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski reviewed the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Reports and Requirements; survey sections randomly chosen, all required reports and documentation in order, control plan complete; 11 open files, 50 points off for each open file, files closed after three years of control, can be inspected again, areas controlled but some regrowth. LB805 provides \$2.7 million in funds for 93 Counties to control weeds on rivers, requested \$8,300. Do not have a good herbicide for control of spurge, Method works if label followed. VanSlyke moved to sign Reports and Requirements Summary, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported Hospital Board approved the purchase of the MRI; new electronic billboard; held Open House in Loup City for Bob Reilly's retirement in April. Woodward presented the financial information: working on budget, volume down, ER up, CT up, labs reflecting lower dollar tests, hospice down, clinic up, home health down, Medicare down, benefits up, contract services up, cash increase, \$26,000 income loss, received \$3,000 worker training grant and \$50,000 capital grant, no bonds payable.

Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson presented a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by Valley County and Linda and Paul Horner and Linda's Preschool, LLC concerning the \$400,000 APRA Funds grant. Attorney Tom Krumi stated the daycare is a huge deal for the area and thanked the Board for the APRA funds. The Board of Supervisors will sign the MOU after the other parties have signed. There will be no trials in May, plea deals accepted or trial moved to September, tries to make penalty on the harder but fair side as a deterrent, looks at criminal record to determine penalty, wants something in the record for future reference.



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Planning and Zoning Administrator Goodrich reported on the Cyber Security seminar she attended, cybercriminal requests large amount of money for recovery of data or funds, criminal wants good reputation so will work with company, cost one County \$200,000. Ed Knott will present services available from Applied Connective for cyber security at the next Board meeting. Dale Melia resigned from the Planning Board, will place an ad for two weeks requesting applications. Board will make the appointment at the May 31 meeting.

The Board of Equalization was convened at 11:20 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Tax List Correction #3897 for Lumir and Darlene L. Bruha due to homestead exemption change after income found by Department of Revenue was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved back into regular session at 11:25 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds compliance report was amended, revenue loss of \$807,643 reported due to new information learned, loss equals amount of funds received from ARPA; should receive second payment in May.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO County Budget Workshop and NACO County Board Workshop agenda and registration. The annual evaluation of the Valley County Jail found the facility to be in full compliance with Minimum Jail Standards.

Following review, the Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$309,632.26 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Region 26 requested that a blank disaster declaration form be signed and ready to be filled in if needed immediately and there is not time to track a Board member down, some services cannot be activated without a signed declaration. Baker made the motion to sign a blank disaster declaration, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Cetak reported employees of Mid-Nebraska will be getting a raise. Cullers reported the Wozab Fund balance is \$1,345,589.64.

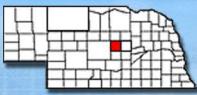
Mail Folder items: none

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 26 meeting and an agenda for the May 11 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).

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# 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., Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Cetak and Sevenker (both excused) absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on April 20, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The April 26 minutes were approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. Agenda adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. Vice Chair Cullers noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. Under Public Comment, Johnathan Brown apologized to the Board for damage he caused to road signs.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve Easement 22-458 for Hamilton Telecommunications, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.

Waldmann made the motion to accept the bid of Ed Hoevet Excavating for bridge replacement projects C008801705 and C008812720, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.

Due to the rapid rise of interest rates after the approval of the Lease Purchase for a road grader on March 8, Resolution 22-04 will have to be amended. Board members signed the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Meeting. VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 22-08 amending Resolution 22-4 approving the Lease-Purchase of a motor grader which will not exceed \$250,000, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.

Meyer's General Report included: milling South Ave, will overlay throughout the summer; bridge timbers and bridge caps are on the Big Iron auction, no bucket truck to cut branches overhanging the roads.

Katie Walmsley, Valley County Economic Development, presented the Quarterly Report, one sales tax loan approved; community participating in two Entrepreneurship-based grant programs, EDA Grant seeking candidates for entrepreneurship coach to work with 6-7 businesses to establish business goals, identify resources and determine next steps to sustain and grow, E3 Grant Core Team members take part in peer learning sessions with five other communities, creating mentorship program; Creative District Program utilizes arts as an economic driver to support communities, finishing eligibility workbook, receive \$10,000 if approved, eligible each year for \$250,000 grant if designated as Creative District, countywide concept is new idea; lodging tax collections increasing; Arcadia received a Tourism Grant for a floating dock in the Garden Park; two bike tours and car tour coming in June; new Travel Guide out in June.

At 10:00 a.m. the Public Hearing on the \$50,000 USDA grant for the purchase of an ambulance for the Valley County Health System was opened, Nancy Glaubke CEO of the hospital spoke about the application process, no one else appeared to speak for or against the grant, the Public Hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

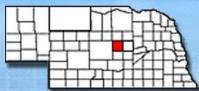
Ed Knott from Applied Connective outlined services that can be provided for cyber security, already provides phone service and email security, need an IT provider, offers quarterly training on security, need policies on use of computers, centralized back up of data, better firewall, need incidence response plan, will provide a proposal by the next meeting. NIRMA provides cyber insurance.

Sheriff Hurlburt and Ashley Eley presented the quarterly report for January, February, March and April, received grants for a metal detector for courtroom, body armor and a machine in the lobby which enables the payment of bonds or putting money on a commissary account using a credit card. Metal detector is portable.

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m., reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of VanSlyke, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cullers, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

The dates to hear Property Valuation protests were set as requested, June 28 (11:00 a.m.), July 11 (7:00 p.m.), July 12 (11:00 a.m.) and July 19 (7:00 p.m.), on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.



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The Board moved back into regular session on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Cetak and Sevenker.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for April, noting \$886,032.63 General, \$427,493.44 Road, \$231,533.88 Inheritance, \$119,060.80 Debt Service (bonds), \$4,520,346 total collected. Paving district assessments go to the City, County receives a 1½% commission for doing books for collecting interest on the paving districts.

VanSlyke left at 11:20 a.m. Following review, Baker moved to approve the claims and fund request in the amount of \$30,481.53, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke.

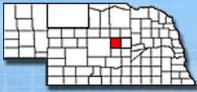
Baker will ask Veterans Service Officer Dale Beethe to speak to Bud Kalhoff about reappointment to the Veterans Service Committee. The following informational items were reviewed: webinar discussing FEMA Guidance on Coronavirus Public Assistance Deadlines, NACO County Board Workshop, LB 644 Joint Public Hearing in budget adoption process, CNEDD for assistance filing pre-application for CDBG Disaster Recovery and District Court April Fees and Fines report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a. m., to reconvene on May 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 11 meeting and an agenda for the May 31 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).

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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on April 20, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve minutes of the May 11 meeting, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Cetak and Sevenker, not present for meeting. Agenda adopted on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall and public copies are available on the counter. No public comment.

The May Claims and Fund Request information was reviewed, Treasurer Brott wanted the reimbursement of the General Fund by the ARPA Fund in the amount of \$225,500 for the purchase of the motor grader to reflect as a transfer of funds. Cullers moved to approve the May Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$844,267.79, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski presented the current Weed Notices that will contain a message alluding to the 10 Day Notice that will be sent if the infestation is not sprayed.

May Road Claims and Balances Report by Road Secretary Simpson included: Accounts Payable \$188,652.67, Payroll \$53,817.18, received \$78,123.13 highway allocation; Transfer \$144,440.71; larger expenses include blackslicer, mulcher, recycled concrete, oil, hammer rental, engineering services, diesel, tires, sand, gravel, rock.

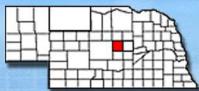
Gravel bid date and time was set for June 28 at 9:30 a.m., on motion of Cetak, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Waldmann moved to approve Easement 22-459 and waive the deposit for the City of Ord, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer presented the budget for this year and his proposed budget for 2022-2023, gave all employees a \$2.00 raise in March, has to keep wages up to keep CDL drivers, received no applications for open position; when Sandy Simpson retires will have clerical position to replace; Meyer makes less than some of his employees; will be receiving an extra \$35,000 in the Bridge Buyback, have \$330,500 in Bridge Buyback and Bridge Match, would like to finance the other \$281,328.96 for the construction of the two bridges, would make payments out of the Bridge Buyback; received \$74,500 for the second used motor grader; wants to update the fuel depot, if can get transport delivery can save \$.15 to \$.30 per gallon fuel cost; would like to purchase lift to service larger vehicles, cost around \$70,000, would take bids. VanSlyke moved to contact Central Nebraska Economic Development District for assistance in submitting the pre-application for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds to cover some of the cost share for infrastructure expenses from the 2019 floods, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished milling South Ave, will overlay this summer; will overlay the Sargent/Ord Road using some of the millings.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported the Health Fair will be June 21; hosting an open house in Burwell on June 10 to welcome Jenna Hilker, APRN; new helicopter service available out of Kearney. Cullers moved to sign the Hospice License Renewal, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Woodward presented the financial information: working on budget, census down, ER up for year, radiology up, hospice down, home health down, revenue down, salaries down, contract services up, benefits up, interest income down.

Valley County Public Defender Michael Borders asked for an increase of his contract price from \$40,000 to \$45,000, case load up, expenses up, receives no benefits since not a County employee, increase supported by County Attorney Hanson. Baker moved to increase the Public Defender contract price to \$45,000 beginning July 1, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The monthly Clerk report was reviewed. Medica did not receive payment for the medical insurance, discovered claim coded for United Healthcare instead of Medica, payment stopped for United Healthcare, payment overnighted to Medica to be delivered on Saturday, May 28, Benefit Management obtained an extension for payment to Medica.



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County Attorney Hanson presented the Memorandum of Understanding between Valley County and Linda S. and Paul E. Horner and Linda's Preschool concerning the \$400,000 grant from the ARPA funds, County waives any interest or obligation to \$150,000 on date project begins, interest or obligation to other \$250,000 waived at rate of \$83,333.33 per year on December 31 as long as project in operation and owned by Horners, project not tiffed, taxes paid from beginning. Waldmann moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Attorney's office has been busy, possibility of over 200 County Court cases filed this year.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

The following informational items were reviewed: letter from Deputy Secretary of Treasury about uses of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, the NACO County Board Workshop on June 8-9 and the NE Ag and Economic Development Summit August 9-10. Baker spoke to Dale Beethe, Veterans Service Officer, about the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee, had not received any information from Beethe, will contact again.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk and Assessor were present.

No order proposing an adjustment of the value for a class or subclass of real property in Valley County was entered by the NE Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Waltman presented a proposal from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. to provide appraisal services for the revalue of commercial properties at a cost of \$76,075, payments may be split between two budget years, Cargill not on the list of large commercial properties. The Board requested that Waltman obtain a quote from Brian Hill Appraisals.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board moved back into regular session on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

No proposal for services was received from Applied Connective for cyber security. DeRiso spoke to Josh Jelden holding a Mobile Office for senator Deb Fischer, Jelden made note of DeRiso's concerns. Region 26 minutes were reviewed, Baker said he had been told about a 911 service out of Grand Island that was cheaper than Region 26.

Curtis Sikyta spoke to the Board concerning the payment of claims, copies of the claims as received by the Clerk's office were discussed, Sikyta and Clerk Musil will meet to go over the claims and the claim's process.

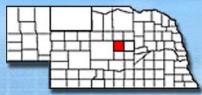
The Region 3 Governing Board voted to not increase the overall amount of tax match requested from all twenty-two counties, but to change the amount allocated to each county based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau's population estimates, decrease of \$132.91 for Valley County. Waldmann made the motion to approve Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2022/2023 County Match Request, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported for Region 3, camping can be taxed, should receive a percentage of lodging tax, will invite Becky Ries from Economic Development to the next meeting; had increase of 15% to budget but no increase to Counties; 988 new number for suicide prevention; Beth Baxter is retiring, will hire from within. Cetak said Mid-Nebraska held a conference call meeting, Medicaid gave a temporary 15% increase in service rates, will give one-time bonus to employees using a five tier structure, hope to retain the current labor force and attract new employees.

Mail folder items: Wozab Thank You from Valley County Historical Society, the Golden Husk, Village of Arcadia and Heartland Youth Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene on June 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 31 meeting and an agenda for the June 14 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).

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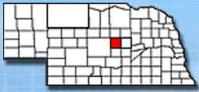
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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on May 18, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of the May 31, 2022 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Waldmann moved to adopt the agenda, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment was offered.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, VanSlyke moved to approve refunding Easements 21-444 for Janice Brown, 21-445 for Steve Karmann and 21-446 for Wagon-R Farms, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Baker arrived at 9:05 a.m. Meyer contacted Judy Petersen from Central Nebraska Economic Development District for assistance in submitting the pre-application for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds to cover some of the \$25,000 cost share for FEMA-approved infrastructure expenses incurred from the 2019 floods, working on many applications, not enough time to submit before June 10 timeline, asked for an extension. Meyer stated Ed Hoevet has had some difficulty obtaining steel and bolts for the replacement of two bridges. Waldmann moved to sign the Agreement between Valley County and Ed Hoevet Excavating for replacement of Bridge Structures C008801705 and C008812720, the Notice to Proceed and Tax Exemption Form 17, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: sold bridge timbers and caps for \$15,024 on Big Iron Auctions; listed surplus equipment with Auction Time; laying millings to build up the base before overlaying, cost to overlay \$85,000 per mile; cleaned ditches.

Baker reported equipment is needed at the Elyria Cemetery to lift fallen headstones. Meyer said the Road Department will provide the equipment, need to establish a base to put the stones on, will also assist with tree removal at the Manderson cemetery.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski sent weed notices by certified mail, some land owners would not sign for the letters. Waldmann made the motion to have 10-Day Notices delivered by the Sheriff's office for two landowners, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Kaminski said Method provides the best control for leafy spurge, cannot be used for aerial spray, minimal response allowed is shredding before spurge goes to seed.

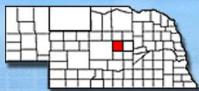
The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m., and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Hanson reported there will be a County Court jury trial July 21-22.

Doug Anderson, Extension Educator, informed the Board that Rachel Hornickel will be serving the four County area for the summer, will be paid \$12.00 per hour for nine weeks plus some mileage, each County will pay \$1,000 with Sherman County collecting the payments, Anderson works with 4-H, Kayla Hinrichs works with adult programs and nutrition, Hornickel will handle cooking and sewing areas of 4-H, hope to continue the program.

Ed Knott, Applied Connective, presented a quote for managed IT services and a firewall for a monthly fee of \$2,380, can be on site to provide IT help. Knott also presented a quote for server hardware and backup equipment for \$14,589.29 with a monthly managed fee of \$65.00, will backup computers nightly. Baker moved to accept both quotes, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for May, balance of \$1,021,305.96 General, \$530,572.27 Road, \$594,449.84 Inheritance, \$130,064.47 Bond; total collected for the month \$2,426,008. Subsequent real property taxes and interest were sold to 6 tax sale companies in the amount of \$13,407.82, tax sale companies purchase delinquent taxes in March, issued Tax Sale Certificate as taxes become delinquent, can purchase additional taxes added to original certificate, mature in 3 years after date of issuance, company can then pursue legal foreclosure; 4 new private certificates were purchased for a total of \$4,330.46. Pledge Security for First National Bank was issued. The second half of the ARPA payment was received.



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The monthly Clerk Report was reviewed.

Baker asked for a list of names of current members of the Veterans Service Committee, Veterans Service Officer Beethe will have an appointee for the Committee at the June 28 Board meeting.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor and Clerk were present.

Waltman presented the Assessor Certification of Complete Revision of the 2022 Real Property Assessment Roll, residential 96%, commercial 100%, agricultural 72%, sales have been high. The notices of Valuation Change for County property were reviewed.

Waltman received a quote from Brian Hill Appraisal, learned from other assessors that he does not appraise commercial property, will obtain a quote from Central Plain Evaluation.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:15 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The NIRMA billing statement for 2022-23 in the amount of \$93,850, 10.99% decrease of \$11,585, was reviewed, must be paid by June 30. The Claims and Fund Request for \$129,533.86 were reviewed and approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were reviewed: U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds updated compliance and reporting guidance, August 9-10 Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit, voting delegate for the July 21-24 NACo Annual Conference and Business Meeting, District Court Fees and Fines May Report, NACo Institute of Excellence and July 1 deadline for enrollment in FEMA COVID-19 Request for Public Assistance.

Baker moved to allow the request of the Valley Rods Unlimited Car Club for the use of the Courthouse restrooms by the public on July 19 during the classic car show, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. Cullers was contacted by the Golden Husk to request the use of the Courthouse lawn for a patriotic concert on July 1. Baker moved to approve use of the lawn, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Custodian Vanek presented a quote from Beaumont-Ries for \$15,524 to repair the sidewalk on the west side of the Courthouse. Cullers moved to accept the quote, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

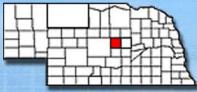
Cullers reported on attending the County Board Workshop, information on childcare and broadband; Nebraska Community Foundation held an event at the Golden Husk, toured businesses around the square, affiliated funds in Valley County total \$10.7 million.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene on June 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 14 meeting and an agenda for the June 28 meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the June 14 meeting are also available on the County website ([www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us)).

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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published, agenda posted. Minutes of June 14 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. Under public comment Larry White thanked the Board for the Wozab funds given to North Loup Popcorn Days, receive no funds from ranch rodeo, some funds from team penning, receive 25% from carnival. Also, under public comment Steffan Baker spoke about the locked door of the hospital, doors not locked at other hospitals in area; person who went to the emergency room directed to go to front door.

Road Secretary Simpson's June Road Claims Report included: Payroll \$53,994.46, Accounts Payable \$222,957.34, Highway Allocation \$86,562.05, transfer from General Fund \$198,663.83; larger expenses included cold mill, HFE, payment on truck, crack sealer, pavement marking, diesel, gravel, rock.

Meyer's General Report included: \$138,000 left in the Budget; laying millings; mixing asphalt; trying to recycle, reuse and reclaim; short a machine and an employee, moving guys around; received \$18,484 from FEMA, paid the difference between 75% and NEMA increase to 90%; one job interview, applicant turned down job because of pay and no family insurance.

Gravel Bids were opened and read by Superintendent Meyer at 9:30 a.m. Bids were received from Jeffres Sand and Gravel Inc. and Ulrich Gravel Inc. Scott and Wes Ulrich and Lee Jeffres were present. Ulrich's bid included: (bids per cubic yard), Gravel at pit \$14.00, cubic yard mile truck charge \$.47, 47B Windrow Gravel \$14.00, Armor Coat Gravel \$14.00, Sand \$5.75, De-Icing Gravel \$14.00, haul rate min. \$3.90, Shaker Rock \$20.00, Waste Rock \$16.00, White rock \$48.50, Mud Rock \$22.00. Jeffres' bid included: (bids per cubic yard) Class A Road Gravel \$14.25, Sand \$7.00, Ice/Salt Gravel \$14.25, 47B Gravel \$14.25, Armor Coat Gravel \$14.25, haul rates \$95 per hour for dump truck and \$150 per hour for semi, White rock \$49.50. Following discussion, Cetak moved to accept the gravel bids from Ulrich and Jeffres, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report, Health Fair was successful, finished community health needs assessment. Woodward reviewed FY 2023 Financial Budget: realistically expect decrease of CT scans, need to get hospice and home health numbers up, no interest to pay. Woodward also reviewed financials: census down, ER up, need to give raises to retain staff, benefits in line, hospice down, home health down, increase of contracted services, local loan kept because receive 99% of costs back for the interest paid.

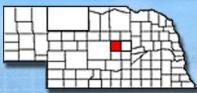
Becky Ries and Katie Walmsley, Tourism and Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, asked to increase the lodging tax agreement from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Cullers moved to approve the lodging tax agreement, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Ries presented the Lodging Tax budget draft for FY 22/23, increase of marketing and promotion and advertising, increase to Destination Development Fund; some approved grants from current fiscal year have not been paid out yet; 4% of camping fees goes to lodging tax; received letter of resignation from Tourism Committee member Skye Giess, recommended Becky Trotter as a replacement. Baker moved to appoint Becky Trotter to the Tourism Committee, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to approve the placement of a sign on the Courthouse lawn for the Sidewalk Sales, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Hanson reported office secretary Joann Scott will be retiring; sentencing up to the discretion of the Judge; no jury trials; thirty jury trials scheduled for September, may be continued or plea deal taken.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with all members present.

Cullers presented information about construction of a gazebo on the Courthouse lawn like former one, 19 feet to 20 feet in diameter, metal shingles, handicap entrance, funded by donations, will obtain more information.

Veterans Service Officer Dale Beethe will present an appointment to the Veterans Service Committee and a quarterly report at the next meeting.



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At 11:05 a.m., the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of DeRiso, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk and Duane Krajnek were present.

Property Valuation Protest #2 from Ronnie and Tonna Drudik on Parcel #880025144, West Ord Add/102 S75' of N150' of E150' of B14; protested value: Land \$11,065, Buildings \$180,315, Total \$191,380; requested value: Land \$11,065, Buildings \$170,000, Total \$181,065; homeowner's written testimony: decided not to contest valuation increase of \$43,000. Cullers moved to accept the withdrawal of protest, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Property Valuation Protest #3 from Michael VanSlyke on Parcel #880034650, Arcadia Inside Corp/104 S 147' of SW4 Less W 85' 23-27-16; protested value: Land \$4,395, Buildings \$47,490, Total \$51,885; requested value: Land \$5,000, Buildings \$16,000, Total \$21,000. Owner's written testimony: Foundation and windows are bad, Floors are raised in places. Assessor's written testimony: Helen Cullers, Jack VanSlyke, Mike Linder and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Mike VanSlyke was there also, We inspected the interior and exterior of the house, Interior of house has not had any updates recently, The foundation is settling and causing floors to buckle and the basement is in poor condition. Assessor's written recommendation: Change the house to fair condition and leave quality at fair; House \$25,335, Land \$4,395, Total \$29,770. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation, Cullers second. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: VanSlyke.

Report of Destroyed Property #2 from Duane W. Krajnek on Parcel #880013909, Michigan Twp, NW4 of 36-15-19; damage to storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: High wind, Picture of storage bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the storage bin, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #3 from Duane W. Krajnek on Parcel #880007973, Vinton Twp, NW4 of 15-18-15; damage to buildings on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: 32'x28' barn destroyed, 16'x20' loafing shed destroyed, 32'x24' lean-to missing 32' side and roof - may repair, 12'x24' utility building is on top - may be able to set back up, Pictures of buildings included. Discussion included: Krajnek will repair lean-to and utility building. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove the assessed value for the barn and loafing shed, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

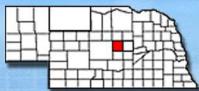
Report of Destroyed Property #1 from Keith L. Novak on Parcel #8800014763, Geranium Twp, NE4 of 25-19-16; damage to buildings on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Car port total damage, Pole building total damage, Bin 50% damage, Pictures of buildings and quote to replace grain bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the car port, pole building and bin, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #4 from Michael L Jackson on Parcel #880007728, Vinton Twp/153, NE4 of 8-18-15; damage to storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Due to the wind on 5/12 this elevator site took significant damage, Chief 45,000 bu. York 6,500-6,500-7,000bu., Pictures of storage bin included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the storage bin, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #5 from Kerry Petska on Parcel #8800019236, Elyria Twp/2, 9-20-14; damage to pole building on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Pole building destroyed, Pictures of poling building included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the pole building, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #6 from Petska's Hillcrest Ranch, LLC on Parcel #880036774, Elyria Twp/2, All sec. 5 except 9 acre tract SW4 5-20-14; damage to utility building on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Wind damage, Hole in roof, Doors blown out, Tin blown off, Pictures of utility building included. Following discussion, VanSlyke moved to remove the assessed value for the utility building, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #7 from Richard L. Bilka on Parcel #880019117, Eureka Twp, N2 of 34-20-16; damage to pole shed on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: A pole shed 40'x48', The east wall 48'x14' and the west wall 48'x14' had major damage, Pictures of pole shed included. Discussion included: Everything in building intact,



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sides can be repaired. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove 50% of assessed value for the pole shed, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

Report of Destroyed Property #8 from Lumir F. Bruha on Parcel #880018788, Eureka Twp/7, S2NW4 of 25-20-16, 160 acres; damage to utility building and storage bin on May 12, 2022. Written testimony: Dent in corn bin, Machine shed – part of the roof blew away and part of roof fell into the shed, Pictures of utility building and storage bin included. Following discussion, Waldmann moved to remove assessed value for the utility building and storage bin, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Waltman received a quote from Central Plains Evaluation for \$36,500 for appraisal services, one assessor said did not show up at agreed time and did not measure, another assessor had no problems, will find out if they request a down payment and request references. LB 644 requires the printing and mailing of postcards to all affected property taxpayers if any county, city or school district increases their property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and is required to participate in a joint public hearing, assessor must mail postcards at least seven days before the hearing, cost of creating and mailing to be reimbursed by all political subdivisions participating in the hearing, must designate printing service and put cost in budget, State Print Shop charge around .53 per postcard including postcard, printing, presort and postage, approximately 4,485 parcels x .53 equals \$2,378 cost. Cullers moved to designate State Print Shop to print postcards, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:40 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Following review, Cullers moved to approve the June claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$720,277.02, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Resolution 22-09 transferring funds due to budget overages was approved on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker left at 11:45 a.m. The 22/23 budget timeline was reviewed. VanSlyke moved to hold the budget meeting August 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the special hearing to act on the County budget September, 13 at 9:00 a.m., second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker. Waldmann made the motion to sign the Region 3 EPC Letter of Agreement, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

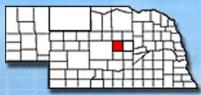
The following informational items were reviewed: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Equity and Outcomes Resource Guide, Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit, Probation District 8 Budget and Region 26 Minutes.

Baker moved to become a member of Loup Rivers Scenic Byway and Loup Basin Resource Conservation and Development Council, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker.

Committee Reports: VanSlyke reported that Region 26 budget will be adopted that evening, expect \$17,000 increase for Valley County. Cetak reported Mid-Nebraska met via conference call to discuss the purchase of a vehicle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene as Board of Equalization on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. if necessary, to hear property valuation protests, and on July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the June 28 meeting and an agenda for the July 12 meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the June 28 meeting are also available on the County website ([www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us)).

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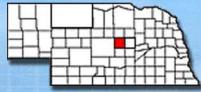
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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on June 22, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. June 28 minutes approved on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Agenda adopted on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted, public copies on counter. Under public comment, Lynn Kerchel said the tenant on his property will work on controlling the musk thistles, will shred the thistles, will spray in the fall.

Dale Beethe, Valley County Veterans Service Officer, presented the Quarterly Report; the V.A. put \$4,097,000 into the County in 2021; help veterans file compensation claims through the Vetraspex computer program, program helps tremendously, speeds up processing; have gone to using aluminum grave markers, bronze cost \$60, aluminum cost \$20; number of veterans using the Valley County office has increased; will put message on answering machine concerning office hours. VanSlyke moved to appoint John Luehm to the Veterans Service Committee, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: overlaying asphalt on South Avenue; maintaining roads; sold equipment on Auction Time, \$11,500 loader, \$3,400 truck, \$1,100 trailer, \$500 roller, \$1,100 water truck; truck repaired in Norfolk; trying to schedule final inspection of flood repair, will receive State share after inspection; one request for application for Road position; using the State strip to mix oil.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for June, balance of \$551,836.08 General, \$573,026.16 Road, \$594,449.84 Inheritance, \$131,769.17 Bond; total collected for the month \$1,092,668; \$551,251.54 COVID American Rescue Plan. The Semi-Annual Fund Report which will be printed in the Quiz and the FY Balance of all funds were reviewed.

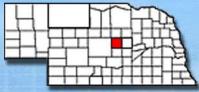
Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported one 10-day notice issued for property owned by Lynn Kerchel, will shred thistles and spray in fall; send 10 day notices by certified mail, if landowner does not sign for service, notice served by Sheriff; released insects on Kerry Petska and Mike Jackson pastures, takes two years for insects to become established.

Becky Ries and Katie Walmsley, Valley County Economic Development and Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, reported National Night Out will be held in partnership with the Ord Police Department on August 2, games and activities. Waldmann moved to allow the use of the Courthouse lawn to set up the business booths for National Night Out, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Economic Development Quarterly Report was presented; one sales tax loan pending, one loan closed; the Childcare Business and Workforce Grant to assist daycare providers with purchasing equipment, making renovations and recruiting a workforce, \$17,751 granted to date; the LVCI nonprofit board developed a county-wide survey, information gathered used for strategic planning and community visioning; the University hired Caleb Pollard to serve as parttime business coach to work with Valley County businesses; E3 team took part in focus group with local entrepreneurs, mentor meeting held in July to create entrepreneurship mentoring program; interest among local contractors and developers to rehab property, received over 25 requests for housing rentals; Phase 1 of the North Loup River Water Trail Project completed at the Veterans Grounds; Valley County Creative District received \$2,000 match grant to hire a consultant to complete the eligibility assessment portion of the application process; the two bike tours brought in 375 cyclists each, Ord voted favorite host town; finalizing layout and editorial content for the travel guide.

Melani Flynn explained that the Nebraska Community Foundation enables the investment of funds for the benefit of affiliated funds in Valley County and other communities, Valley County Community Foundation Fund, John and Alyce Wozab Memorial Fund, Don and Artice Fells Fund and Valley County Health System Foundation Fund; Unrestricted endowments used at the discretion of the institution receiving the gift, restricted funds invested for long-term growth with the understanding that the principal may not be expended, only the income earned.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

The June Clerk's fee Report was reviewed.



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Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$46,309.14 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Baker.

Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

VanSlyke made the motion to sign the agreement with Lutz & Company for ARPA consulting services, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Waldmann, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation has purchased new audio-visual equipment for all courtrooms, ownership will be transferred to the Counties after installation, no action by the Counties is necessary at this time as installation has been delayed due to equipment to run the systems on backorder.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported there was not enough evidence to charge anyone with the vandalism of mailboxes, the pretrial diversion program for community service is through Healing Hearts and Families, if complete service individual is not charged.

The following informational items were reviewed: Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit, June District Court Fees & Fines Report, Region 26 Minutes and National Opioid Settlements.

Baker moved to sign the request from Miller's Chillers for a Special Designated License for an event to be held August 6, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

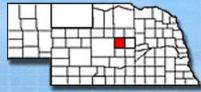
The Region 26 adopted budget was reviewed, Valley County's assessment will increase from \$78,050.81 to \$91,368.12, VanSlyke said based had to be increased because of increase in insurance and wages. Howard County may join Region 26, cheaper to join than maintain their own equipment, would need to hire more help, have to live withing 30 minutes of the base.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk, Darrel Stanard, Lisa Woitalewicz and Theresa Petska were present.

Protest #1, Terry L. Atkinson, CPA for Green American Biofuels, LLC, Parcel #880036789, Ord Annexed/102 101.574 acre tract SW4 less UPRR and St Hwy 11 33-19-13 & 67.40 acre tract S2SE4 33-19-13; protested value: Land \$950,885, Buildings \$23,334,815 Total \$24,285,700; requested value: Land \$950,885, Buildings \$14,542,222 Total \$15,493,107. Written testimony: Our valuation analysis of the property indicates a value less than the assessor's value; We used Marshall Valuation to develop a value using the cost approach. Atkinson joined the meeting via telephone, plant produces 65 million gallons per year. Woitalewicz said dry and wet cake and corn oil is produced, syrup produced during shut down. Atkinson stated there had not been any change in operations since acquisition. Sevenker asked why purchase price of \$64 million is not the value, price included land, buildings, personal property and physical assets. Baker said the value is land, buildings and personal property concerning taxes, cannot consider Blue Sky. Assessor written recommendation: Darrel Stanard has been talking with Mr. Atkinson and I agree with Mr. Stanard on his recommendations; Improvements \$23,334,815, Land \$950,885, Total \$24,285,700. Cetak moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Protest #4, Bonnie J. Carr, Parcel #880031388, North Loup TC David Add/103 L5-8 & E2S2 alley 36-18-13; protested value: Land \$4,845, Buildings \$116,865, Total \$121,710; requested value: Land \$4,000, Buildings \$103,462, Total \$107,462. Written testimony: Double calculations on sq. footage of bldg. with interior dwelling; Bldg and living area valuations too high. Assessor's written testimony: John DeRiso, Mike Linder and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Joe Hanson and Bonnie Carr were there also; There have been no updates since we were in the building on Dec. 3, 2020; The metal building and apartment are in average condition; I did discover when I got back to the office that the 30x50 concrete approach has not been taxed since the building was put up; So that has been added now. Assessor written recommendation: My recommendation is add the concrete approach to the improvements and leave the land as is; Improvements \$116,865 + \$2,420 = \$119,285, Land \$4,845, Total \$124,130. After discussion, Waldmann moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation; second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker moved to accept the bid of Stanard Appraisal Services to revalue commercial property in 2023 for \$76,075, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Overvalued/Undervalued Report was reviewed. Canon Kokes for Kokes Construction LLC requested



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that the penalty and interest on personal property taxes be removed because they did not receive a Notice to file personal property taxes until May 27, Waltman said Notices were sent March 31, what was received on May 27 was Notice of Failure to file. Cullers moved to allow no exception to Kokes Construction, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

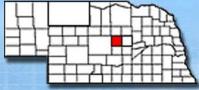
The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 12:00 p.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene on July 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 12 meeting and an agenda for the July 26 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete minutes of the July 12 meeting 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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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Waldmann present; Sevenker (excused) and VanSlyke (excused) absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on June 22, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. July 19 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Abstain: Baker, not present at meeting. July 12 Board minutes and July 11 Board of Equalization minutes approved on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Agenda adopted on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: Sevenker and VanSlyke. Cullers noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for July: accounts payable \$173,215.25, payroll \$51,149.76; allocation for July was \$80,259.31, motor vehicle fee \$18,306.57, transfer from General Fund \$122,107.39; larger expenses included diesel; motor graders payment, one payment left; HFE 300; gravel; signs; labor; parts; rock.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: will start overlaying asphalt on South Avenue next week; maintaining roads; mixing asphalt; final inspection of repair of flood damage on August 5, will receive the final payment from the State; Hoevet waiting for materials to construct the bridges; load of oil costs between \$18,000 to \$19,000; helping village of North Loup lay tack oil on streets to lay down millings.

DeRiso moved to sign Resolution 22-10 for approval of Valley County's portion of the FEMA approved Lower Loup NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to become eligible for project grant funding and meet final participation requirements, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

Communication was received from BrownGreer PLC, Directing Administrator of the National Opioid Settlements, that Valley County will receive \$1,801.87 for the Year 1 Payment Allocation; Clerk Musil created a portal account for Valley County, provided contact information and completed the Payment Election Form and W-9 Form; payments will over the next several months.

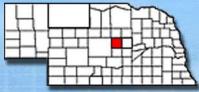
July Claims and Fund Request were reviewed, claim received from County/District Court showed amount due to Central Nebraska Attorneys for a juvenile case as \$20.00, amount should have been for \$1,077.44, the attorney's office said they will make a new claim next month. The July Claims and Fund Request were approved in the amount of \$556,835.23, on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Baker, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke.

The following informational items were reviewed: Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit and Notice of Intent to Renew Permit for J & J Sanitation Solid Waste Transfer Station. A letter was received from County Auditor, Tonniges & Associates, that they will no longer be conducting audits, will ask County Accountant for a suggestion, continue discussion to next meeting.

Valley County will be hosting the Central District Fall Meeting on September 15 in Aurora; the County will be responsible for the flag salute, blessing, welcome and history of the County; responsible for gifts for the drawings, several Supervisors felt the businesses should not be asked to donate items for the drawings; will continue discussion to the next meeting.

Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report; the Hospital received a \$50,000 USDA grant toward the purchase of an ambulance, also applying for ARPA funds toward the purchase of an ambulance, the cost of an ambulance is \$324,000. Woodward reviewed financials: ER up, swingbed down, radiology up, CT scans up, hospice down, home health down, revenue down, benefits up, no interest expense, last of the COVID funds were recognized; front door has been unlocked; requested that reporting be changed to quarterly instead of monthly, will discuss at next meeting.

Preliminary budget information for FY 22-23 based on the funds requested by the County Officials and department heads and estimated receipts for FY22-23 prepared by County Budget Accountant Chuck Abel was reviewed. County cash balance is down; if all budget requests were spent General fund would be negative \$53,389, the



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preliminary property valuation for 2022-23 will be up 11.21%, normally the General fund does not spend its entire budget; if levy stays the same the increase in assessed taxes would be \$342,390, each one cent change in the levy rate would increase/decrease assessed taxes by \$99,898.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with Sevenker and VanSlyke absent.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Wozab Fund beginning balance was \$1,345,589.64; income for the period was negative \$65,637.80; expenses \$27,025.37; ending balance \$1,252,926.47, the available payout is \$41,572.27. DeRiso reported that Mid Plains is having problems with management, meeting with NIRMA. Cullers reported the Central Nebraska Economic Development District received a Cares Act grant in 2020 to be invested in creating programs for resiliency in the economy; input gathered from local consumers about the purchase of locally-raised and locally-processed meat products to create alternative markets for livestock producers, create workforce opportunities for existing and new small local meat processors and provide quality meat products to consumers is available in the "Keeping Meat Local to Nebraska" Livestock Demand Report.

At 10:45 a.m. Baker left the meeting. The Board members answered questions Theresa Petska had concerning the procedures of the Board meeting.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

The 2022 Plan of Assessment was approved on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The 2022 Cemetery Report was reviewed, Waldmann reported Manderson Cemetery needs work, big trees growing in cemetery, only 10-12 gravestones, will discuss further at the next meeting. Waldmann moved to sign the contract for appraisal services with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc., second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. The next steps to take for the LB644 postcard and joint public hearing will be researched and discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:30 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

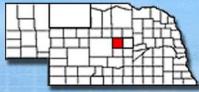
Custodian Vanek presented a quote from Doggett Tree Service for \$1,100 to remove a tree on the Courthouse lawn. Waldmann moved to accept the quote, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to reconvene on August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the FY 22-23 budget meeting and August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the July 26 meeting and agendas for August 8 and 9 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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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2022 in their Courthouse meeting room to consider the FY 22-23 budget and subdivision levy authority requests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on July 20, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Agenda adopted on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available. No public comment.

Accountant Chuck Abel reviewed the budget information presented at the July 26 Board meeting; County cash balance is down; based on requested funds and estimated receipts the General Fund would be negative \$53,389 if all requests were spent, usually do not spend entire budget. Preliminary County valuation is 998,983,150; last year 898,280,183.

Subdivision Levy requests were reviewed. Mike Wells attended to speak for Twin Loups Reclamation, asking \$32,490, Valley County has the highest levy in the district, determines the amount received, Valley County's share \$13,000. Mark Knight stated the Loup Valley Ag Society request has been the same amount for several years. Kristi Hagstrom, Ord Township Library Director, stated request was the same as last year. Subdivision levies will be set and approved at the Board meeting August 9.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski was present to discuss his budget; increased postage budget since the County now has to pay postage to mail the Weed Watch. Treasurer Brott gave raises to her employees. Assessor Waltman increased salaries, appraiser's fees will be paid in two installments of \$41,038 in two budget years.

Lisa Bower, Court Services, said this year is a pilot budget since District and County Court were combined, the Clerk agreed the combined courts are working well. Danny Vanek keeps \$20,000 in the Courthouse Remodeling to make any necessary updates. Ryan Simpson, Civil Defense, wants to replace the two old vehicles with one better vehicle.

Sheriff Hurlburt reported grants were received for computers, vests for deputies, metal detector for the courtroom and deputies' salaries, grant for new system to add money to inmates' books and bond out prisoners was received for the Jail. County Attorney Hanson added \$10,000 for autopsies, Clerk said there is a line item in the Miscellaneous General budget for autopsies.

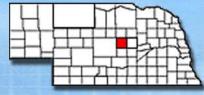
Road Superintendent Meyer was present to discuss the Road budget; added \$100,000 to asphalt, reduced gravel, grader blades last longer, increased fuel, asked to add \$173,500 to capital outlay to buy trucks, will use the bridge and street buy back to pay for the bridges.

County Clerk Musil reported the Clerk's budget increase was for salaries, two full time employees instead of one full time and one part time, will replace one computer. The other budget requests were reviewed; Agricultural Extension Agent was increased to hire a teacher to increase interest in 4-H; the ambulance is paid off, took \$50,000 payment out; Veterans Service Officer will attend workshops.

Cullers proposed offering full family health insurance coverage to the employees, \$60,000 cost per year, \$30,000 added; increased abandoned cemetery costs to \$5,000, some cemeteries need work. All funds remaining in the ARPA Covid Rescue Fund are budgeted to spend; amount in Courthouse Bond fund is needed to make all principal and interest payments on bonds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m., to reconvene on August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 8 meeting and the agenda for the August 9 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).

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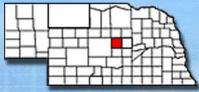
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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session in their Courthouse meeting room on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, Waldmann present; absent VanSlyke. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on July 20, 2022, agenda posted. Minutes of July 26 meeting were approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Abstain: Sevenker, not present for meeting. Agenda adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. VanSlyke arrived at 9:05 a.m. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted; public copies available on counter. No Public Comment.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Waldmann moved to approve Easement 22-460 for Michael Jackson, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's general report included: overlaying on South Avenue; mixing oil; road surface not the same depth, using millings to build up the base, use cold mix to overlay the entire road, creating a deeper profile, on average asphalt should be 10 inches thick, millings build up strength; FEMA inspection delayed; maintaining roads; rebuilt a truck transmission; painted quonsets; spraying trees, grind after the trees die; Hoevet waiting on steel to start bridge construction.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich ran an ad for a Planning Board member, one person interested, no recommendation at this time.

Treasurer Brott presented the Fund Balance Report for July, balance of \$275,969.23 General, \$586,493.10 Road, \$735,861.10 Inheritance, \$133,385.77 Bond; total collected for the month \$772,535. Pledge Security for \$1,450,000 and \$700,000 was obtained from First National Bank. Brott presented the Annual Distress Warrant Report for FY 2021/2022: Sheriff received 32 Distress Warrants, 22 returned satisfied, collected \$8,191.02 which was turned over to the Treasurer. The remaining 10 Distress Warrants have been returned not satisfied: Raymond Maly, unable to locate; Chris Lightford, no response; H3 B3 Construction, in prison; RF Well Service, called about making payments, no payments; Robert Gregorski, no response; Ross Cone, no response; Wietki Construction, no response; Alejandra Andrade, unable to locate; Shack Ranch, unable to locate; Ord Sew and Vac Quilts and More, unable to locate. Brott requested Distress Warrant for H3 B3 Construction % Steven Wamsley to be stricken. Baker moved to strike the Distress Warrant for H3 B3 Construction for \$928.32 as uncollectable, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Misc. Receipt Folder available.

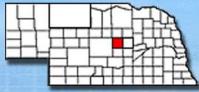
Weed Superintendent Kaminski was unable to attend the meeting, informed Sevenker that the Leafy Spurge Working Task Force Annual Conference and Field Day will be held at the Cobblestone Conference Center in Ord on August 22 and 23, questions should be directed to Scott Erthum in Brown County.

County Clerk Report for July will be presented at the August 30 Board meeting. Cullers moved to sign the engagement letter with Contrymen Associates to conduct the County audit at a cost of \$12,000-\$14,000, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The Fall District meeting will be hosted by Valley County on September 15 at the Leadership Center in Aurora. Sevenker will present the greeting; County responsible for posting the colors and flag salute, involve the Veterans Service Officer; Cullers will present the blessing; responsible for 10 gift drawings, ask for donations from area businesses or each Board member donate to purchase gifts from businesses; need a speaker to tell about Valley County, involve Becky Ries from Economic Development; send memo to elected officials and department heads requesting attendance, need to register to attend at cost of \$40; need gifts by next meeting; menu chosen by Cullers, Brott and Waltman; Baker will donate helmet for grand prize; continue discussion to next meeting.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with all members present.

Manderson Cemetery needs maintenance, trees that were removed need to be burned, graves are marked by steel posts, more trees need to be removed; Linda Currie had records on cemeteries, need to find; need groups to take care of cemeteries, paid \$500 per year to maintain, cemeteries need to be mowed three times a year; Waldmann will maintain Round Park.



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Cullers moved to approve Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$34,816.14, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

After review of the Agland usage for Valley County received from the Assessor's office, no changes were made. Rooms for the December NACO Conference were reserved at the Holiday Inn Express at the NACO room rate.

County Attorney Hanson reported pre-trials will be held in August, may be two jury trials in September.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

The cost for the State Print Shop to print and mail the LB 644 postcards will be \$.5015 per card; LB 644 applies to counties, cities, community colleges and school districts; the Joint Public Hearing information submitted to the County Clerk by September 5, Clerk submits to the Assessor by September 10 to input the data to generate postcards; September 19 tentative date for Joint Public Hearing; continued to next Board meeting. Accountant Abel said the County would have to hold a Joint Public Hearing if the proposed budget is adopted.

The Board moved out of BOE at 11:20 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The Road Administrative salary was increased from \$53,000 to \$55,000; the Sheriff's office will add grant items to the Budget.

Resolution 22-11 authorizing the subdivision levy requests was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker moved to set the budget hearing on September 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and the Board of Supervisors meeting to follow the budget hearing with Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request included, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were reviewed: SLFRF FAQ Updates and New SLFRF Affordable Housing Guidance and July District Court Fees and Fines Report.

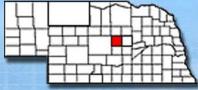
Committee Reports: DeRiso reported four of the Mid-Plains Board members will meet with the attorney and the CEO concerning conduct of the CEO. Baker said the Health Department only meets three times a year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene on August 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting and an agenda for the August 30 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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# 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, August 30, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on July 20, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of the August 8 budget meeting and the August 9 regular meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment offered.

In the absence of Road Secretary Simpson, Road Superintendent Meyer presented the Road Claims and Balances Report for August: accounts payable \$180,251.35; payroll \$51,362.07; allocation for August was \$85,879.06; transfer from General Fund \$133,657.26; larger expenses included painted quonsets, diesel, gravel, HFE, parts, pavement marking, rock, oil, tires. Receiving more requests to trim trees overhanging roads, have received conflicting opinions on who is responsible for the trees in the County right-of-way, will get an opinion from County Attorney Hanson

Meyer's general report included: almost finished on South Avenue; finished striping nineteen and half miles, still work to be done on Sargent-Ord Road before striping; still waiting for supplies for one bridge; will pick up truck that was repaired. VanSlyke has received complaints about the minimum maintenance roads in his area, Meyer will take care of the roads this week, need at least one more employee to be able to maintain the minimum maintenance roads.

Scott Philbrick, Emergency Management, would like the Board to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to present to churches, schools and other building sites so can use the facility in an emergency by contacting a point of contact, Attorney Hanson will draw up the MOU. The LEOP is now only online, updates will be finished by the end of the year.

Will Zoucha from Applied Connective said the County phone system will be paid for in November, there have been some problems with the phone system, proposed changing the phone and internet provider from Spectrum to Great Plains internet and Applied Connective phone service, savings for the County with higher speed internet. Cullers made the motion to move the internet and phone service from Spectrum to Great Plains and Applied Connective, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly Hospital report. An open house was held for Dr. Ward, participated in National Night Out, Erica White was chosen employee of the year, will apply for ARPA funds to pay nurses a retention bonuses of \$2,000-\$2,500 if still employed after two years, buying new printers, single audit for ARPA funds approved, insurance renewal, Celebrate Being a Woman in October. Woodward reviewed the financial and statistical information: census low, ER up, OR up, CT scans up, MRI down, PT down, Hospice and home health down, clinic down, revenue up, salaries and temp help down, COVID funds at \$0, cash on hand at 346 days. Hospitals do not buy ambulances because it is not profitable, does save lives, the ambulance was managed by the County in the past.

County Attorney Hanson said he would have to check statutes about trees in the County right of way but believes that the trees are the land owner's responsibility, Sevenker stated the County needs to have a consistent policy for removing trees and mowing the roadside. Hanson said he has a call into Lancaster Emergency Management and NEMA about drafting the MOU for Emergency Management. There will be two jury trials in September.

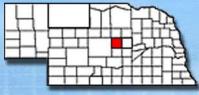
Meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m., reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

The Veteran's Service Office presented an estimate of \$1,215 to have the office painted, would also like to install two mini-blinds at the cost of \$75 a piece, Custodian Vanek will paint the office and install the blinds.

The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. A dead tree was removed from the Courthouse lawn.

The fall NACO Central District meeting will be held at the Leadership Center in Aurora on September 15 with Valley County as the host County, Baker will ask Veterans Service Officer Dale Beethe to present the flag, VanSlyke will lead the flag salute, Sevenker will introduce the Valley County officials in attendance, Becky Ries will speak on Economic Development in Valley County, Cullers will offer the lunch invocation.

Valley County received \$1,801.87 from the National Opioids Settlement Fund, County Attorney Hanson advised the money is to be used for control of opioids, after consulting with Chuck Abel, County Accountant, the money was placed in the Sheriff's budget. The County Auditor Contrymen Associates is requesting preliminary information to



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prepare for the audit, need skills, knowledge and experience of the Clerk, Treasurer and Board Supervisors; Board members need to provide information to the Clerk.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

Billy Bower spoke about land use discrepancies, land is classified as dry land but should be grass, Assessor needs two more years of land use reports from FSA; Assessor will review the buildings, four of the buildings do not exist, only a house and storage shed, last reviewed in 2010; land use is certified at the FSA office every year; the land use and buildings will be corrected. Cullers moved to hold the joint public meeting for the LB644 Property Tax Request on Monday, September 26 in the District Courtroom at 7:00 p.m., second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Valuation Summary Sheet was reviewed, total valuation 991,172,390. Certification of Taxable Values for Political Subdivisions were reviewed and compared to 2020. Tax List Correction #3899 for David Plugge due to mobile home being sold and moved to Madison County was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

The Board moved out of BOE at 11:25 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

The following informational items were reviewed: Operation Green Light for Veterans; NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference, October 20-21 in Kearney; Tactical Pipeline Response Training; Carla Kimball named CNEDD Deputy Director; new NIRMA Law Enforcement and Safety Specialist and NACO Legislative Conference, October 28 in Gering.

Accountant Chuck Abel stated the ending cash balance would be negative \$198,770 after budget changes, would have to transfer from inheritance Tax or take out of ARPA fund. Will have to transfer more to Roads due to purchase of equipment. Valuation for Valley County is up 10.34%, tax collections will increase by \$315,833, each one cent change in the levy would increase/decrease assessed taxes by \$99,170. Cullers would like to offer full family insurance coverage to the employees, other businesses require employees to pay part of the premium, cannot be competitive in the employee market without offering family coverage, need to get information to Benefit Management to determine cost. Waldmann moved to increase the levy to \$.35 for the published budget, second Cullers. Not carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. Absent: none. Sevenker would like to fund the full family coverage through the Inheritance Tax fund. Waldmann left the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Need to pursue full family coverage, Abel will add \$200,000 to health insurance in budget.

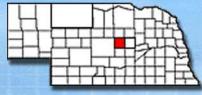
DeRiso questioned who pays a garnishment, paid by employee; Building and Grounds claim for filter and sharpening blades for lawn mower; Cullers said Court costs increasing every month. The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$568,709.04 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

NACO nominations forms for 2022 County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation Awards are available. Cullers was asked by Melani Flynn to write a letter of support for the Valley County Creative District, can receive \$250,000. Baker moved to approve the letter in support of the Valley County Creative District, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Culler, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. County office inventories were reviewed by the Board and signed by all Supervisors present.

Committee Reports: DeRiso reported Mid-Plains has hired a new CEO.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.; to reconvene on September 13, 2022 following the Budget Hearing in regular session. Complete minutes of the August 30 meeting and an agenda for the September 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).

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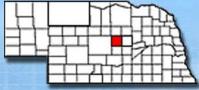
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The Budget Hearing was opened at 9:00 a.m. Roll call taken: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Baker absent. Accountant Chuck Abel was present to review the budget, which must be submitted to the State Auditor by September 30. Abel reviewed Budget Summary documents he prepared regarding valuation and levy information, budgeted receipts and disbursements and projected fund balances and overall balance at the end of 2022. The valuation is 991,172,390. Last year's valuation was 848,535,064, the levy was .34. The County received \$3,054,153 in taxes last year; if the levy stays the same would collect \$3,369,986 in taxes. No member of the public appeared to comment on the budget. Sevenker closed the budget hearing at 9:20 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session following the Budget Hearing, Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on August 17, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of August 30, 2022 were approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski reported six Valley County landowners attended the Leafy Spurge Working Task Force Field Day. Sandhills Weed Management received a grant of \$500,000, purchased a skid steer loader with attachments; Valley County can use for two weeks, specifics of use will be worked out; will spray Loup Rivers for phragmites.

On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, Cetak moved to approve Easement 22-461 for Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer presented a Contractor Request for Payment from Ed Hoevet Excavating for the first payment of \$90,947.68 on Structure No. C008801705 replacement, Potrzeba bridge. VanSlyke moved to pay the requested amount, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyers' General Report included: finished overlaying on South Ave, two week delay on Potrzeba bridge due to supplies, selling bridge lumber at the fairground auction, laying millings on Sargent-Ord Rd, motor grader payment due, pay for asphalt. Small bridge assessment survey sent in; compiling list of bridges in poor condition to go after infrastructure funds; County has only one bridge on list, will be replaced.

The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. Additional Pledge Security was obtained from First National Bank.

County Attorney Hanson was in a jury trial and unable to give a General Report.

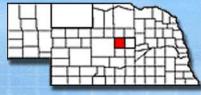
Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m., reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

The agenda for the NACO Fall Central District meeting was reviewed, ten gift bags will be provided with items from many businesses in Ord, Arcadia, Elyria and North Loup.

The following informational items were reviewed: NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference, October 20-21 in Kearney; NACO Legislative Conference, October 28 in Gering; NACO nominations forms for 2022 County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation Awards; NIRMA Membership Meeting October 21 in Kearney; nomination form for four positions on the NIRMA Board of Directors; District Court Fees and Fines Report for August and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$31,214.67 were approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

VanSlyke moved to approve Resolution 22-12 authorizing an additional 1% increase in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Resolution 22-13 adopting the budget as published was approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was opened at 10:25 a.m. No members of the public were present. Resolution 22-14 setting the Final Tax Request was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was closed at 10:30 a.m.



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Waldmann moved to approve Resolution 22-15 authorizing the Treasurer and Clerk to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Road, Planning & Zoning and Weed Funds as needed to meet their obligations, not to exceed the budgeted amount allowed by the Board, since they do not have their own levy, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Treasurer's Fund Balance Report for August was reviewed: General \$626,579.25, Road \$574,663.26, Inheritance \$767,336.86, Debt Service \$166,727.22; total collected \$3,933,982. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The Board moved into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

Becky Ries, Economic Development administrator, explained Economic Development purchases properties with LB 840 funds that need to be cleaned up and gives the properties to the Community Development Agency through the City of Ord; Economic Development cannot own property purchased with LB 840 funds; Economic Development pays to have properties cleaned up; the property has value when purchased, in lieu of taxes are levied until the property is purchased; Economic Development administers properties purchased with LB 840 fund for the City of Ord; the properties will be developed for economic development; buildings are taken off the tax roll after torn down; LB 840 funds are excess sales tax collected; the Board of Equalization can exempt the property, need to get an opinion from the County Attorney.

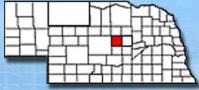
The Board moved out of BOE at 11:25 a.m. on motion of Cetak, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene on September 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the September 13 meeting and an agenda for the September 27 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on August 17, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. The minutes of September 13, 2022 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available on counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson reviewed the September Road Payroll/Claims: Accounts Payable \$344,466.11, Payroll \$52,079.48, larger expenses include motor grader payment, payment for bridge, HFE 300, parts, labor, oil, professional services, diesel, red rock, gravel, hauling; \$219,471.59 transferred from General, Highway Allocation for September is \$88,084.84. Sevenker asked whether Buyback funds are Federal or State funds. Road Superintendent Meyer replied funds are Federal funds received through the State which takes 10% of the funds for administration. Meyer said allocations are going up but did not know the amount to put in the budget. Buyback, FEMA and Bridge Match funds have built a dozen structures, funds that are not taxed for. Buyback funds are ending at the end of the year, only \$5 million of the funds have been given to the Counties, the State will get the rest, can be extended.

Meyers' General Report included: will stripe South Ave next week, cost \$1,000 per mile; Hoevet waiting for supplies; laying millings on Sargent-Ord Rd, will armor coat within two years; cracks in roads will be sealed. County Surveyor gave a heads up about locating section corners in two sections. County Surveyor locates section corners for some State projects, State now paying \$300 per section corner to tie-in and tie-out. After the 2022 General Election, a surveyor will be appointed, Jesse Hurt with Olsson & Associates has been good.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski requested approval of a 10-day notice to spray a pasture for musk thistles and spurge after no response from the landowner for two years. Waldmann moved to approve the 10-day notice, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Sheriff's office secretary, Ashley Eley, presented the quarterly report; door replaced after damaged while executing a search warrant; short one employee for the jail, a corrections officer attends jail school for two weeks, difficult to fill positions, work 12 hour shifts; cheaper to replace tasers than repair.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke presented the monthly hospital report; financials in packets, bottom line good but not as good as budgeted; auditors at facility last week, overall looks good; USDA ambulance grant has to be used by July 21, 2024, can ask for extension, hope to get another grant; Celebrate Being A Woman October 11.

Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m., reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with Baker absent.

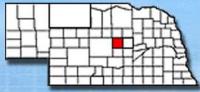
County Attorney Hanson said if a quorum of Supervisors had attended the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing, the Open Meetings Act would have been in effect; the secretary position is still open, looking for a particular candidate; the case load continues to be high.

The Treasury Department will be ending the call center support for the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Cullers reported 130 people were in attendance at the Central District meeting in Aurora hosted by Valley County, gifts bags were very nice, some presentations were the same as the last meeting, maybe only one meeting and December conference.

The NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference; NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting; NACO Legislative Conference and NACO Nominations for County Official of Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation were noted.

Communication received from Dustin Will from Benefit Management about the cost of full family coverage, will not know renewal increase for another month or more, would not know how many would enroll, estimate \$250,000 to \$300,000 more if paying full coverage, \$150,000 if employee pays 25% of cost. Twenty individuals attended the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing, four people spoke. The Region 26 August meeting minutes were reviewed, not likely that Howard County will join Region 26.

September claims and fund request in the amount of \$831,347.22 were approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.



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Committee Reports: Cullers reported Custodian Vanek would like to put metal letters on the east side of the Courthouse spelling out Valley County.

The Board of Equalization convened at 11:00 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Assessor, Clerk and Theresa Petska were present.

\$2,300 is in the budget to pay cost of printing and mailing the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase pink cards sent to every taxpayer in Valley County per LB 644; estimated change in taxes, actual increase depends on the adopted levies, Valley County did not increase levy.

Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. on motion of Waldmann, second VanSlyke. Carried: Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Custodian Vanek joined the meeting to display a sample of the letters for the east side of the Courthouse, will continue discussion.

Mail Folder: Jueswi Person Specul Declaration of Secession

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to reconvene on October 11 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of September 27 meeting and agenda for October 11 meeting available for public inspection in office of County Clerk and on County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us).

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Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: striping finished on South Avenue and Sargent-Ord Road, will finish armor coating four and a half miles; Hoevet hopes to set the concrete slabs for the Potrzeba bridge next week, next bridge has a poured desk, do not want to start until sure all supplies ready to be delivered, may wait until spring, bridge okay for use during harvest; received \$2,000 for bridge timbers sold at auction; will put temporary tabs down on the road until can be striped, striping company works in three states, do a professional job; prefer complaints are made directly to Meyer instead of social media.

The County Clerk September fee report was reviewed, County receives only .2222 per cent of the documentary stamp tax collected, the State receives the rest.

Treasurer Brott reviewed the Month End Fund Report collections and balances for September, General balance \$388,154.16, Road \$486,220.97, Relief \$50,456.21, Inheritance \$771,099.75. Total collected \$1,373,684. Misc. Receipts folder available for review.

The US Department of the Treasury launched the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) for eligible revenue sharing counties to serve as a general revenue enhancement program, \$750 million allocated to counties for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, payment requested through the Treasury Submission Portal which opened September 29, funds must be requested by January 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Valley County eligible for \$50,000, discussion continued to obtain more information.

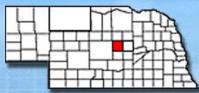
Becky Ries and Katie Walmsley presented the Valley County Economic Development Quarterly Report; sales tax receipts have been slow, one loan inquiry, application goes to five member sales tax loan committee then to the City Council, 10 year loan at 1% interest, final balloon payment, can be refinanced; eateries struggling, Pizza Hut will reopen November 2; contacted by Central Nebraska Economic Development about potential grant for rural workforce housing, matching grant; Big Give will be March 16 and 17; Winterfest will be November 26, due to lack of participation in the parade will focus on holiday light displays in businesses, map available showing where to drive and see the lights, voting on displays with prizes awarded; the application for the Creative District Program submitted, Nebraska Arts Council will visit October 25, pick two location to visit, panel will review; \$12,000 increase of Lodging Tax, two bed and breakfasts have closed.

Corey Schaaf requested use of another lot in the Mortensen Industrial Site, needs to expand the well drilling business, would enclose an 80'x80' lean-to on back of lot, currently farmed by Marty Petksa. Baker moved to lease Lot 3 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Subdivision Mortensen Industrial Site to Longhorn Land Company with stipulation the lot is released by Petksa, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

Judd Allen and Mike Boden presented the NACO Benefit Services, full service broker; offer cash-in lieu, Health Reimbursement Arrangement, medical transport, life insurance, vision insurance, long-term disability, dental plan and Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield; work to find the best option; to get a quote would need census from employees; two year waiting period to get back into the pool, could have a 30% increase, goes down 10% each year after; the rate does not change by age or number of members for family coverage; four tier rate, employee insurance, employee plus spouse, employee plus family, family; need decision before Thanksgiving.

The NIRMA Self Defense for County Officials Conference in Kearney on October 20-21, NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting in Kearney on October 21 and NACO Legislative Conference on October 28 in Gering were noted.



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The Joint Public Hearing Report was reviewed, could have the hearing and meeting on the same date if it was advertised as such.

County Attorney Hanson said under the Community Development law property has to be owned by a community development authority and used for public purpose, exempt from real estate taxes, pays in-lieu of payment the first year equal to real estate taxes, Board of Equalization determines amount of in-lieu payment in following years, has to be just and show basis why rate changes.

At 11:05 a.m. Baker moved to go into Board of Equalization, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor, Theresa Petska and Judy Bower were present.

Following review of the calculated levies, Cullers moved to adopt Resolution 22-16 approving the levies for FY 22-23 as calculated by the Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Alan L. Edghill filed an appeal of the property valuation set by the Board of Equalization with the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, TERC appeals are two years behind.

Baker moved to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m., second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

Dustin Will from Benefit Management presented information about the current County employee health insurance plan with Medica, \$7,050 deductible, County reimburses claims if more than \$3,000, Medica sends information directly to Mid-American Benefits, \$150 a month put in employee's HRA account; claims are higher; rates are age based, rate increase of 5.5%; can take steps to get to full family coverage, since age based every situation different, can pay flat amount for each employee to use toward premium, can pay percentage of premium; will determine premium if County pays 75% of rate and employee pays 25%; employees will receive one page survey to determine interest. VanSlyke left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Baker left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$35,913.00 were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke and Baker.

Waldmann moved to allow FCCLA to use the Courthouse steps and lawn for the Halloween parade on October 31, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke and Baker.

The District Court September Fees and Fines Report was reviewed. Baker returned at 11:55 a.m. Since the first Board meeting in November falls on November 8 which is Election Day, Clerk Musil requested the date be changed. Cullers moved to change the date of the first November Board meeting from November 8 to November 15, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

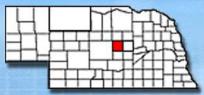
Committee Reports: Sevenker reported for Building and Grounds; new stool was installed in the upstairs restroom, will find out cost of soft water for the Courthouse.

The Board adjourned to the jail for the quarterly inspection.

Mail Folder items: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m., to reconvene on October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 11 meeting and an agenda for the October 25 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk. Complete meeting minutes are also available for public inspection on the County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us).

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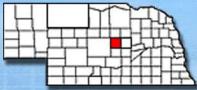


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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on September 21, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. Minutes of October 11 meeting were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Baker, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies on counter. No public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the October Claims Report including: Accounts Payable \$222,200.45, Payroll \$50,654.44; larger expenses include blades, parts, labor, diesel, HFE 300, gravel, pavement marking; \$184,223.18 transferred from General, Highway Allocation \$85,298.04, Motor Vehicle Fees \$18,858.87. Simpson reviewed the State forms. Addendum-LB904 showing that Valley County does not have a Local Option Sales Tax was signed on motion of DeRiso, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. VanSlyke moved to sign the Road and Bridge Contracts Report noting no contract projects costing in excess of \$20,000 were completed this FY, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Cullers moved to sign Resolution 22-17 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Certification of Program Compliance Form 2022, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to sign the Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak made the motion to sign the Certification that design, construction and maintenance of roads, streets and highways and revenue expenditures have met standards of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. On recommendation of Road Superintendent Meyer, DeRiso moved to approve refunding Easements 21-448 for JNR Farms Inc and 21-449 for Kelven and Julie Foth, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished Potrzeba bridge; waiting to start Petska bridge until supplies are ready to deliver, once started have to continue, 12 weeks to build, need certification from the vendors that they have supplies to deliver, may decide to leave until next year, would need to be completed before winter; roads bladed; prices rising, diesel exhaust fluids did cost \$2.50 per gallon, now cost \$5.00 per gallon; increased governmental costs.

Katie Walmsley, Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, requested use of the Courthouse lawn on November 26 for Winterfest activities from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Waldmann moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn on November 26, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

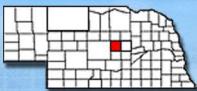
Cullers moved to sign the Hospice License Renewal, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke reported due to a scheduling conflict with the Nebraska Hospital Association conference, the Hospital Board meeting was postponed to October 26 so the October financials will be presented at the November Board meeting.

County Attorney Hanson reviewed the coverage NIRMA is providing to member Counties under the Public Officials Liability portion of their insurance regarding the election lawsuit Rick Hill filed in Lancaster County against Election Systems and Software also naming as defendants the County Clerks of all 93 Nebraska Counties, no further action needed at this time.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski said through Sandhills Weed Management, Valley County can acquire a drone, basic cost \$2,800, comprehensive insurance plan \$400, test study materials from FAA \$400, test fee \$175, total cost \$3,775, after the test is passed Sandhill Weed Management will reimburse the cost, would help with inspections.

Cullers moved to request the \$50,000 allocated to Valley County for the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund through the American Rescue Plan, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers,



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Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Reporting guidance and information the Treasury's contact center will no longer respond to phone calls was received.

October Claims and Fund Request were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$730,604.53 on motion of Cullers, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Resolution 22-18 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund if insufficient collections are made in October to meet expenditures was approved on motion of Waldmann, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers at the NACO Conference were reviewed. Cullers was designated to vote and VanSlyke was designated as the alternate to vote for the NACO officers at the NACO Conference.

County Accountant Chuck Abel advised the Board the drone purchase could be made through the General Fund under Equipment Purchases.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO Legislative Conference, October 28 in Gering and Region 26 Minutes.

Lisa Bower, Clerk Magistrate and Clerk of the District Court, explained the District Courtroom will receive a \$57,000 equipment upgrade, ownership of the equipment will be transferred to the County after installation.

Cullers, Waldmann and Baker have formed a committee to construct a gazebo on the Courthouse lawn; Baker would like a round shape, as maintenance free as possible, electrical outlets, some solar lights, 3 to 3 1/2 feet off of the ground, circumference 20 feet, one handicap and one regular entrance, drinking fountain, construction funded by donations.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor, County Attorney and Becky Ries were present.

County Attorney Hanson presented an opinion on the exemption of property from taxation under the Community Development Law; the Community Development Agency pays the real estate taxes the first year, in subsequent years the Development Agency is exempt from direct real estate taxes but must make an in lieu of taxes payment, a basis is needed to set the in lieu of payment that is just and equitable, once the property is conveyed to anyone other than a redevelopment authority the exemption ceases; Ries will find out what other Counties are doing.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization on motion of Baker, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

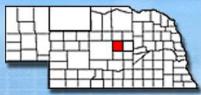
County Attorney Hanson said the Inheritance Fund will receive \$677,000 from an estate going to cousins.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported there will be an Open House on October 27 at the new daycare, the Board will do a final walk through prior to the Open House, the daycare will then request the \$400,000 ARPA fund payment. Cullers reported a recognition coffee will be held on November 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the three retiring County employees. Cullers also reported the Wozab Fund ending balance was \$1,207,044.51, income loss for the period was \$45,881.96; expenses \$6,606.03.

Mail Folder items: none

At 11:45 a.m. the meeting adjourned to reconvene on November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the October 25 meeting and an agenda for the November 15 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).

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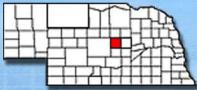
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The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present. Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on October 19, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The agenda was adopted on motion of Waldmann, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sevenker noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and public copies are available. No public comment.

Waldmann moved to sign Resolution 22-19 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2022, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Cetak moved to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer presented a Master Agreement for Land Survey Corner Preservation with a term of 5-years, in the past an agreement had to be signed each time the County Surveyor needed to locate survey corner monuments for a State highway project at the rate of \$100 to tie in or tie out, now a 5-year Agreement will be signed and the payment increased to a lump sum of \$300. VanSlyke moved to sign the Master Agreement, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none.

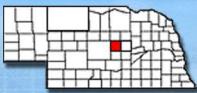
Meyer would like to purchase a hydraulic excavator for \$286,490 from NMC using \$100,000 from the sale of surplus road property as a down payment; financing from Cat Financial at 6.49%, Pipier Sandler rate of 4.1% plus issuance fees for a total rate of 5.11% and DA Davidson rate of 4.0%; County belongs to Government Buying Group called Source Well, does competitive bidding of equipment with no fee to belong, has already been bid; will keep old excavator with a tree saw, paid off the debt service on two motor graders. Baker moved to purchase the excavator from Cat with financing from DA Davidson, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. Hoevet has finished the Potrzeba bridge and is requesting payment. Waldmann moved to sign Applications #2 and Application #3-Final from Ed Hoevet Excavating for the Potrzeba bridge, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Meyer's General Report included: finished sealing cracks on Fort Road and Ashton Avenue, rented equipment from Rose Equipment, using mastic seal which bonds better to cracks; Potrzeba bridge open; waiting to start Petska bridge until March 1, all material in at vendor, will pay Hoevet 50% for stock piling material over the winter; all stripping done; working shoulders; will put in culvert on Mill Road before it gets cold, working with Frontier to get phone line moved.

Alma Beland with Region 26 spoke about the back-up equipment in the Sheriff's office, purchased by Region 26 in 2008 with grant funds, Region 26 can use the equipment if their equipment goes down, needs to be up graded, asking Valley County to share \$50,000 cost, Sheriff Hurlburt and Office Manager Eley said equipment used daily, Region 26 carries insurance and maintains equipment. Baker moved Valley County pay two-thirds of the cost of the equipment for the Sheriff's office and Region 26 pay one-third, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. with all members present.

Cole Baker spoke about the possibility of pivot irrigation on the East County Farm, now 80 acres of gravity irrigate land, pivot point would be on James Knapp farm and walk across the County Farm, use well water from Knapp well, the NRD and Irrigation District agreement with the plan, still have to pay water toll to maintain irrigated acres and keep the water turn out in place, Knapp put in fence between farms and County paid for material, would make into one field, Board questioned what happens if someone else rents the farm, County needs written agreement to make sure do not lose water rights, County Attorney would have to draw up agreement, need written statement from NRD and Irrigation District about water rights.



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After reviewing letter from Kayla Hinrichs, Extension Educator, Cullers moved to appointment Kay Knapp to a three-year term on the Central IV Area Extension Board beginning January 2023 replacing Natalie Kovarik who chose not to seek another term, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none.

Treasurer Brott presented the Month End Fund Report: General Fund balance \$79,146.26, Road \$504,078.85, Relief \$49,862.87, Inheritance \$1,415,060.67, total collected \$1,393,897. Distress Warrants were delivered to the Sheriff for collection, 22 Warrants for a total of \$7,726.83, some have been collected. The Misc. Receipts Folder was available for review.

The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. The Clerk reported a transfer from the Inheritance fund to the General fund was not necessary in October. There will be a claim in November from Linda's Preschool for \$400,000 from the ARPA fund.

The results of the survey conducted by Benefit Management concerning interest of the County employees in dependent health coverage at various premium levels were reviewed, little interest if County paid 50% of the dependent premium, more interest if County covered 75% of cost, VEBA contributions would increase. Cullers moved to offer family coverage with the County paying 75% of the cost and the employees paying 25%, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none.

NACO Conference December 14-16 in Kearney, nominations for the MIPS Board of Directors and the October District Court Fees and Fines Report were reviewed. Valley County received a membership dividend from NIRMA in the amount of \$2,550.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$32,581.14 were approved on motion of Cullers, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Baker, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Assessor's office employee Lorry Fleming, Theresa Petska and Judy Bower were present.

The Overvalued/Undervalued Report due to clerical error and report of Levies for 22-23 were reviewed. Fleming said Assessor Waltman would like any notes the Board members have on setting the value for the Edghill Protest, looked at comparables and changed the condition.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:05 a.m. on motion of Baker, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none.

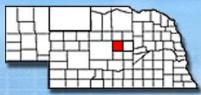
Clerk will review the process that was used in 2018 for appointment of a County Surveyor and get an opinion for the County Attorney, continued to next meeting. VanSlyke made the motion to pay NACo membership dues in the amount of \$450, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Clerk will call CNEDD and find out information to apply for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported there are conversations to reform the current mental health system by dismantling the six local behavioral health boards and giving control and decision-making to the State Department of Health and Human Services, Board will sign a letter to send to Senator Briese pointing out benefits of local health boards at next meeting; recognition gathering November 27 for three retiring County Officials; Gazebo Committee met, will be built of metal and stone for low maintenance, plans are being drawn up. Cetak attended an in person Mid-Nebraska meeting. Baker reported the Loup Basin Health Department has \$2,000,000 from COVID funds and nothing to spend it on, 42 fire departments responded to the wild fire in western Nebraska.

Mail Folder items: None

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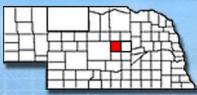
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The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke present. Absent: Waldmann (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on October 19, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Cullers moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. There was no public comment.

Road Secretary Simpson presented the monthly Claims Report including: blades, bridge payments, diesel, HFE, equipment rental, pavement marking, parts, gravel; Accounts Payable \$237,612.63, payroll \$50,425.00; transfer \$47,168.44; Highway Allocation \$90,248.16; after payments to Hoevet \$36,575.29 in street buyback and \$0.00 in bridge buyback. Road Superintendent Meyer said buyback funds are federal funds; rented machine for a week to put down the mastic sealer, keeps water out of the cracks, can be used to fill potholes.

Meyer's General Report included: clearing roads after snow; inspecting bridges, Meyer certified bridge inspector; will replace bridge with culvert on Mill Road, waiting since August for Frontier to move phone lines, difficult to work with, culverts under Bridge Buyback; applying for bridge match funds, pays 60% of cost or \$200,000, program will sunset in 2023, State has not given out all of the allotted \$40,000,000, not sure what will happen to funds; short two employees.

Information sent by Olsson concerning surveyor services was reviewed, rate first year \$135 per hour, increases 3% each year; Meyer spoke in support of appointing Jesse Hurt as surveyor. VanSlyke moved to appoint Jesse Hurt of Olsson as the County Surveyor for a four year term, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Hospital CEO Nancy Glaubke reported Celebrate Being a Woman held in October; new MRI arrived, ready for use by the end of December; held a drive through breakfast for Veterans; biggest challenge finding employees, survey showed employees proud of what they do and would recommend working at VCHS; check mask requirements weekly. Woodward also presented the monthly financials: census down; ER up; radiology steady; Hospice and Home Health down, clinic steady; salaries and benefits in line with budget; claims down; revenue gain; sold old MRI, investment rates up; 349 days of cash on hand; bonds paid off.

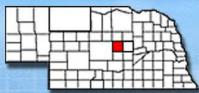
Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with Waldmann absent.

County Attorney Hanson reported several jury trials set for January, hope to settle or move trials to May; felony case load high, many controlled substance cases; court appointed attorney costs high, requester of court appointed attorney must file an affidavit of income, if not facing jail time no attorney appointed; State crime lab processes evidence at no cost to County; will check statutes to determine if Airport Authority required to report to County Board.

The East County Farm previously gravity irrigated from south to north with gated pipe, County Farm higher than Knapp Farm, if fence removed for pivot would have to be replaced if no longer used, County does not want to lose ditch water rights, would need a full proposal about fence and water rights. Attorney Hanson will check with the Regional Reclamation office to insure protection of water rights. Will also research the lease for a lot in the Mortensen Site Corey Schaaf would like to use which is now rented by Seed Solutions.

Jessica from Healing Hearts and Families explained services for domestic assault and violence are provided; also diversion program, juvenile referrals by County Attorney, program consists of community service, online classes and restitution, if necessary; if program completed charges no longer appear on record; under ten referrals from Valley County this year; funded by State, grants and fund raisers. Cullers made the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Carla Kimball, Deputy Director of CNEEDD, provided the link to a website to view the webinar about the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant awarding from \$10,000 to \$75,000, manual also available, tuckpointing on the Courthouse would be eligible activity, will review grant applications before submission.



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After reviewing the letter to Senator Tom Briese asking for support of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities, DeRiso moved to sign the letter, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

Cullers moved to accept the Medica Health Insurance renewal with the County providing 75% of the cost of family coverage, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

The Claims and Fund Request information were reviewed, over \$21,000 of court appointed attorney fees, includes \$400,000 ARPA grant to Linda's Daycare. Cetak moved to approve the November Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$1,059,470.54, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Waldmann. Cullers moved to approve Resolution 22-20 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund if collections are not sufficient to meet expenditures, second VanSlyke. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

The following informational items were reviewed: 2022 NACO Conference - December 14-16, Region 26 Minutes, NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023 and NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023.

A water softener for the courthouse was discussed, hard water caused stains in the toilets, having problems with dishwasher and washer in the Sheriff's office, cost of unit from Culligan in Broken Bow \$5,500, \$3,000 for necessary plumbing. VanSlyke moved to install a water softener in the Courthouse, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Waldmann.

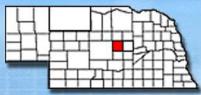
Committee Reports: Cetak reported Mid-NE serves a twenty-two county area, hold quarterly meetings, had to release two clients because insufficient staff to care for clients. DeRiso reported Mid-Plains hired a new CEO, temp position made permanent, employees will be able to talk to the Board about problems.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m., to reconvene on December 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the November 29 meeting and an agenda for the December 13 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us).

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# 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, December 13, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, absent Baker (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on November 23, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the November 29, 2022 minutes, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Abstain: Waldmann, not present for meeting. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

Meyer asked for permission to sign a lease agreement for a 2023 Caterpillar skid steer loader, lease for one year or 250 hours for \$8,500, may purchase after the year or get a new one for another year, can take lease amount off purchase price if purchased. VanSlyke moved to authorize Meyer to sign the lease agreement for a 2023 Caterpillar skid steer loader, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: None. Absent: Baker.

The Road Department will pay Nebraska Machinery \$100,000 from funds received from the equipment auction, finance \$190,295.92 at 4% interest for five years with NACO Leasing Corporation and D.A. Davidson, First National Bank bought the note. Cetak moved to approve Resolution 22-21 approving a lease-purchase agreement for acquisition of a 2022 323 excavator, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Waldmann moved to sign the Disclosure/Engagement Letter Lease Purchase with D.A. Davidson, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to sign form 8038-G information return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

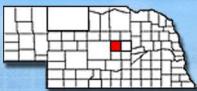
Meyer asked the Board to sign a Contractor Request for Payment for \$168,267.50 as a 50% payment to Ed Hoevet Excavating for stockpiling material purchased for bridge replacement of Structure No. C008812720, will pay out of buy back funds, bridge replaced in the spring. Waldmann moved to approve the Contractor Request for Payment to Ed Hoevet Excavating, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Culler, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyer's General Report included: salted roads, keep people safe, treat state right-of-way since State does not treat; providing more services, costs more; truck inspections; oil changes; compiling list of trees to cut, who responsible for cutting trees, mulch trees, find place to haul trees; get written opinion from County Attorney prior to meeting if cannot attend; Johnathan Brown coming back to work full time.

The resignation of Luke Kovarik from the Valley County Airport Authority Board was reviewed along with the appointment of Dave Williams to replace Kovarik. Waldmann moved to accept the resignation of Luke Kovarik and appoint Dave Williams to the Valley County Airport Authority Board, second Cetak. Sevenker has concerns about financials of the Airport, cropland and hay ground rented, Williams manages the Airport and on the Board. Cullers would like to know legally what the County's responsibility is since it is a County Airport, Airport receives tax money from the County, federal funds, fuel tax, rent from land and hangars, should receive a report from Airport Authority. Sevenker asked County Attorney for opinion on responsibility of County to Airport Authority and whether a conflict of interest for Williams to manage airport and be on the Board. Waldmann moved to rescind the motion, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Tabled to next meeting.

Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with Baker absent.

Treasurer Brott presented the Month End Fund Report: General Fund balance \$0.00, Road \$353,560.50, Relief \$49,215.61, Inheritance \$1,291,975.51, total collected \$674,966. The last payment on the Shop/Courthouse Plumbing Bond will be made December 15, Courthouse Renovation Bond paid off in 2026, Highway Allocation Bond paid off in 2024. Resolution 22-22, designating depositories the County Treasurer may use, was approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.



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The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. The Clerk reported on Resolution 22-20 Allowing County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund if needed, \$128,176.91 transferred.

No one appeared to discuss the pivot on the East County Farm, DeRiso told Baker the Board needs the NRD and irrigation district approval of the pivot running from Knapp Farm onto the East County Farm in writing, will request gates be installed in the fence, County Attorney checking with Regional Reclamation office to ensure protection of the County's water rights. County Attorney is updating the lease for the lot in the Mortensen Site that Corey Schaaf would like to lease. The application period for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant is December 12, 2022 to March 1, 2023. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023, NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023 and November District Court Fees and Fines Report.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$31,397.66 were approved on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Cullers made a motion to designate the Ord Quiz and Grand Island Independent as official County newspapers for 2023, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The list of 2023 State and Federal Holidays for Nebraska was presented. VanSlyke moved to approve the same holidays as last year, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The renewal rates for Principal dental, vision, critical illness and accident coverage were reviewed, only dental rates are changing, 4.9% increase.

The Maximus Countywide Cost Allocation Plan was continued to the next meeting. The Region 26 Minutes were reviewed, using Source Well as a purchasing agent for the radio/paging equipment for the Valley County Sheriff's Office would result in higher labor costs for installation, County installation share \$55,000.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Nebraska Community Foundation's net assets decreased by \$16,042,132 in 2022.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Cetak, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Clerk, Assessor's office employee Fleming, Theresa Petska, Johnny Ference and Judy Bower were present.

Becky Ries, Economic Development, and Ord Mayor Jeramy Sedlacek stated the League of Nebraska Municipalities' opinion is the Community Development Agency pays the real estate taxes the first year, in subsequent years Board of Equalization decides what the authority should pay, goal is to get properties back on the tax roll, the County wants to help Economic Development with the project, first year taxes \$1,700. VanSlyke suggested basing the in lieu of amount on land taxes. Waldmann suggested County Attorney Hanson work with City Attorney Sikyta to draw up document setting the in lieu of amount, Quiz property would qualify for in lieu of taxes.

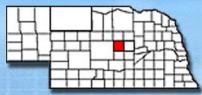
Tax List Correction #3900 for Frank M. and Dorothy M. Andreesen Trustees due to homestead exemption change from 100% to 90% was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:25 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m., to reconvene on December 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting and an agenda for the December 27, 2022 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website [www.co.valley.ne.us](http://www.co.valley.ne.us).

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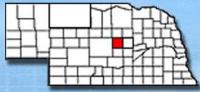
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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

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Road Secretary Simpson reported the December Claims including: culverts, tires, grader door glass, road salt, auger motor, stored materials payment, diesel, gravel; payroll \$50,212.64, accounts payable \$286,626.32, transfer \$142,351.10, allocation \$88,318.82, all bridge match and buyback funds expended until March payments.

After review of the National Functional Classifications map of routes running through Valley County, VanSlyke moved to sign the document, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Meyer's General Report included: moved snow; will be \$1.00 per gallon increase to stripe roads, \$.40 increase per pound for beads and \$.55 increase per gallon of paint; starting work on 1 and 6 year plans; good information presented at Convention, more red tape to acquire funds.

Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator Hilary Maricle reported on the streamlined strategic direction for Extension, maintaining 4-H numbers, working with school lunch programs, need to update the interlocal agreements between the extension boards and the Counties, need more Extension Educators.

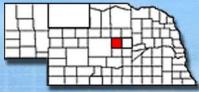
Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented the 2023 Weed Control Plan for review, report of what was done and what expect to get done; County has 11 open files, State shows no control of weed infestations, sprayed in spring and inspected in August so State sees regrowth; will approve at January 10 meeting.

CEO Nancy Glaubke and CFO Ashley Woodward presented the monthly hospital report. Glaubke reported the MRI installation finished, working well; Gala in January. Hospital CFO Ashley Woodward presented the audit report, cash investments \$21.9 million, paid down debt, received COVID funds, net income \$2.8 million; \$456,000 operating revenue, IT services up, temporary help increased; long term debt at \$0, small debt on Heritage Center; cash on hand decreased, related to paying down debt; as age of building goes up, older items replaced. Woodward also presented the monthly financials: census up; ER up; radiology up; building numbers for Hospice and Home Health; health insurance down; increase in temporary help; IT contracted services up; net income of \$42,717; received over \$560,000 from Second Hand Rose.

Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

David Williams presented a report for the Valley County Airport Authority Board, Board receives no pay, meets once a month, meeting advertised; FAA designs all changes to Airport; land purchased by FAA along runway so runway can be enlarged, land rented for three years then rent goes up, renters do not change every year so access to runway controlled; Authority owns pad, rents pad for \$3,200 per year, no room for spray or chemicals, no place to park a portable pad; airport receives money from aviation tax, can only be used for improvements, can keep up to \$350,00 for three years, then spend or lose; hangars rented for \$150-\$185, going up to \$160-\$200; if debt paid Authority dissolved, airport goes back to the County. County Attorney Hanson said the airport manager can be on the Authority Board but abstains from voting on issues concerning the manager; minutes of Board should be published; vacancy on Board filled by temporary appointment until the next General Election. VanSlyke spoke to Luke Kovarik about resignation from the Board, had attended few meetings. VanSlyke moved to accept the resignation of Kovarik and to temporarily appoint Dave Williams to the Board until a successor is elected in 2024, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: none. Authority Board will report every six months to the County Board.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Equalization was convened on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: none. The Clerk, Treasurer, Theresa



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Petska and Judy Bower were present. Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications were presented for Loup Basin RC&D Council, Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Lee Park Cemetery and Heartland Assembly of God. Following review of the applications, VanSlyke moved to approve Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications for above named organizations, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. The Board moved back into regular session at 11:15 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

DeRiso received no communications from Baker concerning the written approval from NRD and the irrigation district of the pivot running from Knapp Farm onto the East County Farm. County Attorney Hanson will prepare an assignment from Petska to Corey Schaaf for the requested Mortensen Lot. The Maximus Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for indirect cost rate computations was approved on motion of Cullers, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Hanson will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management to take action in an emergency without getting approval from the Board.

Sikyta Law put in claim for payment to Midwest Country Clinic for Juvenile court case that did not have a judge's order. Hanson said Sikyta was appointed special prosecutor for the juvenile case, Hanson had conflict of interest, special prosecutor has same relationship as County Attorney and does not need an order from the judge, in claims for this month.

Clerk Musil reported she had started an application for the Rural NE Historic Preservation Grant but did not feel she should be contact person since she will leave office on January 4, contact needs to know how to write a grant. Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects said the Courthouse is eligible. Theresa Petska agreed to submit the application.

The following informational items were reviewed: NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023, NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023, FCC Broadband Map Individual Challenge and nominations to fill vacancy of Nebraska representative on National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

The Claims and Fund Request were reviewed. VanSlyke moved to approve the Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$679,785.07, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: none. Waldmann moved to approve Resolution 22-23 allowing the County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund if collections are not sufficient to meet expenditures, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Baker, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The property schedules for Location, Mobile Equipment and Vehicles were discussed. County department heads reviewed for accuracy to start the 2023 annual insurance renewal process, needed changes will be made.

At the NACO Convention, Cullers reported on attending a Department of Health and Human Services session on cleaning up homes where drugs were in use and capturing carbon emissions which are sent through a pipeline to North Dakota to create a better environment. VanSlyke reported NACO would like to change the law to hold the townhall meetings concerning proposed evaluations before the budget is adopted, advertise as a meeting.

Committee Reports: DeRiso reported the Mid Plains department heads attended the meeting an hour ahead of the regular meeting to voice concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 27 meeting and an agenda for the January 10 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).

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