

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Baker absent. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of May 27, 2025, were approved on motion of Stunkel, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall; public copies available on the counter. No public comment offered.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared and gave a report on upcoming conference. Baker arrived at 9:01am. Meyer continued with report of asphalt mixing on hold because of rain, motor grader and dump truck listed for auction, and resignation of employee. Ference was absent from 9:08am until 9:10am. Budget was discussed for the upcoming fiscal year.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave a report on 10-day notice issued for leafy spurge on hay ground near Elyria and open/closed file report.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave update on projects with Berggren Architects. Petska reported that Berggren Architects had received an invoice for Nebraska State Historical Society and not forwarding it to Valley County for payment, causing substantial delay with the application for the Nebraska State Historic Tax Credit.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:33am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. Assessor Linda Waltman and Aurora Griebel appeared. Requirement of interior inspections for property valuation protests was questioned. County Attorney Hanson gave update on Confession of judgment for a TERC case with American Legion Post #251. Stunkel left the board meeting at 9:42am. Motion by Petska to have Hanson sign the confession of judgment, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave an update on TERC Cases, all still scheduled to be heard in Broken Bow, but possibility of continuances. Hanson also gave update on continuances for some TERC cases. Stunkel returned at 9:42am. The certification of 2025 Real Property Assessment Roll, Notice of Valuation Change, and Overvalued/Undervalued Report were reviewed. Motion by Stunkel to exit board of equalization at 9:59am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Hanson continued with a report with inheritance tax received in May and State legislative session complete. Baker left the meeting at 10:01am.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave a report on Month End Fund Report, to include balances as of May 31, 2025, for general fund of \$935,152.58, road fund \$219,328.29, and inheritance fund \$1,309,346.38, trial balance, pledge security, miscellaneous receipts, notice of delinquent taxes/assessments/city liens, issuance of county tax sale certificates, and private tax sale certificates purchased. Motion by Stukel to approve resolution to issue county tax sale certificates, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Baker returned at 10:06am. Stunkel asked Brott if it was legal to pay taxes with gold and silver. Brott was unaware.

The board took a short break at 10:09am and reconvened at 10:16am.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich gave a report on update of comprehensive plan, contracted with Marvin Planning. The comprehensive plan is anticipated to be complete by this fall, upcoming town hall meetings on June 24 in Ord at noon and Arcadia at 4pm. The public is encouraged to attend. The planning board has also been working on the comprehensive plan. Goodrich also reported on the status of Livestock Friendly designation, currently being reviewed by the director of the Department of Ag.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave May register of deeds report and introduced a new employee.

Potential new city police chief for Ord was discussed. Motion by Ference to enter executive session at 10:47am to discuss personnel, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. The board exited executive session at 11:06am with no decisions made. Motion to add a law enforcement committee of Magiera, Stunkel, and Ference on motion of Baker, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

District/County Court fees/fines reports were reviewed.

The annual billing statement for 2025-2026 for insurance from NIRMA was reviewed. Questions about coverage of property inside of hangers at the Valley County Airport were discussed.

Discussion of status of projects with Berggren Architects was continued. Stunkel left the board meeting at 11:13am. Contract with Berggren Architects was reviewed. Motion by Ference to pause work for 90 days with Berggren Architects and give them notice as such, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Stunkel returned at 11:15am.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$167,225.81, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Upcoming budget legislation for fiscal year 2025-2026 was discussed. First budget committee meeting is set for June 23 at 7pm to discuss budgets with department heads and any upcoming inventory needs.

An engagement letter with Contryman Associates to perform annual audits for the next 3 years was reviewed. Motion by Ference to approve and sign engagement letter, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker gave a committee report on demographic information with Prochaska. VanSlyke gave a report on Region 26.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am, to reconvene on June 24, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the June 10, 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