

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke present, absent Magiera. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of April 8, 2025, were approved on motion of Baker, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Magiera. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Magiera. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered. Magiera arrived at 9:02am.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave report on claims and balances with detailed report on bridge and street buybacks. Meyer gave report maintaining roads, ditch cleaning, waiting on phone company for lines before can start next culver project, installation of new stop and stop ahead signs, and sale of used signs to Village of Arcadia. Meyer also discussed budget concerns with regards to new possible State legislation.

Motion by Baker to enter the Board of Equalization at 9:29am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. County Attorney Brandon Hanson spoke on past TERC cases that have not been ruled on yet, current TERC cases that are set for hearing in June, and discovery requests received for them. The State Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division has initiated the appeals that is creating the TERC cases. Also discussed was first interview of an applicant for County Assessor to take place with the human resources committee on May 6 at 9am. Motion by Baker to exit Board of Equalization at 9:43am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Request made to use the courthouse lawn on Fridays from June 6 thru approximately Sept 19 for the Farmer's Market. Will be tabled until the next meeting because it was not on the agenda and could not be voted on. Motion by Ference to approve use of courthouse lawn for Makers Market on June 5, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. Motion by Ference to approve use of courthouse restrooms for Rod Run on Father's Day June 15, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Caleb Pollard and Katie Walmsley appeared with Economic Development. Pollard gave update on Olsson survey and plat of Mortensen Site and promotion of 3 current lots available for industrial development. Pollard also gave quarterly report to include sales tax collections and commented on the diverse amount of people who contribute to the betterment of Valley County and the good that's been done following the annual awards celebration in March. Walmsley gave report on new business in North Loup, decrease in lodging tax collections over the winter, and the new Valley County Travel Guide.

Valley County Health System appeared and report given on April board meeting and march financial report. Also discussed was closing of some Arbor Care locations with Ord staying open, changing employee healthcare, and upcoming meeting with area law enforcement agencies to discuss enforcement safety concerns with how they relate to HIPPA regulations.

The board recessed at 10:35am for a short break and resumed at 10:45am.

Berggren Architects appeared and gave report on progress of bidding for exterior restoration, 2 contractors who are interested in bidding, Edison Coating to host upcoming workshop for certification for applying product, and suggested to wait for bidding until after workshop.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Brittany Thompson appeared and gave report on revenues and expenses of county jail, two deputies graduated recently, and meeting with city of Ord to discuss contract. Ference exited the boardroom at 11:26am and returned at 11:29am.

County Attorney gave report on increase in juvenile filings.

Clerk KeShara Poland reported on advertising for open position.

Annual contract for Weed Superintendent was discussed. Baker left the boardroom at 11:39am. Motion by Petska to approve the annual contract, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Also reported was grant for spray being put on hold.

Motion by Ference to approve the fund request of \$676,013.45, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker. Baker returned at 11:50am.

The Wozab Gazebo reservation fee was discussed with no action.

Committee reports included Industrial Development committee meeting April 30.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04pm, to reconvene on May 13, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 8, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the April 29, 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