

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 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 March 11, 2025, were approved with the following corrections: the sentence "The board recessed at 9:54am for a short break and resumed at 10:01am with all present." was removed and the sentence "Building and Ground Superintendent Danny Vanek discussed seeking bids for fertilizing courthouse lawn." was changed to read "Petska discussed seeking bids for fertilizing courthouse lawn." on motion of Ference, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, with the addition of hearing a report from Berggren Architects with no action being taken, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. Baker offered public comment, expressing concerns that he has received about the closing of the infants' room at Linda's Preschool.

There were no items for the board of equalization.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave report on March claims and balances. Meyer gave general report to include update on the current culvert project, upcoming bridge replacement. Discussion followed on pivots that spray onto and overhang county roads and their right of ways. Motion by Stunkel to enter the One- and Six-Year Highway and Street Improvement Hearing at 9:26am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. No one providing support or opposition appeared. Form 11, the previous year's one year plan, Form 8, the proposed one-year plan, and Form 9, the proposed six-year plan, were reviewed and discussed. Meyer reported plans to try a new surface treatment for two small sections of gravel road for maintenance. Baker commented on receiving good reports on a previously troubled spot. Motion by Petska to approve Resolution 25-03, accepting and adopting the one- and six-year county road plans, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Ference to close the hearing at 9:41am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer reported on recent sales of equipment and need to invest in new equipment. Discussion followed about current replacement that Meyer found from a Nebraska township and plans to rotate machinery every 15 years from model year. Motion by DeRiso to purchase and sign sales agreement for 2019 Caterpillar 12M3, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Stunkel stepped out of the meeting at 9:58am and returned during executive session. Motion by Ference to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 10:00am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Motion by Stunkel to exit executive session at 10:07am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. No decisions were made during executive session.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for Valley County Health System. February financial report was given, to include MRI being down for a week in February and repair being covered under warranty, working on finding replacements for specialty clinics that no longer are coming to VCHS, and receiving Age-Friendly Health System designation. The March board meeting report was given. Petska thanked VCHS for giving reports every month. Future reports will now be given at 10am during the last regular board meeting of every month.

The board recessed at 10:17am for a short break and resumed at 10:24am with all present.

Kristi Hagstrom with Ord Township Library appeared to give annual report to include upcoming Strategic Report, fighting water leaking on the north basement wall, the many different activities and services offered to the public, and cash flow reports.

Jerry Berggren with Berggren Architects appeared. Discussion followed on previously signed contract for courthouse restoration and upcoming training and certification for Edison Coating. Berggren Architects requested to appear before the board again on April 29. Baker was absent from 10:58am until 11:05am.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report on inheritance tax and upcoming jury term in May.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler gave report on overtime and NIRMA grants received, kids' fair events, jail at capacity, plans to pick up newly purchased vehicle, and upcoming meeting with Ord City to discuss law enforcement.

The Reports and Requirements for Noxious Weed were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Ference to approve and sign, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Request by Midwest Makers Market to use the courthouse grounds on July 5 was received and discussed, with no objections. Motion by Ference to approve use, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Stunkel left the board meeting at 11:36am to inspect the courthouse roof with Berggren Architects and Danny Vanek and returned at 11:47am.

Discussion on mental health expenditures and reimbursement. Baker commented on witnessing recently witnessing a mental health event and the exemplary response provided by Chief Deputy Hogue and Deputy Callahan.

Mortensen development was discussed to include the current 99-year lease, banking perception of a lease, and legalities of ownership with improvements on leased land. Olsson will be contacted for questions on surveys that have been done.

Baker was absent from the meeting from 11:49am until 11:51am. Ference was absent from the meeting from 11:50am until 11:52am.

Jerry Berggren returned with a sample from the exterior coating that had peeled off, questioning if it was Edison coating.

Discussion on the county owning the ambulance that VCHS uses for transportation and the county being responsible for insurance and deductibles. Further discussion on how Prochaska itemized their first invoice, with meals and copy charges. Budget concerns for the end of the current fiscal year and for the next fiscal year were noted. Motion by Baker to approve claims and fund request of \$444,386.66, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Budget concerns were further discussed with information obtained at the NACO central district conference presented and upcoming NACO budget workshop. Discussion followed on broadband coming through the county.

Baker asked to go into executive session. After highlighting the areas of concern with title changes with the assessor's office, executive session was not entered into. Baker will try other avenues and report back.

Committee reports included Ference giving report on MidNebraska, VanSlyke on Region 26, Petska on disbursement requests for Wozab grants, and DeRiso on MidPlains Behavioral Health.

Mail Folder included City of Ord letter about tax increment finance reporting and open house invitation for the Extension Office on April 9 from 2pm to 4pm at the fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47pm, to reconvene on April 8, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting and an agenda

for the March 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.

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KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk