

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Ference, Baker, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, VanSlyke present, absent none. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of February 11, 2025, were approved on motion of Petska, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered. Stunkel was absent from 9:02am and returned at 9:06am.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared and gave general report and report on February claims & balances. General report included the road's department did not have a levy transfer for February, the road's budget taking care of the assessor pickup, box culvert floor recently poured, road's office performs the tire replacements for road vehicles and equipment, equipment currently listed for auction, 1 & 6 year road plan will be March 25, 2025, at 9:15am. After discussion, motion by Petska to approve paying invoice for around \$101k to Midlands Construction for bridge work to be paid out of the bridge buyback fund at the March 11, 2025, board meeting instead of at the end of the month, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report to include a potential of an overpayment to inheritance fund that was previously made. Discussion followed about court appointed attorneys and juvenile cases.

Motion by Baker to enter Board of Equalization at 9:31am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. Deputy Assessor Lorry Fleming appeared. Discussion on calculations for Form 451NF. Motion by Ference to approve Form 451NF, exemption for for-profit nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, or assisted-living facility, for Grandview Assisted Living at 19%, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Ference to approve Form 451NF, exemption for for-profit nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, or assisted-living facility, for Arbor Care Centers - Ord at 48.34%, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on nonprofit status of Senior Classics of Valley County. Motion by Stunkel to approve Form 451, tax exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations, for Senior Classics of Valley County, and requesting more paperwork to clarify nonprofit status, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: Petska. Absent: none. Fleming stated that further paperwork will be provided for the board the next day. Motion by Baker to exit the board of equalization at 9:40am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Valley County Health System appeared with January Financial Report and general report. Discussion followed about the closure of Rose Lane in Loup City, the VCHS clinic in Loup City, and the MRI machine being down for over a week, but repair was covered under the service contract.

The board recessed at 9:54am for a short break and resumed at 10:01am with all present.

Caleb Pollard appeared with Valley County Economic Development. Discussion and review of title report for the Mortensen Site that was completed by Valley Title. Jan Howard with Valley Title will not be charging the county for the report. More discussion followed on board committee for industrial development, possible creation of covenants and regulations for the Mortensen site, and goals of seeing more development. Pollard stated that he is not specifically advocating selling the land, only advocating for development and wanting to research and address possible impediments to development. Attorney

Hanson advised that sale of county owned land is set by statute. Stunkel was absent from 10:24am and returned at 10:27am.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report to include January ROD report, phone routing system, and painting the office.

Petska reported concerns about recent discoveries with the budget for the current fiscal year; July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. There are 19 funds and departments that differ between the budget figures that were filed by Chuck Abel, accountant for the county, with the State and the figures that were entered into the Clerk's budget documents after the start of the fiscal year. Those documents are used by all departments to track expenditures. Discussion followed. Motion by Baker to go into executive session to discuss past personnel issues at 11:15am, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. The board left executive session at 11:15am with no action taken. Discussion followed on steps to correct the errors, with the clerk's office entering in correct data, other departments being advised of errors in current documents.

An update for the NET Grant for Noxious Weed was discussed.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek reported on quote to replace 6 stools. Discussion followed with decision to table this until after corrections to budget documents are made.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler reported on upcoming meeting with Prochaska to begin review of jail. An agenda for the meeting was presented to the board. Discussion followed about Prochaska, Jail Standards, number of officers employed with the city of Ord, and status of State Patrol investigator decision.

The 2024 Annual Report for the Extension Office was reviewed and discussed.

Committees and Representatives for the board members were discussed and updated.

Committees with four members were changed to three. Motion by Stunkel to approve changes, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. The updated appointments will be available on the county website.

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.

Motion by Baker to approve the fund request of \$312,219.91, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59am, to reconvene on March 10, 2025, at 7:00pm for the purpose of sitting as the Wozab Fund Advisory Committee and March 11, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the February 11, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the February 25, 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