

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke present, absent Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of March 25, 2025, were approved on motion of Ference, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Ference moved to adopt the agenda, second Petska. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

There were no items for the board of equalization.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared. Motion by Petska to approve and sign paperwork for CAT Financial for Motor grader, \$100,000 financed at 5.49%, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer updated on hire of new employee for Arcadia area. Baker arrived at 9:08am. Meyer gave report on repair of guardrail, asphalt prices down minorly, weight restrictions being removed on some county roads, new dust control application set to be applied tentatively mid-May.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report of refund for \$58,828.08 from overpayment of inheritance tax occurring soon, less likely for jury trials in May.

Pastor Spencer Johnson requested use of Wozab Gazebo and/or courthouse steps on May 1, 2025, beginning at noon, for National Day of Prayer. Motion by Stunkel to approve, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Dr Heather Nebesniak and Dawn Skibinski appeared to give report for Ord Public Schools and also inviting county board members to attend school board meetings that occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Current growth for budgets is 3% on current expenditures, with snapshot of expenditures occurring when school was down two special education teachers. Also reported were state legislation, hiring of math teacher and two special education teachers, and nutrition program.

The board recessed at 9:59am for a short break and resumed at 10:06am with all present.

Brian Cox, Maddie Prosocki, and Tristian Hornickel appeared with UNL Extension and gave report on new health programs being piloted in schools, update on budgets, and invited everyone to attend the open house on April 9.

Dave Williams with the Valley County Airport gave report on plans for new hanger, bidding occurring this week, new business Nebraskaland Aviation, budgets, areas where revenues come from, and listed current board members of Coy Wolf, Rex Kelley, Mike Blaha, Nate Lehman, and Dave Williams.

Treasurer Peggy Brott reported on month end fund report, trial balance, miscellaneous receipts, and pledge receipt. Fund balance on March 31, 2025 of General fund was \$163,197.82, Road fund \$358,181.47, and Inheritance fund \$1,198,117.47.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek gave details on bids received for a 4 stage application lawn fertilizing. Discussion followed. Motion by Baker to approve Buller Designs LLC, the lowest bid, for fertilizing applications, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Vanek also gave report on upcoming vacation and front courthouse steps.

Sheriff Secretary Ashley Spanel gave update on license plate readers, grant has changed to reimbursable grant, must pay for license plate readers first, concerns of other counties who partnered with Region 26 no longer wanting their readers. Motion by Baker to pay for two cameras already planned for out of Inheritance fund and reimburse inheritance fund when receive grant reimbursement, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none.

Absent: none. Motion by Magiera to amend to allow extra readers to be purchased if available through Regions 26, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference.

No: none. Absent: none. Discussion followed on status of Prochaska.

Annual Noxious Weed Notice to be published was reviewed. Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski waiting on grants to be issued before purchasing chemicals.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report on March ROD, updates on SLCG, LACTF, and ARPA grants reporting and statutes, legislation and information concerning website updating. Website vendors will be contacted by purchasing committee and clerk to check on pricing for upcoming required updates.

County and District Court Fines and Fees Reports were reviewed. County will receive payments on judgments for reimbursement.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$55,058.13, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Pay periods for employees were discussed. Will continue discussion at next board meeting.

Budget concerns were discussed to include current and future fiscal year.

Committee reports included VanSlyke reporting on Region 26, Magiera reporting on Region 3, and Baker on Economic Development. Petska reported on being on national level committees of Ag Rural Communities and Human Services and Education.

NACO Budget workshops upcoming May 8 in York and May 15 in Ogallala. Currently Petska and Poland registered for workshops.

Mail Folder included email from Berggren Architects. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55am, to reconvene on April 29, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the March 25, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the April 8, 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