

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

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

A request for payment from Midlands Contracting, Inc was reviewed and discussed for the road's department. Approval of payment was given at the previous meeting.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski appeared and gave an update on the Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant, designed to help landowners combat leafy spurge. Kaminski is ordering chemical on April 1 to assist. Landowners with current leafy spurge infestations are encouraged to contact the county.

The Mortensen Site was discussed. Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich is locating all surveys that have been completed. Suggestion from County Attorney Brandon Hanson to record all leases with the register of deeds and create covenants for the site to be recorded.

Motion by Baker to enter Board of Equalization at 9:29am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. Assessor Linda Waltman appeared. Discussion followed on a contract for services from Lake Mac Assessment, LLC. They will assist in repricing and creating new depreciation schedules. Motion by Ference to approve the contract, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Baker to exit the board of equalization at 9:41am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Hanson gave update on state legislature concerning inheritance tax, still reviewing possibility of an overpayment, and upcoming jury term.

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. Further discussion of the Mortensen Site. Pollard presented a provisional survey that had been started and requested signage for the site.

The board recessed at 10:01am for a short break and resumed at 10:11am with Ference now absent.

District/County Court fees and fines reports were reviewed.

Motion by Baker to approve claims and fund request of \$162,205.53, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Discussion followed about grant from Region 26 to pay for 2 license plate readers, update on Prochaska review, budgets concerns relating to amount of time answering City of Ord calls verses contract fees received, upgrading of body and in vehicle cameras. Motion by Baker to upgrade all camera equipment, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference. Sheriff Scheideler gave further updates on recent jail inspection, replacement of Charger, new deputies set to graduate from training on April 17, and hire of a part time deputy.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave February ROD fee report.

Building and Ground Superintendent Danny Vanek discussed seeking bids for fertilizing courthouse lawn.

Budget concerns were discussed. Expenditures reports with corrected adopted budget figures were presented to the board for review.

Organization and political subdivision reporting times were discussed. Motion by Petska have VCHS report monthly and all other entities and political subdivisions report quarterly, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker. No: Stunkel, Magiera. Absent: Ference.

Tentative awards for Wozab grants were discussed. Applications for future years will be accepted from February 1 through March 1. All parties will be moved to a reimbursement category with all awarded funds needing to be spent and receipts turned in by January 31. Motion by Stunkel to award grants for \$32,625 as follows: United Methodist Food Pantry \$3,305, Ord Girls Softball \$1,000, Valley County Historical Society \$1,000, Loup Valley Veteran's Memorial \$1,945, North Loup Popcorn Days Association \$5,160, Ord Generals \$750, Ord Veteran's Memorial \$3,250, North Loup Recreation Committee \$4,450, Ord Youth Wrestling \$1,250, Citizens for a Greater Ord \$5,155, North Loup Public Library \$500, Bethany Lutheran Church \$955, Ord Youth Baseball Program \$1,950, and Ord Legion Baseball \$1,955, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Committee reports included industrial development update, human resources creating a grievance committee list, and Region 26 speaking on state legislative bill.

Emails from NACO for legislative report were reviewed. County Board will submit a letter of opposition for proposed inheritance tax legislation, as such has no replacement of funding for counties.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54am, to reconvene on March 25, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization, one and six year highway and street improvement hearing at 9:15am. Complete minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the March 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