

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of August 18, 2025, were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Baker. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave July report on claims and balances. Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution 25-10, Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to sign County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer gave report to include working on asphalt and employee working on obtaining CDL. Motion by Ference to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 9:14am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. The board exited executive session on motion of Baker, second Magiera, at 9:28am with no decisions made. All voting yes. Discussion on adding a position to the Roads Department.

No items for board of equalization.

Ashley Woodward appeared for VCHS. Woodward gave July financial report and August board report, to include status of MRI machine.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson appeared. Discussion on tax asking for Twin Loup Reclamation District and distress warrants. Hanson gave update on Title IV Amendment for child support enforcement. Further report of uptick in juvenile case filings.

The board took a short break at 9:56am and reconvened at 10:01am with Baker absent.

Accountant Chuck Abel appeared. Discussion on budget revisions, political subdivision requests, and levy rates. Baker returned at 10:09am. Motion by Petska to raise the levy to .33, second Ference. Discussion followed. Motion denied. No: Ference, Baker, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. Yes: Petska. Absent: none. Motion by VanSlyke to raise the levy to .32, second Petska. Discussion followed. Motion denied. No: Baker, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel. Yes: Petska, VanSlyke, Ference. Absent: none. Levy rate will remain unchanged at .31. Discussion on increasing Arcadia Township request. The board will hold an additional meeting on September 23, 2025, at 9:00am in the Courthouse Boardroom with budget hearing taking place at 9:00am. Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution 25-11 to set political subdivision requests, second Ference; approved amounts: North Loup Fire General Fund \$28,840, Sinking Fund \$12,000; Loup Valley Agricultural Society General Fund \$75,000, Capital Improvement Fund \$27,500; Arcadia Township General Fund \$78,800; Ord Township General Fund \$123,000; North Loup Township General Fund \$17,035; Arcadia Rural Fire District General Fund \$53,821, Bond Fund \$40,000; Ord Rural Fire District General Fund \$94,000; Valley County Airport Authority General Fund \$40,000, Bond Fund \$36,000. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report on July Register of Deeds report and update on new employee starting at the end of the week.

Treasurer Peggy Brott appeared. Discussion on distress warrants. Motion by Ference to Strike Reda's Grocery's distress warrant due to bankruptcy filing, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker.

Motion by Baker to approve the fund request of \$332,092.81, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on participation in new national opioids secondary manufacturers settlements. Motion by Ference to approve participation, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Heidi Borg, Agriculture Liaison with Congressman Smith, appeared and gave legislative updates, discussion on Community Funding Projects. Borg held mobile office hours in the courthouse county courtroom from 11:15am until 12:15 pm.

Motion by Stunkel to approve county inventories, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Committee reports included DeRiso giving update on MidPlains and Baker giving update on Loup Basin Public Health Department.

Mail Folder: Ageless Adventure, put on by Arbor Care, will be September 10.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22am, to reconvene on September 9, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with a budget hearing at 10:00am. Complete minutes of the August 18, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the August 26, 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