

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, 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 29, 2025, were approved on motion of Ference, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Magiera. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Magiera. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. Magiera arrived at 9:02am.

Helen Cullers appeared with public comment concerning charging deposit fees for use of the Wozab Gazebo. Cullers requested that no deposit fee be charged as donations paid for the Gazebo. The board decided that further discussion was warranted and it table it until the next meeting.

Motion by Baker to approve the fund request for \$61,235.93, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Craig Trampe appeared for Arcadia Public Schools. Report included currently on levy override, operating near minimal staffing levels for accreditation, and goals to not exceed a 2.5% budget increase.

Motion by Ference to approve use of the courthouse lawn for the Farmer's Market on Fridays from June 6 thru approximately Sept 19, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared. Meyer presented an example of use of Flock Camera to assist a neighboring county with an accident and reported on currently spraying for leafy spurge, mixing asphalt, and installation of guard rail at box culvert. Discussion followed about new application for dust control. Stunkel was absent from 9:21am – 9:22am.

Motion by Baker to enter the Board of Equalization at 9:27am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. County Attorney Brandon Hanson spoke on possibility of continuing two of the TERC cases and possibility of one being dismissed. Ference left the board meeting at 9:30am. Hanson also spoke about discovery responses for the TERC cases. TERC cases will be heard in Broken Bow on June 10, 11, and 12. Motion by Petska to sign the discovery responses, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Petska to set the dates for property valuation protests hearings for June 24, July 7 in evening, and July 8; date for destroyed property for July 17, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Baker to exit Board of Equalization at 9:45am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on an uptick in public records requests and an uptick in juvenile cases.

The interview of Aurora Griebel for the County Assessor position was discussed. Griebel will begin working in the Assessor's office to fill an open clerical position. Motion by Baker to close applications for County Assessor, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. The Board will vote on the appointment of County Assessor at the next board meeting.

Alma Beland and Stena Seamann appeared for Region 26. A contract that renews every 5 years was presented, with the resolution to accept it being tabled until the next board meeting. Ference rejoined the meeting at 10:00am. A general report for Region 26 was given, to include current 12 employees, burn ban helping with fire calls, information about pre-emergency disaster declaration, and upcoming training for fire departments on filling airplanes for fire fighting.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler gave report on upcoming meeting with law enforcement agencies and VCHS, volleyball weekend being good, and new deputies continuing training.

The board recessed at 10:25am for a short break and resumed at 10:33am.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich appeared. Discussion followed about new comprehensive plan, upcoming meeting with Marvin Consulting, State receiving livestock friendly application, upcoming town hall, updating regulations, and possibility of items that would require permits in the future. Goodrich will begin appearing for monthly reports.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave April Register of Deeds report to include remitting to the State 78% of doc stamps collected.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave month end fund report, trial balance, pledge security update, and miscellaneous receipts report. As of April 30, the general fund has a balance of \$1,151,072.05, road fund \$242,567.52, and inheritance fund \$1,175,034.83. Resolution to Issue County Tax Sale Certificates and subsequent taxes sold will be tabled until a future board meeting.

Petska reported on receiving information from Berggren Architects so she can begin submitting part 4 of an application to have some funds reimbursed for courthouse preservation. Awaiting on Berggren to finalize one more invoice.

Motion by Baker to enter executive session at 11:24am for personnel reasons, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Baker to exit executive session at 11:25am, carried, with no decisions made.

NACO Budget Workshop information was reviewed from Clerk Poland attending May 8. Petska will be attending May 15.

Discussion was held of hiring a temporary employee for the whole courthouse, will be tabled until next board meeting.

Discussion over board meeting dates in June was held. There will be one additional board meeting on June 30 at 9am. Notice will be published.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42am, to reconvene on May 27, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the April 29, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the May 13, 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