

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Ference, Baker, Cullers, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, VanSlyke present, absent none. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of January 28, 2025, were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. Abstain: Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Stunkel moved to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No one appeared for public comment, but Baker offered a comment from Dale Melia, who was not present, that he felt that the county board should decide on who is appointed to Cullers position.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared. Motion by Petska to set dates for the one and six year highway and street improvement hearing for March 25, 2025, at 9:15am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer gave general report to include continuing work with box culvert, preparations for snow, and payloader and motor grader going on auction time to start taking bids February 20.

Treasurer Brott appeared and gave report on the month end fund report and trial balance, delinquent tax list that was published with tax sale occurring on March 3, 2025, miscellaneous receipts report, and presented the board with pie charts that show the levy comparison and distributions which are available on the county website.

Caleb Pollard appeared for Valley County Economic Development. For the Mortensen Site, Pollard suggested that a declaration of restrictions be filed, giving an example of one recently filed by the city, and suggested that the subdivision of the property begin with lot sizes of 2-5 acres each. Pollard also gave the annual report, to include tourism grants and plans to promote more events to bring more people into town.

The board recessed at 10:11am for a short break and resumed at 10:20am with all present.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich appeared with signed contract from Norm Sullivan for development of a driveway at his newly constructed residence. Motion by Stunkel to approve and accept the contract, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. Sullivan appeared later and stated that delays in construction of driveway were due to equipment breakdowns and plans to have new driveway completed by June 1, 2025.

Motion by Baker to have the Treasurer transfer \$475,235.00 from Bond Fund to General Fund to pay for HVAC, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Cullers to approve the fund request of \$535,912.54, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Cullers, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

The County Board discussed options for snow removal from the courthouse sidewalks if Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek is unable to. No decision was reached. VanSlyke volunteered to help clear the sidewalks after the meeting.

NADC Form C-1, Statement of Financial Interests, was presented to the county board. The due date for it to be turned into the State is March 3, 2025.

District Court and County Court fees and fines reports were reviewed.

NACO Central District Meeting will be held on March 20, 2025. Clerk can register any board members who wish to attend. NACO Budget Workshop will tentatively be held on May 8, 2025. Clerk will update the board when more information is available.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48am, to reconvene on February 25, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the February 11, 2025, meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website <https://valleycountyne.gov>.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk