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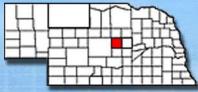
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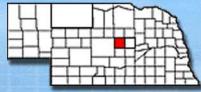
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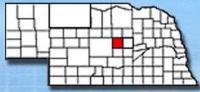
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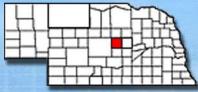
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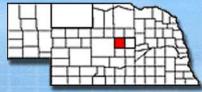
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Jay Meyer with Roads Department reported that trying to get rock and gravel on roads, working on sign inventory, and 1 and 6 year road plan for last meeting in March.

Treasurer Brott reported on January Fund Report, delinquent taxes, pledge security, and miscellaneous receipts. Petska had questions on Relief fund, tax relief, and inheritance tax. Brott explained on how tax money is collected and spent.

Baker arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Clerk Bower reported on January fees, Clerk Magistrate Lisa Bower provided District Court fee report. Clerk Bower reported that a zero balance has been a struggle since July, KeShara Poland has been diligently working on getting zero and the statements for January finally reconciled zero. The code came to file the W-2 forms with Social Security office, that has been done and they were also mailed to be on the safe side since we had to ask for an extension. An old District Court claim was brought to our attention from May of 2022. It will be taken care of after the board meeting and approving of funds. The Clerk's office is close to being reinstated for passports, by the next meeting hope to be able to say that we are. Notaries as well, the employees have to take a test for that.

Nancy Glaubke with the hospital presented the board with the opportunity to purchase a new ambulance in 2025. She wants to get one spoken for, needed board approval to secure an ambulance. Discussion by Baker to see why the hospital couldn't buy the ambulance outright. Saved for further discussion later on. Also was recommended by board to make a deposit if possible of \$75,000.00, to maybe secure the ambulance as well. Motion by Cetak to secure and possibly make a deposit for the ambulance if able to, second by Baker. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. Voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Cole Baker was present to discuss County farm and water rights. Baker said he will pay water rights. County Attorney Hansen is drawing up a contract between County and Baker for water rights, fence, gates, NRD, and Irrigation District.

Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. Reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Tara Price and Harlan Welch with State Probation office were present. They needed clarification that the board would not charge rent as of yet, only if bill passes in the Legislature. According to Statute 29-2259 the County has to supply office space for the Probation office.

County Attorney Hansen reported lots of cases, at least 7 District Court cases, and he is advertising for a secretary.

Sheriff Hurlburt was present to discuss the County Sanctuary not all board members had signed; now all the board members have signed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary has been updated. Sheriff Hurlburt was asked to explain the STOP Program and the Drug Law Enforcement money. It is not tax money.

No Board of Equalization at this time.

Cullers motioned to pay \$40,422.23 for the fund request, second by Petska. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, Voting Yes. Motion carried.

Ashley from the Sheriff's office needs to report where the Opioid Settlement money is going to be dispersed. She reported that the money is going for trainings in Grand Island for 3 days, case law trainings, and CPR classes for the Sheriff's department.

Local Assistance/Tribal Consistency Fund(LCTF) report has to be reported where the money is going to be dispersed. Discussion was held about where it could be used, it can be used for a variety of County related spending. The Board decided that it would be for general operation. Motion by Ference to report that LCTF Funds will be used for general operation, second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting Yes. Motion carried.

Petska is working on grant money and it is 150 years of Valley County being a County. Petska suggested that maybe incorporate a celebration of 150 years with the County fair. Ference is going to visit with the fair board.

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Mail items: Letters from NIRMA

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Sandy Simpson reported total roads/payroll \$119,734.60. Jay Meyer requested for a hearing on the 1 and 6 year plan for April 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Motion made by Baker and second by Cetak to have hearing for the road plan. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Meyer also reported on getting gravel on roads, on FEMA payments on disaster #4420 closed out payments from FEMA. Depending on the weather going to start working on bridges that have been put on hold due to materials and weather. Meyer also reported on Region 26, bill LB646 to increase cell phone 911 surcharge from .70 cents to \$1.00. Encouraged board members to email legislature and fill out form for online support. Baker made motion that board fill out form and have Clerk email it to the legislature in support of the increase. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Magistrate Lisa Bower reported on equipment upgrade in the Courtroom. She reported that the company will do 5 year maintenance on the equipment, then after that the County assumes responsibility. Project is estimated to start in June or July. Motion by Cullers to transfer ownership of the courtroom technology to the County. Baker second. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Voting yes.; Petska, Voting no. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Kaminski was present with Olivia Wolken the new State Weed Inspector. He reported on his Drone and new skid steer for cutting trees from the river banks.

Ashley Woodward was present with the Hospital report on financials from January. Chuck Zanger has applied to be reappointed to the Hospital board. The County Board needs to advertise for that position as well. Motion by Petska to advertise for Hospital board appointment, it is for 6 years. Starting March 6, 2023 and applications due by March 27, 2023 to the board to be reviewed. Second by Cullers. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran's Service Dale Beethe gave an annual report on the Veteran's Service program. As of January 256 Veteran's visited office, newly enrolled 16, and widows/family members served 40. Enrollment from 2021- 286 Veterans, Total Government benefit receipts for Valley Co. Veterans - \$4,097,000.00 (Compensation & Pensions - \$1,691,000.00)(Medical Services -\$2,328,000.00). 2022 numbers come out in late June.

County Attorney Hanson reported on more juvenile cases, DeRiso discussed about the County farm bids and clarification was made that the board can decline a bid if it is not what the board feels is right.

Water rights was discussed and a new contract is being made with James Knapp and NRD, county water rights will be secure. Also need to have Attorney Hanson draw up another contract with Baker on fence, where the pivot walks thru the fence, put panels up.

Break at 10:45 a.m.

Back in session at 10:55 a.m.

Loup Valley Ag annual report was given by Johnny Ference. Total assets for Ag society \$303,830.83. Ference also reported the board is looking into enclosing the outdoor stage and replacing post on the outdoor arena.

Petska submitted the grant for \$75,000.00 that was due February 28, 2023.

No Board of Equalization at this time.

Cullers motioned to do a letter to GLVA of support for funding for revolving housing fund. Second by Ference. Discussion was made that it is not promising money as of now, but support that if the Board can help in any way that they will. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. Voting, yes. Motion carried.

Cullers reported on Central Nebraska Economic Development to send information to the Clerk's office. Wozab project Cullers talked to Buller and he is going to have the blue prints and cost ready for the committee.

DeRiso reported on Mid-Plains having meeting on March 1, 2023. Baker reported on upcoming Loup Valley Public Health District nation wide by Zoom meeting.

Bill 683 was discussed about inheritance tax percentage changes in 2023.

Discussed seeing if Contryman Auditors could commit to 2-3 years with the County. Clerk is going to look into that.

Discussion of District meeting in Aurora on March 23, 2023.

Mail folder was empty,

No further business meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m., to reconvene on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting and agenda for February 28, 2023 meeting are 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 OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on March 8, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Motion by Ference to approve the minutes from February 28, 2023, second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker all voting Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to act on the Agenda, second by DeRiso. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers; all voting Yes. Motion carried. Open meetings act on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment.

Jay Meyer with Roads is selling a 2004 dump truck and other supplies to sell, needs board approval to do this, will auction off with Wolf Auction. Motion by Baker to sell items on Wolf auction, second by DeRiso. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Meyer also reported that he is looking to upgrade trucks. Spring projects have started able to do some work, waiting for frost to come out of the ground. Bid asphalt with Custer County, snow removal, working on new to County side dump truck, and hauling gravel. Meyer is gone for next meeting, for water certification. Meyer also attended the legislature session on LB646, reported on 911 surcharge, may end up combining it with another bill, Meyer has not heard any more on it.

Leslie Sikyta was present to ask for use of the Courthouse lawn for Hometown Maker's Market to do yoga and kids game on July 1, 2023. Motion by Baker and amended by Baker to allow use of the courthouse lawn for yoga and kids game, second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Amos Lange was present with North Loup Irrigation, to discuss the contract with the NRD. He suggested to the board that they be cautious about signing. He says that is doesn't say anything in contract about supplemental acres. Hanson recommended that not to sign this as of right now. Board is going to contact Baker to visit with him some more.

Break at 9:43 a.m. Back in session at 9:48 a.m.

Nancy Glaubke and Crystal Novotny were present to discuss the patient care for Veterans in the County. Dale Beethe was present as well. Discussion was held on the process of getting records from the VA system. Novotny says it is a struggle for the clinic to get any information from the VA. Veterans Service and Novotny are going to work together to get more help for the Veterans in the County to be able to use the Clinic and Hospital if possible.

Cullers made a motion to reconsider the transfer of ownership of the Courtroom technology to the County. Chairman Van Slyke ask Cullers if she was on the prevailing side, Cullers said yes. DeRiso second. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Cullers motioned to pay the fund and claims request of \$42,049.52, Cetak second. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried.

Twin Loup presented their annual report to the County, Mike Wells presented a history of Calamus Dam and Davis Creek Dam. His report was very informative and gave the board an understanding on how the Twin Loups operate.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave report on the fund balance, pledge receipt, tax sales list, and misc. receipts. Motion by Petska to go into session of Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m., second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, all voting Yes. Becky Ries was present for in lieu of taxes with Quiz lot and Sliva property. Quiz lots have been reevaluated, so taxes are \$65.66 and \$59.46 for 2022. Sliva property is \$395.70 for 2022. Board discussed in lieu of taxes but no decisions made. Ries said that she talked to Mayor Sedlacek and the City would like County to reconsider properties when they get properties cleaned up. County would like to be informed when properties are cleaned up. No

further business in Board of Equalization Petska motioned to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:18 a.m., Cullers second. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, voting Yes. Motioned carried.

Wozab meeting was set for March 27, 2023 at 7 p.m. The Board will consider applications at that time. D Committee reports were presented. Baker reported on Loup Basin Public Health, DeRiso reported on Mid-Plains and he has been elected Secretary/Treasurer, Cullers to call Elyria Gardens for flowers for the courthouse planters, Gazebo committee reported that they have met with Buller and have blue print on the project now and a cost estimate of \$109,000.00, the committee is hoping to name the gazebo in memory of John and Alice Wozab, for all of the contributions that the Wozabs have made to our county. This is going to be built on contributions not tax dollars. Building and grounds committee reported that it is time to make plans on getting bids for new heating and air system. The 457 plan was discussed along with Colonial Life and Principal. Clerk Bower is going to check into the matters on insurance. Bower is also looking for grants to help with the heating/air.

The weed budget was discussed and board is aware of it being close to being over.

Meeting on the Employee Handbook will be right after the regular meeting on March 28, 2023.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m., to reconvene on March 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of February 28, 2023 meeting and agenda for March 14, 2023 meeting are 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 OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on March 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on March 22, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Motion by Baker to approve minutes from March 14, 2023, second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motin carried. Motion by DeRiso to act on the Agenda, second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Sandy Simpson was present for the Roads report. She reported on claims and payroll for the roads department. Jay Meyer was absent, he is attending a water certification. Cole Baker and Amos Lange presented the board an agreement on Water for the County Farm. The board agreed to the plan, Lange and Baker signed it. Motion by Cullers to pay claims and payroll in the amount of \$310,463.30, second by DeRiso. Discussion on the electric bill, internet bill, 911 charges, and to use tax exempt when purchasing from Dollar Store, etc. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Petska motioned to sign the 2 year agreement with Contrynan Associates for audits at the approximate cost of \$11,000.00-\$13,000.00. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers promoted the Wozab Gazebo the total cost of the gazebo will be approximately be \$109,000.00 and no tax dollars will be used towards this project. Cullers also said that it would be nice to recognize the Wozab's with memorial gazebo for their dedication to the County for the last 25 years. Cullers is hoping to sell bricks that are 8"x12" and plaques with names on them as a fund raiser for the project. Carl Buller and Jethro Koehn were present with the blue prints for the gazebo. Explained the build of the gazebo, lighting, and wheel chair lift. Baker is hoping to put a metal topper on top of the gazebo with Ord, North Loup, Arcadia, and Elyria carved into the metal. Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward were present with the hospital financials and report. Petska suggested to the hospital to look into drug testing for County employees, if possible. As of right now, someone comes from a distance to do drug testing. Jacob Hurla was present with Community Building Solutions to look at the furnace, windows, and structure of the Courthouse. His assessment is no cost to the County. Chuck Green and Deb Kallhoff were present with the Ord Fire District annual report. Dave Williams was present with Airport Authority annual report. Ashely Eley and Sheriff Hurlburt were present with NarCan report and to have the Board sign an interlocal agreement. Motion by Baker to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Arcadia. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Cetak not present. Motion carried. Colonial Life and Principal insurance was discussed about payment from the County. Closer to open enrollment the Board will look further into this again. Break at 11:25 a.m. Back in session at 11:30 a.m. Motion by Ference to accept the Wozab applications and distribution of funds. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Committee Report by Cullers from Region 3 meeting on March 24, 2023. Petska reported that Tonniges will be meeting with Committee on April 4, 2023 about the 457 Plan. Van Slyke reported on the District Meeting on March 23, 2023. Bower reported on the Clerk side of the District meeting, Election Commissioner was present for the Clerk part of the session, Voter ID is in the Legislature session, Clerk's were ask to contact Senator's to let them know thoughts on Voter ID. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to reconvene on April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of March 14, 2023 meeting and Agenda for

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## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on April 5, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Motion by Petska to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes after making changes to participants and not committee and the date of April 6<sup>th</sup> not 4<sup>th</sup>, second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the March 27, 2023 Wozab minutes, second by DeRiso. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to act on the Agenda, second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open meetings Act on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment. Becky Ries and Katie Wamsley gave the Quarterly report on the Valley County Economic Development and Chamber Office. Russ Callan was with the Economic Development on behalf of the City, he resigned and appointed Jared Zulkoski. Katie is also working on grants, and she represented Valley County in Denver for the Stockshow. The Board then went into Executive session for personnel issues, with a motion from Baker and second by Ference at 9:16 a.m.; Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to come out of Executive session at 9:25 a.m., second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Jay Meyer gave his general report and the board went into the 1 and 6 Year Road Plan hearing at 9:30 a.m. The board had looked the road plans over, were ready to approve the road plan. Cullers moved to approve the 1 and 6 Road Plan, second by DeRiso. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Petska motioned to sign Resolution 23-02 to accept and adopt the 1 and 6 County Road Plans as presented, second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Jana Olson and JoAnn Urbanovsky from the Farmer's Market proposed the use of the Courthouse lawn and center sidewalks for farmer's market this year. Cullers motioned to allow it for 1 year to see how it works for the market, second by Baker. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Veterans Ken Marvicka, Larry Proskocil, Galen Dulitz, Larry Masin, Gerald John, and John Smedra were present to discuss the Gazebo with the Board. They voiced concerns on the engineering, pavers, idea of the Gazebo, location, surrounding businesses concerns, fund raising, zero taxes used, insurance, maintenance, green space, and size of the Gazebo. Veterans voiced that they feel that it was a double standard, previously denying the wall. But understand the significance of the Wozabs. Veterans wanted a place to honor the Veterans, the County board responded with yes, they denied the wall, problem the board had with the wall was of the size, exact figures of the cost, and some of the business's responses. Baker suggested a kiosk to be put next to the Gazebo to honor the Veterans. Veterans aren't asking for a wall, just something to honor the ones whose lives were lost and the ones that have sacrificed their lives. County Board wants to move forward with the Veterans on something to honor the Veterans. Galen Dulitz and John Smedra spoke their feelings on the Gazebo and a wall. Van Slyke spoke on the decision of the board years ago and somehow work together on something to remember the Veterans and the Wozabs. Break at 10:45 a.m. Back in session at 10:55 a.m. Globelife/Family Heritage was present to introduce a different insurance to the County employees. Ference motioned to approve insurance visit with employees, second by Van Slyke. Voting No, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. Voting Yes, Baker, Van Slyke, Ference. Motion denied. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:06 a.m., second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, All voting, Yes. Waltman is looking at having a flyover done, the cost is approximately \$48,000.00, it has increased a lot in the last 2 years. She was hoping to use some grant money to do this.

Waltman had to fix an error in on a split of parcel on an abstract from March 19, 2023, Larry White's son needed to be removed, subtract the value of \$2,290.00. Another computer error on March 19, 2023, TIF projects you don't report growth but was included, so growth report was \$10,237,610.00 and subtract \$2,981,145.00 for a total of \$7,256,465.00. Motion by Baker to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:20 a.m., second by DeRiso. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Brandon Hanson reported on the County farm and Baker, the issue is with NRD and Irrigation District, Irrigation District is advising the County on the water. Sheriff Hurlburt and Ashley Eley presented a vest for surplus sale that specifically fits a deputy to Garfield County, paid \$1,397.00 selling for \$1,100.00, Garfield County has agreed to buy it. Motion by Baker to sell the vest, second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Quarterly report from Ashley and short on a deputy. Treasurer Brott reported on month end report, misc. receipts, and the Treasurer office will be open on Arbor Day(4-28-23) until 4:00 p.m. Ference motioned to appoint Chuck Zanger for the Hospital Board appointment, second by Cullers. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to approve the Gazebo in memory of Wozabs, second by Cullers. Discussion about fund raising, plan to raise 80% before building, distraction with names on bricks take away from the memory of the Wozabs. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. DeRiso moved to pay \$41,749.52 in claims and fund request. Cetak second. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Committee Reports: Employee handbook is close to being done, Region 26- bill that is be proposed in the Legislature more than likely will not be addressed this session. Mortensen fund was discussed. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. to reconvene on April 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of March 28, 2023 meeting and Agenda for April 11, 2023 meeting 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 of Supervisors Minutes

April 25, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on April 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on April 10, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Motion by Cullers to act on the Agenda, second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes, second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment. Sandy Simpson reported on the payroll and claims for the Roads Department. Motion by Baker to approve the Easement Refunds #22-450, #22-451, #22-452, #22-253, #22-454 as a whole group. Second by Ference. Discussion on if the County would ever have to pay the sum back. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to accept ownership of the 24 bridges in Valley County that the State of Nebraska is requiring. Second by Baker. Discussion that the County will be responsible for repairs and the type of bridges. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. Jay Meyer then gave his general report on culvert repair, ditch cleaning, Hoevet with bridge by Curt Petska's, asphalt has gone up about 10 cents. Armor coat oil is \$3.22 gallon and windrow oil is \$3.32 a gallon. It will take about 108,000 gallon. 50 miles of oil roads in the County. Hospital report was given. Glaubke and Woodward were not present. Clerk Bower reported on changes with the fund request, discussion about Nebraska LOIS, Ord Learning Center is offering a session on Broadband, County Board workshop, Trane Technologies letter, and that the State Auditors are dropping 20 counties across the State. Motion by Cullers to approve the claims and fund request of \$453,431.92, second by Cetak. Discussion - Eakes charges all offices a fee, long distance is being charged on Frontier, court appointed lawyers are charging mileage-Petska is checking into that, and fees being charged on bills. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Weed Superintendent Kaminski needed board approval on reports and requirements survey for the State. Motion by Baker to approve reports and requirements, second by Ference. Discussion Valley County still has 11 open files, provide documentation on spraying of property, follow up by the State, no longer an open file if maintained 3 years, if it is spurge Kaminski says it will never be a closed file because of that, Kaminski got to meet the new Director, Kaminski's goals are to get files closed. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Ord VFW/Legion were present to discuss the Veterans wall to somehow be attached to the Wozab Gazebo. The VFW representatives showed the board a mock up idea for a wall. The wall would be 6 ft tall and 20 ft long, possibly a bench to separate the wall from the Gazebo, wheelchair access, 2 structures with names on both sides, use the same pavers as the Gazebo, 7 flags, will be copied close to the North Loup Wall, idea for expansion, VFW in charge of maintenance of flags and wall, proposal of name, Central Nebraska Memorial Wall, anybody could have name on the structure, fund raising to be separate from the Gazebo and would start after the Gazebo fund raising, sprinkler system was mentioned to protect the structure, low voltage lights to light the structure, John Smedra pledged 14 blocks and \$1,000.00 to start the structure, Veterans want to honor John Wozab, it was also mentioned what happens when the wall is full, possibly the kiosk would be involved, VFW is working with Buller to get a drawing of the structure. Kiosk was mentioned as a suggestion, VFW is concerned about a Kiosk getting damaged from weather, made by man is going to break, and to see the screen of the Kiosk. The County board did not say yes or no for the structure – want to see the drawing that Buller is drawing up. The board recessed at 10:20 a.m. Reconvened at 10:28 a.m. County Attorney Hanson reported on 2 jury trials coming up, tax foreclosure, and finishing touches on the Employee packet. Board wanted to make sure that in the Employee handbook that it stated "Nebraska is an at Will State". Laurie Bush with Arcadia Township Library was present with an

annual report. Motion by DeRiso to approve the 2022 Audit by Contrymen and Associates. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. Danny Vanek presented the board with the cost of a new mower, will be selling the old one for \$2,500.00. New mower cost is approximately \$6,600.00, 5 year warranty then 4 year warranty on parts after that, bagger is sold separately – approximately \$2,200.00 for the bagger. Baker motioned to purchase the mower. Second by Cetak. Discussion to purchase bagger next budget. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Fernce. All Voting, Yes. Motion carried. The board also told Vanek that it was his decision to get who he wants for fertilizer and weed control of the Courthouse lawn. Committee report – Nebraska Foundation quarterly report, Gazebo waiting on brochures, 80% of the money to be raised before the Gazebo to be built. Petska waiting to hear about the Grant that was applied for. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. to reconvened on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of April 11, 2023 meeting and Agenda for April 25, 2023 meeting 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 of Supervisors Minutes  
May 9, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Absent, Cullers. Clerk verified meeting notice on April 26, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website, agenda posted. Petska motioned to Act on the Agenda, second by DeRiso. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve April 25, 2023 minutes. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the County Boardroom. No Public Comment. Motion by Baker to go into closed session at 9:05 a.m. for protection of personnel. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Motion by Baker, second by Ference to come out of closed session at 9:20 a.m. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. No action during closed session. Roads Superintendent Meyers gave his report on 462 Ave, bridge work by Curt Petska's close to being done, cleaning ditches, and getting ready to do some overlaying of roads. Heidi Borg representing Adrian Smith gave a report on things happening in the US Senate. Jana Olson with the Golden Husk came with a request to use the courthouse lawn on June 30, 2023 for a Stars and Stripes Concert with the Sheila Greenland band. Motion made by Ference. Second by Baker to allow usage of the Courthouse lawn for the concert. Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Jacob Hurla with Community Building Solutions presented the Board with an estimate of cost on the cooling/heating system and windows. The board will make a decision later on. Ord Librarian Kristi Hagstrom presented the Board with her annual report, the renovation of the basement of the library, after school, summer, and adult programs that the library offers. Chuck Abel presented the Board with the annual report of the North Loup Township. Katie Wamsley with the Chamber presented the Board with new committee members Mike Klimek, Kate Wolf, and Tylr Naprstek. Baker motioned to approve the new and reinstate Tylr Naprstek to the Chamber committee. Second by Ference. Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. Reconvened at 11:02 a.m. Baker motioned to begin Board of Equalization at 11:02 a.m., second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Waltman presented the Board with dates for property Valuation Protest hearings, set for June 27, July 10 (p.m.), July 11, July 18(Destroyed Property), 2023. Ference motioned to accept the dates set. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Baker motioned to adjourn from Board of Equalization and reconvene to County Board meeting at 11:06 a.m. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. County Attorney Hanson reported on a chart that he drew up for Deputy Scheideler for a Grant, from 2019-May 2023: 73 - Bindovers, 39 - Felony Convictions, 18 - Pending Cases; discussed about Court appointed lawyers and fees, courtroom upgrade, and the employee packet. Sheriff Hurlburt discussed with the Board about a new deputy that he is buying out the contract from St. Paul Police Department. The board needed to sign the Interlocal Agreement with North Loup. Motion by Petska to sign the Interlocal Agreement with North Loup. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Resolution 23-03 allows the Weed Superintendent to conduct inspections, surveys, receive and respond to complaints, make and file reports with the State of Nebraska and Kaminksi Contract was discussed. Motion by Petska to sign Resolution 23-03 to allow Weed Superintendent to conduct business and Kaminksi contract. Second by Baker. Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. Treasurer Report by Treasurer Brott, month end fund report, delinquent taxes, Resolution that provides

that upon the direction of the County Board, for the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates in the name of the County, discussion on the Marvin Wilson parcel # 880027496. Motion by Baker to pay the Fund request in the amount of \$44,180.14 for insurance and building/grounds. Second by Cetak. Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cullers. Motion carried. District Court and fees were discussed. Clerk Bower reported on fees with Eakes, contract with them expires in 2026, Mortensen site on the Economic Development site needs updated, Clerk wanted verification that there are 3 lots available for rent and verification on when bids for County Farm will open, which is in December. Discussion on the letter from the NRD with the water for the County farm. Committee Report from Baker about the Gazebo - flyers are being distributed to the area, speaking on party line part 2 with KNLV Radio as well, discussion with the Board that this project is - donation only - funded project – not tax dollars. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m. to reconvene on May 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of April 25, 2023 meeting and Agenda for May 9, 2023 meeting 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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Ference. Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to approve the contract with Michael Borders. Second by Baker. Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to allow the Rod Run to use the Courthouse restrooms for Father's Day Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Second by Baker. Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. DeRiso reported on the Mid Plains, he is the Secretary for the board. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m. to reconvene on June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of May 9, 2023 meeting and Agenda for May 30, 2023 meeting 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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June 13, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on May 31, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website. Agenda posted. Cetak motioned to approve May 30, 2023 minutes. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Petska abstained. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to Act on the Agenda. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Jay Meyers with the Roads Department gave his report on close out with FEMA. Request for first meeting in July to pay for truck and pup trailer, new employee hire, completed bridge, asphalt mix, and budget. Meyer also reported on Region 26 Budget and expenses to all the Region 26 counties. Darrell Kaminksi gave his weed report that 10 day notices have been affective. Nancy Glaubke was present with the Hospice Renewal License to be signed by the Chairman. Glaubke, also ask the board for approval on when the licenses with DHHS are due, as sometimes the due date falls after board meetings and are due immediately, that they could get Chairmans signature as soon as the Hospital receives licenses to be renewed. Cullers motioned for the Chairman to sign the licenses for any DHHS renewal with Hospital. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Ference. Motion carried. Judy Peterson with Central Nebraska Economic Development was present for getting Broadband in area and applying for grants. Applications for funding are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Peterson ask the Board for approval on the letter of support being sent to Southeast Nebraska Development District, that Peterson brought for the Chairman to sign. Cullers motioned to sign the letter of support for the application for Broadband funding. Second by DeRiso. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Abstain, Ference. Motion carried. County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave his report. Hanson drew up a contract with Jade Stethem for lawn mower purchase. Baker motioned to sell lawn mower to Jade Stethem. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Hanson also reported on an autopsy that happened over the weekend, wanted board to be aware, 3 properties set for foreclosure, property owner will have 20 days and then a Sheriff sale, Wilson property is in a Revocable Trust and no will, also work on general assistance needs program, hasn't been updated for a while. Board recessed at 10:23 a.m. Reconvened at 10:32 a.m. Treasurer Brott reported on month end, pledge securities, and misc. receipts. Discussion was held on TIF projects. Clerk Bower reported that the Employee Handbook is ready to print for employees, clerks May month end report, passports are still rolling in. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:01 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Assessor Waltman reported on 2023 Revision Real Property Assessment Roll and 2023 Notice of Valuation changes for County Owned Property. The process of valuation was discussed. A field liaison is hired from North Platte. Motion by Ference to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:12 a.m. Second by Baker. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Gazebo Committee requested permission to use the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn for Father's Day and Fourth of July. Motion by Ference to allow the Committee to have table for those events. Second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Peterson Law wants to give the Wozab office sign to the board, it was suggested to give to the Valley County Museum. Committee also reported on donations coming in, have been appreciated. Cullers motioned to pay the claims and fund request of \$135,673.02 for insurance. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Committee reports: Ference reported from the Economic Development that Caleb Pollard is being paid by UNL for now, also giving heads up that Pollards contract will be up with UNL next year, possible contract with City and County to keep Pollard on, he is doing a great job encouraging business

to look at Ord and the County. Discussion on the lighting in the hallway to the janitor's office. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m. to reconvene on June 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of May 30, 2023 meeting and Agenda for June 13, 2023 meeting 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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June 27, 2023 9:00a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on June 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on June 14, 2023 in the Quiz and on the website. Agenda posted. Baker motioned to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023 meeting. Second by Petska. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to act on the Agenda. Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Sandy Simpson gave the road claims report. Easements #22-458 and #22-459 were discussed. Motion made by Baker to refund Easement #22-459. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Easement #22-458 is not completed yet. Jay Meyer gave his roads report. Milling started on Ashton Rd, some on the Pizza Hut road, some on the Fort and then onto the Sargent Rd. New Hire starts July 3, 2023. Meyer ask the board to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion by Baker to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 9:18 a.m. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to come out of executive session at 9:25 a.m. Second by DeRiso. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Gravel Bids at 9:30 a.m. with Ulrich Gravel and Jeffres present with there bids. Jeffres Bids were: Class "A" gravel \$15.00 per cubic yard, 47B windrow gravel-\$15.00 per cubic yard, armor coat gravel-\$15.00 per cubic yard, sand-\$7.75 per cubic yard, de-icing gravel-\$15.00 per cubic yard, 3/8" rock delivered-\$51.35/ton, haul rate: straight truck \$95.00/hr.; truck/pup, semi, belly dump, grain trailer-\$150.00/hr. Ulrich Gravel bids were: gravel-\$14.75; .47 cents a mile; \$3.90 minimum haul, sand-\$6.00, 47B-\$14.75, waste rock-\$16.75, mud rock-\$22.75, shaker rock-\$20.75, ice/salt gravel-\$14.75, 3/8 and 7/16 rock-\$51.00/ton. Baker motioned to accept the gravel bids. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Darrell Kaminski gave his weed report. Timmons was served 10 day notice and has taken care of weeds. Drone is still not here. Kaminksi is still working on finding it. Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward gave the hospital report. Glaubke reported that the Health fair had a total of 115. Celebrating the Award of Modern healthcare and the State surveyors finding 0 deficiencies. Dr. Nathan Harms will be joining the hospital in 2024. Woodward reported on the financials of the hospital. Beth Ferrell with NACO reported on the happenings of the County Board Workshop, upcoming District meetings in West Point in September, December workshop in Kearney, and legislative session. Aaron Clark with Nextlink reported to the board that they are looking at putting up more towers to help with area internet service. Grant money has been granted to help cut the costs for counties with this project. Katie Wamsley was present with the Tourism budget, contract with the Board, and plans to promote Valley County. Economic Development board report: Dan Piskorski's appointment is up, he asked to be reappointed. Motion by Ference to reappoint Piskorski. Second by DeRiso. Discussion was held that the appointment should be announced that there is an appointment of availability open to the public. Ference then revoked his motion. Board recessed at 10:49 a.m. Reconvened at 10:58 a.m. Sheri Goodrich with Planning/Zoning gave a report on the Board members, bylaws, meetings are quarterly, the need to update the comprehensive plan and budget. Goodrich is also working on the website for Planning/Zoning, Marvin Consulting is used out of David City, the GWorks site for planning/zoning, cemeteries, flood plain administrator is Goodrich. Baker motioned to go into Board of Equalization at 11:24 a.m. Second by Ference. Property Valuation Protests #1 and #2 from Sheri Palmer were addressed. She protested that land values have not gone up and that her land use had stayed the same. Sheri Palmer was not present. It was explained that land values up due to land sales being high and State mandates. Motion by Cullers to leave Protests #1 and #2 as is according to the State mandates. Second by DeRiso. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Overvalued/Undervalued Report is

reported to the State about clerical errors or changes of values. NRD reports on irrigated to dry. Land owner has to bring in the FSA report to the Assessors office. Ference motioned to approve the Overvalued/Undervalued report. Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Ference motioned to come out of Board of Equalization at 11:35 a.m. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Clerk Bower gave her report on the update of the Courtroom, it has been set to be updated in November, looking into seeing what needs to be done with electrical. Reported on the Courthouse being opened on Juneteenth, it was very quiet and no transactions made in the Treasurers office, do we stay open or close, it was discussed. Bower also mentioned that it is getting tougher with utility bills and the battle with only paying them towards the end of the month, fighting the late fees. Motion by Ference to make bimonthly payments of the bill, communicate with the Treasurer and Board approval on the utility claims. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. DeRiso, Cetak. Voting, No. Motion carried. NACO is getting ready to send out pink cards again. Bower looking into seeing if we can use local for printing. Interlocal Agreement with Adams County was discussed. Motion by Petska to sign the local agreement with Adams County to provide cooperative law enforcement services. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Baker voting, No. Motion carried. County Attorney Hanson reported on properties that will be up for foreclosure, Sheriff sale eventually, contract with Jade Stethem and the lawn mower. It was decided to put the lawn mower for sale again at \$2,000.00. G3 requested to move the business to Grant and Jodi Geiser at the Mortensen site. Attorney Hanson made an Assignment of Lease, with the right legal, for the Corporation G3, Geisers, and the Board to sign. Motion by Baker to allow Van Slyke to sign when the Geisers and G3 sign. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to accept the claims/fund request in the amount of \$709, 502.46. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Kaminksis weed budget will still exist, but be put into the General fund, so no more overages on his budget. Planning and Zoning will be put into the General fund with a budget as well. Motion by Ference to sign Resolution of Transfer of funds to the Weed fund from the General fund, due to overage, in the amount of \$3,614.55. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. The Board verified that the deadline for Budget proposals is June 30, 2023. Region 26 minutes were discussed, Van Slyke said budget is being discussed at the meeting 6-27-23. Motion by Cullers to accept the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services County Match Request of \$10,751.51. Second by Ference. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Probation District 8 sent the budget for 2023-24 for the Board to look over. North Loup Village is having 2 separate hearings for Popcorn County Redevelopment plans. Gazebo committee reported that donations are coming in. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. to reconvene as the Board of Equalization on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Regular session on July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of June 13, 2023 meeting and Agenda for June 27, 2023 meeting 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 of Supervisors Minutes  
July 11, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Baker, absent. Clerk verified the meeting notice on June 28, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. DeRiso motioned to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Cetak. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Open meetings Act is posted on the west wall and on the counter. Roads Superintendent needed board approval to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> payment on the excavator and pay for a 1994 Kenworth truck. This is going on the 2023-24 budget. Discussion on how can we spend money when it hasn't been approved until September. All counties basically run that way. Meyer will get the checks and hand deliver them. Meyer completed his budget for 2023-24, milling is done, armor coating will happen next, maintaining roads and putting gravel down on roads. Baker arrived at 9:15 a.m. Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave his weed report, Kaminski has 11 open cases, he is working on getting money back for the lost drone, and discussed his State inspector showing up to look at the whole county. Treasurer Peggy Brott gave her month end report, fiscal year balance of funds for the Quiz, and misc. receipts. Clerk Judith Bower gave her fee report, lawyer fees separate line from the Courts for budget planning, the board would like to see separate lines, Bower also reported of a clerical error on her part with claims and payroll; it was fixed on her end and on the Treasurer side, well noted for the Auditors. Motion by Ference to pay claims of health insurance, utilities, and roads. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Gazebo committee asking for funds from the Wozab fund. Baker motioned to have access to the funds for the project. After much discussion, Baker withdrew his motion. Wozab funds if the interest is there will be open for applications after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Valley County Economic Development Becky Ries presented the financials report, housing development, Pollard is very busy promoting the area, discussed doing second story study in downtown for housing, Ries attended a meeting in Central City on vacant and dilapidated properties, how to clean them up, and discussion of funding to keep Pollard employed with Economic Development. Katie Wamsley reported on the Chamber events, NE Children and Families Foundation, 177 members, 14 new members(8 new businesses or new to the area). Sidewalk Sales July 20-22, with Pancake Feed on July 22, 2023 Chamber golf tournament, National Night Out, Creative District was granted money and will meet on July 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Husk. The Chamber is no longer doing the Shop Ord website, it was getting expensive, Chamber is still promoting businesses in other ways. Wamsley then explained about the lodging tax, County collects 4% of that, Tourism committee is appointed by the County and they are Tylr Naperstek, Deb Kelley, Mike Klimek, Kate Wolf, Sharon Iwanski, Becky Trotter, and Betty Carlson. Board convened at 10:45 a.m. Reconvened at 10:55 a.m. County Attorney Hanson reported that he is still working on the Wilson property, attending a Governmental Seminar, and order for sale on tax foreclosure properties. Region 26 budget was discussed cost share equally, Valley County pays \$96,648.20. County and City Assessments for emergency operations/management based on population and usage. Baker motioned to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Ference. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Parcel #880020853, Ruth Campbell, Protest #7. Johnny Ference, Lisa Overland, and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Ruth was also there. Interior and exterior of the house was inspected, there have been no recent updates, some water damage on the ceiling on the main floor, issues in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor has plaster falling in one room, the entry for unfinished ½ story is in one bedroom closet, foundation has cracks, garage, concrete drive, basement in poor condition, house in need of repair. Waltman's recommendation is to

change the quality to average and change the condition to fair. Value the house at \$59,665.00, land \$5,485.00 for a total of \$65,150.00. Motion by Baker to accept the valuation of \$65,150.00, move quality to average and condition to fair. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Voting No, Petska. Motion carried. Parcel # 880030296, Mary Poss, Protest #8. John DeRiso, Lisa Overland, and Linda Waltman reviewed the property on June 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Poss' daughter was going to meet at the house for interior review, she did not show, waited for her until 4:20 p.m., headed back to office and got a phone call from her on the way back, told her the County Board would make the decision what to do with the property. Waltman recommended to the Board to leave the value at the 2023 valuation. House valued \$18,265.00, land \$2,535.00 for a total of \$20,800.00. Ference motioned to accept the recommendation of the Assessor. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Voting No, Baker. Motion carried. Van Slyke talked to Darrel Standard about how he does his appraisals. Standard said there are 3 ways that he looks at the property he has to incorporate all of them, which consist of comparable, market analysis, and income analysis. Motion by Baker to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:22 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Sheriff's quarterly report was discussed and the contract with Jade Stethem. Motion by Ference to approve the terms on the Stethem contract with the County. Second by Petska. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Budget hearing will be August 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. Committee reports from DeRiso he attended the hearing on Monday on the Popcorn USA building, Region 3 report Beth Baxter retired, Behavioral Services received a large grant. With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. to reconvene on July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of June 27, 2023 meeting and Agenda for July 11, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
JULY 25, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Petska. All present. Absent, Van Slyke, Ference. Clerk verified the meeting notice on June 28, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Petska to approve July 10 and 11, 2023 minutes. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to adopt the Agenda. Second by Baker. Cullers, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent Van Slyke, Ference. Motion carried. Open meetings Act is posted on the west wall and on the counter. No public comment. Ference arrived at 9:03 a.m. Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave his report on the inspection with the State inspector. She only looked at 2 sections. Kaminski is working on getting some 2-3 files closed. The new inspector is also resigning as of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. Sandy Simpson gave the payroll and claims report for the Roads Department. Road Superintendent Jay Meyer gave his report on completing armor coating of Ashton Ave, discussion on having troubles getting the hot oil to maintain the oiled roads, maintaining minimum and gravel roads for the next 2 weeks, surplus auction of 1988 8300 semi tractor, 1990 International 9400 Dump Truck, 2001 Dodge 2500 Pickup w/ Service Box. Motion by Ference to allow the 2 trucks and service truck to be surpluses. Second by Baker. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. Nancy Glaubke gave Hospital report. Discussion of the purchase of the Ambulance, it has been ordered to be hopefully delivered by late 2024 or early 2025. Providers elected officers at their annual staff meeting: Chief of Staff-Dr. Bengston, Vice-Pres.-Dr. Miller, Secretary- Dr. Ward, past Pres.-Dr. Mcclanahan. New lab tech will be arriving in a few weeks from the Philippines. Hospital would also like to say how they have appreciated the years of dedication that Lyle Sevenker dedicated. Condolences to the Sevenker family. Ashley Woodward reported on the financials of the hospital. Old Business- Dan Piskorski was the only applicant for the Economic Development board. Motion by Ference to reappoint Piskorski to the ED board. Second by Cetak. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried.

Board recessed at 10:13 a.m. Reconvened at 10:20 a.m. Petska motioned to accept the fund request for payroll and claims of \$856,368.31. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to accept Resolution No. 23-5 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to General Fund. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. Heather Nebesniak reported on the Legislative plans for the school Districts. Conflicting statutes in the session this year. Lots of bills got lobbed together, some good, some bad. Nebesniak is hoping to have better answers and understanding after this week of Administrative meetings. Discussion was also held about the joint hearing and the mailings of the pink postcards. Public joint hearing will be September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse. Motion by Ference to go into Board of Equalization at 11:04 a.m. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. Tom Kruml present representing the Big Curve. Property tax referee report from Darrell Standard recommended that the tax value for the Motel owned by Big Curve to be valued at \$300,000.00. Motion by DeRiso to accept the value of \$300,000.00 recommended by Standard. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. 2023 Plan of Assessment was discussed. Motion by Ference to approve the Plan of Assessment. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van Slyke. Motion carried. Cemeteries were discussed in the County. Motion by Ference to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:37 a.m. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Van

Slyke. Motion carried. Chuck Abel came with the proposed budget. Discussion with the Board on the budget. Will make more corrections or additions after the Budget hearing on August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Committee reports from Ference about the Economic Development meeting this week. Cullers reported that Wozab had total ending balance for the FY 7/01/23 – 6/30/2023 of \$1,282,586.33. Wozab Committee is making a float for the Valley County Fair Parade. Petska working on flyer for the 150 years of Valley County. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. to reconvene on August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for Budget hearing and regular session on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of July 11, 2023 meeting and Agenda for July 25, 2023 meeting 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 OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent. Baker. Clerk verified the meeting notice on July 26, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. DeRiso motioned to approve the July 25, 2023 minutes. Second by Cetak. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to Adopt the agenda. Second by DeRiso. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Open meetings Act is posted on the west wall in the Boardroom. No Public comment. Roads Superintendent Jay Meyer gave his report on striping crew, maintaining roads, hauling gravel, and minimum maintenance roads. Treasurer Brott gave her month end report, pledge securities, report of distress warrants, and miscellaneous receipts. Distress warrants were discussed and the board agreed to strike Parcel #880036900 Maly and Parcel # 000022064 Sew-n-Vac Quilts & More. Motion by Ference to Strike Parcel #880036900 and Parcel # 000022064 from the tax list. Second by Petska. Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Planning & Zoning Sheri Goodrich presented the Board with her general report and methodology work that she would like to see done. Goodrich answered questions about her Budget. Recess at 10:34 a.m. Reconvened at 10:43 a.m. Ken Marvicka, Carl Bueller, Jethro Keohn, and other Veterans were present to show the proposal of the Veterans Wall. The proposal shows: the wall on the Northeast corner of the Courthouse; taking out the existing sidewalk, put in 5 ft. granite agate paver walk installed with crushed agate at the base; 4 walls at a 45 degree angle with the American flag in the middle and three flags representing each branch on the east and west side of the walls; 16 foot wide and 88 inches tall walls. After foundation is installed, the wall will only be 6 ft tall. Which will allow for 200 hundred names to be engraved with service and date of service. With a total of 1,980 names. This quote is approximately \$334,026.00. The Veterans would like 60-70% of funds before construction. They are also looking at a redesign as the cost is high. Veterans will communicate with the Board on changes. The Veterans proposal for permission to use the Northeast corner of the Courthouse and approval from the County Board on all of the construction. County Attorney Hanson suggested that a contract be drawn up between the County and Veterans to move forward with the Veterans Wall project. Motion by Ference to have County Attorney Hanson draw up contract with Veterans to move forward with the construction of the Veterans wall on the Northeast corner of the Courthouse. Second by DeRiso. Discussion with the Veterans present about the contract, they agreed to the contract. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to go into Board of Equalization at 11:07 a.m. Second by DeRiso. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the tax change on the North Loup bar. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Discussion about the Turk board; decided that some exemptions shouldn't be exempt, Karp and Krow, Valley Rods, Golden Husk, will have hearing in Broken Bow on Oct. 3, 4, 5, 2023; all at different times. Alan Edghill will also be having a hearing on his evaluation of his house on a different day as well. A Board member, County Attorney, County Assessor will need to attend. These all happened in 2021, it keeps getting moved. Board, Attorney, and Assessor will gather the information and be ready for the hearings in Broken Bow. With no further business in Board of Equalization, motion by Ference to leave Board of Equalization at 11:25 a.m. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. County Attorney Hanson gave his general report and answered budget questions on burials, autopsies, and public defender costs. County Attorney is also working on updating the general assistance. Motion by Cullers to approve fund request of \$42,468.05. Second by DeRiso. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes.

Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Discussion about signs on the Northwest corner of the courthouse for the Gazebo. Thoughts were that it would be too much confusion of actually where Gazebo is going to be placed. Cullers also reported on \$52,000.00 has been raised for the Gazebo. The elevator was discussed on when the parts were arriving. Motion by Ference to accept the work order to fix the elevator. Second by Petska. Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Discussion of the budget with Subdivisions, all parties involved with the budget. Chuck Abel will review. With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. to reconvene on August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for Budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. and regular session after the Budget hearing and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of July 25, 2023 meeting and Agenda for August 8, 2023 meeting for public inspection in the Office of the County Clerk and on the County website

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Valley County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session for the budget on August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent, Baker. Clerk verified the meeting notice on July 26, 2023 and on the website. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the County Boardroom. Action for the levy request. Bernie Glos was present with the Twin Loup Reclamation. Twin Loups need to work on infrastructure and title transfer. Requesting- \$30,882.41. Airport Authority is requesting- \$76,000.00, Mark Knight with Loup Valley Ag Society was present to talk about their budget-building new grandstands and maintenance at the fairgrounds, requesting - \$102,500.00; Arcadia Township is requesting \$33,300.00, North Loup Township is requesting -\$15,700.00, Ord Township is asking \$123,000.00; Ord FD is requesting- \$170,460.00, North Loup FD is requesting -\$32,671.00, Arcadia FD is requesting-\$92,500.00; all were discussed.

General Fund for the County- requesting -\$1,261,363.00; Board- requesting-\$54,000.00, Clerk, Election Commissioner, Register of Deeds requesting \$174,180.00 Clerk Bower was present, not many changes except raises for employees; Treasurer requesting \$142,453.00 – Peggy Brott was present, not many changes except raises for employees; Court Services requesting \$266,660.00-lawyer fees was the discussion, Assessor requesting \$207,091.00-Linda Waltman was present – not many changes except raises for employees and flyover; Building and Grounds requesting - \$729,620.00 Vanek was present – changes will be new heating/cooling, Agricultural Ext. Agent requesting - \$85,555.00 – changes here are Penny needs a new computer, Sheriff/Jail - requesting - \$728,900.00 , Attorney-requesting \$155,800.00; Hanson was present, Attorney Title IVD -requesting - \$20,800.00, Civil Defense – requesting -\$21,595.00 extra expense this budget of a new trailer for storing all of Valley County equipment; Surveyor-requesting \$14,000.00, Veterans Service Officer – requesting -\$34,148.00, Misc. General requesting - \$1,261,363.00, Roads- requesting -\$2,976,945.00-Jay Meyer was present, Planning & Zoning requesting- \$56,849.00, Planning and Zoning will be put into the General Fund for 2023-24 budget , Visitors Promotion- requesting \$33,700.00; Visitors Improvement – requesting -\$40,200.00, County Relief – requesting -\$19,150.00, Veterans Aid -requesting -\$31,148.00, Stop Program- requesting -\$5,000.00, Drug Law Enforcement -\$0, Grant Fund- \$0, ARPA Covid Rescue requesting -\$178,000.00, Inheritance - Chuck Abel will decide this request, Courthouse Bond – requesting \$112,900.00, Weed requesting - \$33,670.00 changes here are Darrell an increase in wage, Weed will also be a part of General Fund for budget 2023-24. All were discussed and no decisions made on Budget for now.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to reconvene on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. The Agenda for the budget hearing is 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 OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
AUGUST 29, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Ference, Van Slyke all present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on August 14, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Ference motioned to approve the minutes from August 7<sup>th</sup> budget meeting and August 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Second by DeRiso. Baker Abstained. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall in the Boardroom. No Public comment. Sandy Simpson reported on the claims for the roads department. Roads Department Jay Meyer gave his report on the completion of the Sargent Highway hoping to be done with all of the armor coat by end of September. The telephone crew tore up some gravel roads, Meyer received payment from Hamilton for reimbursement of \$18,000.00 for repairs on the roads. Meyer suggested to the Board that the permit for underground needs revised. Meyer and County Attorney will work on that. As well as some form of speed limit for the work zone for the Roads crew. Meyer attended a grant writing workshop. He was very discouraged, some counties that spent a lot of money on Grant writers were still denied grants. Counties have to match some of the grants and most counties can't afford the matching amounts. Meyer has surplus that will sell this week. Dean Phelps was present with concerns on the Davis Creek Cemetery. He offered to call some of his family members to help with cleaning and clearing of some trees. He will get back to the Board when he finds out what his family says. Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward were present with the Hospital Report. Glaubke announced that Sara Smith PA will be starting October 1, 2023. Looking into electric charging station for the Hospital parking lot. Woodward reported on the financials, new fiscal year so not much to report yet. Break at 10:05 a.m. Back in session at 10:10 a.m. Clerk reported on the passports, since we have been reinstated over 45 new applications not counting renewals. Stethem contract was discussed. Baker motioned to go into Executive session for personnel and potential litigation at 10:10 a.m. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Litigation was reviewed, no action taken during Executive session. Back in regular session at 10:27 a.m. Baker motioned to use the Board letterhead for letter to Stethem to collect the buyout money, that the County did when he started from St. Paul Police Department. Second by Petska. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Brott explained about Pledge receipts. Better understanding on that for the Board. Board also ask County Attorney to get with Jay Meyer to work on new Easement pages and work zone area. Sheriff Hurlburt was present. Baker motioned to go back into Executive session to discuss personnel at 10:33 a.m. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Back in regular session at 10:43 a.m. No action taken in Executive session. County Attorney Hanson gave his general report. Strong arm break-ins all across the area. Still waiting to hear from Veterans about the wall, Ken Marvicka is waiting to hear from Buller/Koehn Designs. Insurance on buildings was discussed. Next meeting if it is convenient to have the Airport Board come to the meeting. Baker motioned to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Tax list correction #880026565 was discussed. Owner noticed clerical error that property was marked brick and should've been vinyl siding. Cullers motioned to approve the tax list correction for Parcel #880026565. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Valuation Summary Sheets for 2023-2024 was discussed and Ne Tax Equalization and Review Commission Notice/Hearing 10/3-10/5, Linda needed to know which Board members were able to attend. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 11:12 a.m. Second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke.

All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Brian Cox with UNL Extension was present. He is new to this position for all 4 counties. He brought the Interlocal Agreement for the Board and County Attorney to go over. Chuck Abel was present to review and act on revisions for the Budget with the Board. Abel discussed valuations going up, if all got spent by the end of June of 2024 it would be \$430,000.00 in the whole, inheritance tax transfer would have to happen if it all gets spent to cover the negative. Leaving the levy, the same would be this estimate. 1% increase/decrease would change the budget by \$108,000.00 either way. Discussion on lawyer fees, court costs, wages, insurance, re-evaluations of agriculture. 1% increase in the levy; example: on a \$100,000.00 home, \$10.00 increase in taxes. Board can't depend on the inheritance tax forever, State is slowly taking that away, it has gone from 18% to 15% that counties receive as of January 2023. Special joint hearing Sept. 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. District Courtroom 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse. Valley County will be on the pink cards for the Special Joint Hearing. Discussion on the heating/air for the Courthouse. Abel reminded the Board that they have never spent over the Budget. Motion by Baker to leave the levy the same. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Ference, Baker. Voting, Yes. Cetak, Van Slyke, Cullers, Petska. Voting, No. Motion denied. Motion by Cullers to raise the levy from \$.34 to \$.35. Second by Van Slyke. Cetak, Cullers, Van Slyke, Petska. Voting, Yes. Ference, Baker, DeRiso. Voting, No. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the Claims/Payroll and Fund request of \$685,915.14. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to approve and sign inventories as presented by all departments. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. District meeting was discussed. Committee Reports: Public Health Board has purchased land for a new building. Ference will have Economic Development budget and update after the meeting with them this week. Region 26 meeting is August 29, Van Slyke is attending. Cullers reported that the Gazebo fund is \$62,000. Region 3, new number is 988 for suicide. Motion by Ference to pay the water rights for water for the County farm. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. to reconvene on September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the Budget hearing and regular session after the hearing and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of August 7 and August 8 meeting and Agenda for August 29, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Clerk verified the meeting notice on September 1, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Cullers to approve minutes from August 29, 2023 meeting. Second by DeRiso. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to go into the Budget Hearing at 9:05 a.m. Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Chuck Abel presented the Board with the Budget Summary, compilation report, summary of disbursements/requirements, and revenues/comparison to budget, capital improvement lid exemptions, lid supporting schedule, lid computation form, allowable growth percentage. Motion by Baker to close Budget Hearing at 9:25 a.m. Second by Cetak. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. Motion carried. . Motion by Cullers to authorize an additional 1% increase on restricted funds authority. Second by Petska. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Discussion on increasing the hospital fund disbursements to \$35,107,538.00 to balance out disbursements in the fund. Motion by Cetak to adopt the Budget as published with corrections made to the disbursements of the hospital funds, increasing disbursements by \$35,107,538.00. Second by Cullers. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to open Budget Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Second by DeRiso. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to adopt Resolution # 23-7 to set property tax of \$3,784,314.00. Second by Cetak. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to close Budget Hearing at 9:35 a.m. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Discussion about the Airport, Board is wondering about insurance coverage that the County pays. Dave Williams and Coy Wolf were present to discuss the costs of keeping the Airport going and insurance. Clerk Bower is going to check into what actual coverage the Airport has and get an updated version to the Airport Board and the Supervisors. Weed Superintendent Kaminski was present to report on the Leafy Spurge Conference. The money for the drone was returned to the County, Kaminski is looking into another drone but in the USA. Motion by DeRiso to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Sandhills Weed Management Area. Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Ference motioned to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 9:58 a.m. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to come out of executive session at 10:12 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session for personnel. Board convened at 10:31 a.m. Reconvened at 10:39 a.m. County Attorney Hansen reported on 3 properties that will be on the Sheriff's sale on October 11, 2023 in the Lobby of the Courthouse. 2 properties in Ord and 1 in North Loup. Hoping to get back taxes on all the properties. Treasurer Peggy Brott reported on the month end report and miscellaneous receipts. Old Business Board would like Jacob Hurla to come to the next meeting for the Courthouse renovation. Still have \$178,000.00 from State and Local Recovery Fund. Gazebo Committee member Cullers wanted to do a Facebook page for the Wozab fund. Discussion on laminating posters, etc. Cullers also reported that the Gazebo fund raiser is \$65,000.00. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:04 a.m. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to approve the publication of the 2023 Tax Exempt Properties in the Quiz. Second by Baker. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. TERC discovery was discussed, County Attorney Hansen will

have more information for the Board at the next meeting. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 11:18 a.m. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to pay claims for insurance and utilities of \$44,252.31. Second by Cullers. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Van Slyke reported on the Region 26 meeting that wages had to be increased. Ference reported on the Economic Development. Ference will be attending a Vision meeting on October 4, 2023. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. to reconvene on September 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of August 29, 2023 meeting and Agenda for September 12, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on September 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent, Cetak. Clerk verified the meeting notice on September 18, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Petska to approve minutes from September 12, 2023 meeting. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to Adopt the Agenda. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the boardroom. No Public comment. Secretary Sandy Simpson gave the roads claims and payroll report. Roads Superintendent Jay Meyer reported on completion of some armor coating on the roads and starting on the Fort Road end of the week. Striping the roads will be done by the end of the month if not first part of next month. Motion by DeRiso to pay Easement #22-460 refund to Michael Jackson. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Meyer reported on surplus that sold on Wolf Auction for \$12,834.00. Meyer reported on property that has run off from a dry lot on a sidehill, excess run off when it rains onto the road and running into the ditch. It is now running into the neighbors. Meyer has spoken to the individual and ask that they clean the ditch, move the cattle, plant something to help with runoff, suggested someone to clean out the ditch ,etc. County roads crew has cleaned the ditch out numerous times, it has filled back in to bad now, for the County roads crew to clean it out now. Meyer has been talking to this individual since July. Meyer gave the individual until September to get something done or Meyer goes to the Board. Nothing has been done. Meyer ask the Board what are the next steps need to be taken. Discussion with Board members, County Attorney and Meyer on what measures to be taken. County Attorney Hanson recommended a letter from the Board to the individual. Meyer and Hanson are going to work on that. Meyer also mentioned a grant that has been accepted for Stop sign maintenance. 200 stop signs. 100% grant funded. Board will need to look it over and approve it for next meeting. Hospital report from Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward. Glaubke reported Laurie Christensen is employee of the year, EMS recertification night of over 60 people, Valley County Home Health Department and Hospice received the top 20% in the nation award and top 3 in the State of Nebraska. Ashely Woodward discussed with the Board the August hospital financials and audit done remotely. Discussion of Urgent Care Clinic that was a possibility of coming to the area, nothing concrete. Jon Cropsey with Globe Life Family Heritage, supplemental insurance for the Employees. Board recessed at 10:18 a.m. Reconvened at 10:26 a.m. Carrie Hurlburt was present with Colonial Life to update the Board on Cancer, Dental, and Group Term life. Community Building Solutions Jacob Hurla was present to discuss the Heating/Cooling system, lighting and windows on the Courthouse. Hurla presented the Board with contractors in the area. Discussed the agreement with Hurla. The Board added more local contractors to Hurla's list. Motion by Ference to commit with Community Building Solutions on the Courthouse heating/air(HVAC), lighting, and windows and to subcontract with local contractors. Second by Baker. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. County Attorney Hanson reported on the foreclosure sale October 11, 2023. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Discussion on the TERC hearings. Valley Rod, Valley Performing Arts, and Karp and Krow have been continued until further notice/order. Alan Edghill's hearing will be on October 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Broken Bow. Board members Van Slyke and Cullers plan on going with Waltman and Hanson. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 11:14 a.m. Second by Ference. DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Attorney Hanson proposed the agreement with Stethem. Clerk Magistrate Lisa Bower presented the Board with a new copier

proposal agreement with Eakes. Bower has the cost in her budget. Motion by Petska to approve the agreement with Eakes on a new printer/copier for the Court Services, new lease \$77.60 a month. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Board wants to know when contracts are up with Eakes. Clerk Bower will look into that for the next meeting. NACO website was discussed. Reports on the Central District Meeting in Kearney. Board received information from Broadband. Not close at all for our area. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to reconvene on October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of September 12, 2023 meeting and Agenda for September 26, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cullers, Cetak, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke, all present. Absent, Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice on October 2, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by DeRiso to approve minutes from September 26, 2023 meeting. Second by Cullers. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Cullers. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the boardroom. No Public comment. Motion by Cetak to pay refund on Easement #22-458 with Hamilton Communications. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Petska to approve the Resolution #23-10 LPA Program Agreement for updating existing Stop signs on rural roads. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Benefit Management and the Clerks office have been struggling with TASC, posting benefits late, not responding well to emails or phone calls. Benefit Management has found another program to use. It is by their recommendation to terminate TASC. Benefit Management drew up a letter for Board approval. Motion by Ference to send a termination letter to TASC and to transfer funds to U.S. Bencor Mid/America. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Treasurer Brott gave her month end fund report, pledge receipts, and misc. receipts. Russ Callan with Lower Loup NRD was present to visit with the Board about the Davis Creek Road, funding of the roads, tax asking, informed the Board about the campsites, water usage, and how many counties are in the district, and closing Davis Creek so road work can be done before winter, if the NRD gets a contractor. Becky Ries and Katie Wamsley gave the quarterly report for the Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce. Wamsley ask the Board for approval to use the Courthouse lawn for the Winterfest parade on November 25, 2023. Motion by Ference to allow the use of the Courthouse lawn on November 25, 2023. Second by Cullers. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Board recessed at 10:09 a.m. Reconvened at 10:15 a.m. Baker arrived at 10:15 a.m. County Attorney Hansen reminded the Board about the Sheriff's sale on October 11, 2023. Three properties will be on the sale. Motion by Baker to approve the contract with Stethem. The contract states that if Stethem leaves or is terminated that Stethem will reimburse the County for the buy out that was made when Stethem was hired from St. Paul Police Department. Second by Ference. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Clerk Bower reported on passports income, insurance quotes from Carrie Hurlburt, conversation with Globe Life representative, get quote from current Life Insurance and Disability. Motion by Cullers to pay claims and funds request of \$45,850.71. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to allow the FCCLA to use the Courthouse lawn for the Halloween Parade on October 31, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. Second by Cullers. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Recess at 10:38 a.m. Reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Resolution #23-9 for subdivision budgets, property tax requirements and levies , for each subdivision and school, that the levies calculated and are hereby adopted and set. Second by DeRiso. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Petska and Baker. Voting, No. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve County Attorney Hanson's discoveries with TERC for Valley Rods and Karp and Krow, tax equalizations to the Commission. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to go out of

Board of Equalization at 11:15 a.m. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Gazebo Committee reported on fund raising. Petska reported that Region 26 meeting will be October 30, 2023. Petska and Bower gave a report on Airport Authority meeting on October 9, 2023. Discovered that items were not listed on the insurance with NIRMA. Bower is double checking to make sure equipment is covered in the open area and inside the office. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m., to reconvene on October 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of the September 26, 2023 and Agenda for October 10, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

Valley County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2023 9:00a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on October 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Van Slyke, all present. Absent Petska. Clerk verified meeting notice on October 16, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Ference to approve minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting. Second by Baker. Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the Boardroom. No Public comment. Motion by Cullers to pay the claims and fund request in the amount of \$538,791.97. Second by Baker. Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Resolution #23-12 Inheritance Tax Fund transfer in the amount necessary to the General Fund expenditures for the month of October. Second by Cetak. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Sandy Simpson gave her report on the claims for roads. Motion by DeRiso to approve Resolution #23-10 the County Annual Certification Program Compliance 2023. Second by Baker. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to refund Easement #22-461 to Viaero Fiber Network. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Superintendent Meyer gave his report on stock piling gravel, removal of snow and ice off the County highways, striping has been done, installing some culverts and cleaning ditches. Meyer then ask to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Baker motioned to go into executive session at 9:10 a.m. Second by Cetak. Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to leave executive session at 9:20 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. No action for personnel was taken in executive session. Ference ask Meyer about the Staab road, to maintain it. Meyer said he would take care of it. Nancy Glaubke and Ashley Woodward gave the hospital report. Glaubke reported that she met with Van Slyke to have hospital license signed. Several attended Nebraska Hospital Association conference in LaVista. Celebrate Being a Woman around 300 attended. Upcoming Community wide disaster drill on November 7 and November 10 hosting Veterans Day drive thru breakfast for Veterans. Government institute, Roger Lansman and Chuck Zanger attended that. Crystal Novotny, Christina Pollard, and Nancy Glaubke will be attending the NE Quality Association conference. Woodward then gave the financials for the hospital. Audit has been completed. Tanner and Jeana Hackel informed the Board their company, Hackel Construction, is a General Contractor. Hackel brought attention to the Board that proper solicitation for General Contractors (Community Building Solutions) for the Courthouse Upgrade was not properly solicited. Is there an opportunity for Hackel Construction to look at it as well. Jeana Hackel commented on public funds its equal opportunity for sub-contractors, also general contractors as well. County Attorney Hanson arrived and Hackel discussed with Hanson concerns about the manner of solicitation. Hackel Construction would like to be considered on this project. Board recessed at 10:18 a.m. Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m. Dustin Will with Benefit Management presented the Board with the proposal for Healthcare. Medica's variance was 8.39% compared to Blue Cross BlueShield and United Healthcare 21.09%-22.01% increase. Dustin gave the Board the year to expenditures for healthcare, cost comparison of all three health care entities, and suggestion to make decision soon on Healthcare for employees rather than later. DeRiso left at 10:50 a.m. Motion by Cullers to stay with Medica, stay with exact plan, with a slight increase in deductibles. Second by Cetak. Cullers, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska and DeRiso. Motion carried. County Attorney Hanson reported on the Ballou property that it has to be advertised for sale again. Ference motioned to have a hearing for the Ballou

property November 28, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska and DeRiso. Motion carried. Edghill property will be on the Agenda next month. Board received the information from TERC, discussion for next meeting. Hanson reported that Edghill can repeal. Hanson also reported that Deputy Scheideler delivered paperwork to Michelle Nelson on the run off on 815 Road. Van Slyke had conversation with Ted Nelson about a solution to get it fixed. DeRiso arrived at 11:15 a.m. Sheriff Hurlburt was on the Agenda, but could not attend due to Court being held. The Board looked over the Quarterly Sheriff report. Linda Waltman asked to go into executive session for personnel. Motion by Ference to go into executive session for personnel reason at 11:17 a.m. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to leave executive session at 11:25 a.m. Second by Ference. Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. The employee receipt of handbook from the employees, the Board members signed as part of acknowledgement. Motion by Cullers to continue a 3 year contract with NIRMA. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Petska. Motion carried. Van Slyke reported on the Region 26 meeting. Cullers reported on Region 3 and Wozab funds. Ference reported Economic Development Board didn't have a meeting. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. to reconvene on November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of October 10, 2023 meeting and Agenda for October 31, 2023 meeting 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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Judith Bower  
Valley County Clerk

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Baker, Cullers, Cetak, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke, all present. Clerk verified meeting notice on November 6, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Baker to approve minutes from October 31, 2023 meeting. Second by Cetak. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Abstain, Petska. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to adopt the Agenda. Second by DeRiso. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the boardroom. No public comment. Roads Department Superintendent Meyer gave his report on employee retiring, leaving and hiring of an employee; maintaining roads, preparing for snow, surplus sale, ditch by Ted Nelson, Meyer discussed with board on changing DOT 3<sup>rd</sup> party administration from Medical Enterprise to Diversified. Motion by Baker to go with Diversified for drug testing. Second by Petska. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to advertise and open bids for culverts only by Kerry Petska's (Dane Creek) for December 12, 2023. Second by Baker. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve the Stop Sign/Stop Ahead agreement. Second by Cetak. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Ted Nelson road was discussed. The road will be added to the Agenda for next meeting. Treasurer Brott gave her month end report, personal property distress warrant, miscellaneous receipts. County Attorney Hansen gave his report on juvenile cases rising, after Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> will know more on jury trials. Ballou property will be for a public hearing on November 28, 2023, then a date will be set for sale. Cullers motioned to approve Interlocal agreement for the Provision Cooperative Extension Services for a 5 year term and automatically renew for an additional 5 year term. Second by DeRiso. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Recessed at 9:54 a.m. Reconvened at 10:05 a.m. Employee packet was discussed, changes to health care insurance part and holiday changes. Clerk Bower will make changes, will be ready for next meeting. Motion by Petska to approve Maximus Cost Allocation agreement. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to stay with Lincoln Financial for now and next spring open up options for life insurance with others. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to approve Jason Moudry to a 3 year term for UNL Extension Board. Second by Baker. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve claims and fund request of \$45,642.19. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. The courthouse upgrade was discussed, no action taken. NIRMA dividend was discussed, a thank you will be sent to NIRMA thanking them for funds. Motion by DeRiso to approve the agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve the Healing Hearts and Families Memo of Understanding. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Second by DeRiso. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Tax List Correction #3906. Second by Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve Tax List Correction #3907. Second by DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Tax List Correction #3908. Second by DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Tax List Correction #3909. Second by Petska. Second by Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by DeRiso to approve Tax List Correction #3910. Second by Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Tax List Correction #3911. Second

by DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to approve Tax List Correction #3912. Second by Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Discussion of the 2022-23 levies to 2023-24. Informational Edghill/TERC Board hearing. Motion by Cetak to go out of Board of Equalization at 11:11 a.m. Second by Baker. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Van Slyke reported on the Region 26 meeting. Gazebo Committee reported on fund raising. With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:32 a.m. to reconvene on November 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of October 31, 2023 meeting and Agenda for November 14, 2023 meeting 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 of Supervisors Minutes  
December 12, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on December 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present, Absent, Baker. Clerk verified the meeting notice on December 4, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Petska to approve the November 28, 2023 minutes. Second by Cullers. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to adopt the Agenda. Second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the Boardroom. No public comment. Superintendent Meyer gave his report on bridge inspections, cleaning road ditches, sign inventory in January, and hauling gravel. Bids for culverts by Kerry Petska. First bid was from Midwest Sales in Schuyler, NE for a bid of \$92,660.74. Second bid from ACE/Eaton Metals in Kearney, NE for a bid of \$78,316.60. Engineers estimate was \$70,000.00. Motion by Cetak to use ACE/Eaton Metals in Kearney for the bid of \$78,316.60. Second by Cullers. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker. Motion carried. Baker arrived at 10:00 a.m. Discussion about bridge that needs torn out. Replace with a box culvert. Motion by DeRiso to use Oak Creek Engineering Services for the replacement of the bridge to a box culvert. Project will be in the next 2 years. Second by Cullers. DeRiso, Cetak, Ference, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminksi presented the Board with 2024 Weed Control Plan and introduced the new State inspector Nick Wordekemper. NPPD Ron Rose and Steve Zach were present to discuss with the Board about options for the heating/air, windows, and lighting. Tanner Hackel was present to discuss with the Board heating/air, lighting, and windows. Caleb Pollard and Becky Ries presented the Board with a 3 year contract to have Pollard continue with Business Coaching. Board will have an answer at the next meeting. Grant Geiser presented the Board with addition on his building on the Mortensen site. Resolution be made and Geiser talks with Planning and Zoning. Board recessed at 10:45 a.m. Reconvened at 10:55 a.m. Nelson property was discussed. Sheri Goodrich presented the Board with contract for services with Marvin Planning. Board would like to advertise and have it on the next meeting. Resolution for Livestock Friendly County for next meeting. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:48 a.m. Second by Cetak. Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to approve Tax Correction #3913 Alan Edghill property. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Baker motioned to leave Board of Equalization at 11:55 a.m. Second by Cetak. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Peggy Brott gave the month end report and miscellaneous receipts. Clerk Bower gave report for November month end and District Court Fees. Board ask Clerk Bower to look into time clocks. Gazebo Committee received funds to go ahead with the gazebo. Motion by Cullers to pay the claims and funds request of \$46,399.74. Second by Baker. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Ference to have the Ord Quiz be the official newspaper for 2024. Second by Cetak. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. Cullers motioned to approve the 2022/2023 audit. Second by Ference. Petska, DeRiso, Cetak, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Motion carried. NPERS audit was presented. An employees retirement was not paid in 2021 and 2022. The county will have to pay NPERS \$1,430.85. With no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m., to reconvene on December 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., in regular session and Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of November 26, 2023 meeting and Agenda for December 12, 2023 meeting for

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Valley County Board of Supervisors Minutes  
December 26, 2023 9:00 A.M.

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on December 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cullers, DeRiso, Ference, Petska, Van Slyke. All present. Absent Baker, Cetak. Clerk verified the meeting notice on December 15, 2023 and on the website. Agenda posted. Motion by Cullers to approve December 12, 2023 minutes. Second by DeRiso. Van Slyke, Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker, Cetak. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to Adopt the Agenda. Second by Petska. Ference, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Baker, Cetak. Motion carried. Open meetings Act posted on the west wall of the Boardroom. No public comment. Sandy Simpson gave the road claims and payroll report. Baker arrived at 9:06 a.m. Superintendent Meyer gave his report plowing snow, culverts are ordered, and talked about the issues with Truck 320. Discussion on 464 Ave and railroad crossing. Discussed sending a letter to Ted Nelson asking him to come to next meeting in January. Board will send a letter to Nelson. Motion by Baker to pay claims and fund request in the amount of \$438,507.32. Second by Cullers. Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Ference ask to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion by Baker to go into executive session at 10:05 a.m. Second by Ference. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to leave executive session at 10:14 a.m. Second by Ference. Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Ference, Baker. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session for personnel reasons. Discussion on the Economic Development Coaching commitment with Caleb Pollard. Continue into the next meeting. Ference left at 10:15 a.m. Break at 10:15 a.m. to reconvene at 10:22 a.m. Sheri Goodrich with Planning and Zoning presented the Board with Marvin Planning contract. Motion by DeRiso to sign contract with Marvin Planning. Second by Petska. Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Goodrich is also looking into regulations for solar panels near Agland Electric. Goodrich is also checking into regulations for cell tower near Foths and Highway 22. Motion by Baker to go into Board of Equalization at 11:02 a.m. Second by DeRiso. DeRiso, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Cullers to accept all of the Vehicle Exemptions for Loup Basin Resource Conservation and Development, Lee Park Cemetery, Mid- Nebraska Individual Services, and Heartland Assembly of God. Second by DeRiso. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to leave Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. Second by Petska. DeRiso, Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to accept Resolution #23-17 for Geiser to add on to his business on Mortensen site. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Petska for Van Slyke to sign the letter to terminate TASC. Second by Cullers. Van Slyke, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. Motion by Baker to designate the County website to provide notice of meetings. Second by Cullers. Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Van Slyke. All voting, Yes. Absent, Cetak, Ference. Motion carried. No committee reports. With no further business the meeting was adjourned to reconvene on January 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m. Complete minutes of December 12, 2023 meeting and Agenda for December 26, 2023 meeting 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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