

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, September 9, 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 26, 2025, were approved on motion of Baker, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Magiera moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. 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 appeared and gave report on overlay on Sargent-Ord Road, fixing roads after recent heavy rains, and tree contractors coming soon. A Speed Study on Ashton Road, from Highway 22 to 1 mile south of Highway 22, OCE Project #47-C-2A, was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Baker to accept the speed study and recommendations as presented, and update speed limit on Ashton Road from 804 Road to Highway 22 to 35 mph, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Further report on dust suppression company not showing up.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave report on one open file remaining, will be sending a 10-day notice on 25-30 acres.

Caleb Pollard appeared on behalf of Scratchtown Brewing Company. A request for a special designed license for October 18, 2025, from 12pm until 9pm at Burdette's Custom Meats for a Festival & BBQ was reviewed. Motion by Baker to approve the special designed license, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Stunkel.

The Mortensen Site was discussed. NACO assisting with reviewing title report, desire to keep forward moving progress with site development.

Motion by Ference to approve the fund request of \$48,833.50, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Swearing in of elected and appointed officials was discussed. County Attorney Brandon Hanson will draw up a document for review on setting a policy and present at the next board meeting.

Motion by Magiera to enter the board of equalization at 9:30am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. The valuation summary sheet and a list of exempt properties were reviewed. Motion by Baker to exit board of equalization at 9:39am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report on no jury trials set for September, uptick in juvenile cases.

The Joint Public Hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2025, at 7pm in the District Courtroom of the Valley County Courthouse. Valley County will be required to appear. Discussion on desire for all board members to attend. Ference will be speaking on behalf of Valley County.

Motion by Ference to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 9:47am, second Stunkel. Carried. All voting yes. The board exited executive session at 10:03am with no decisions made. Magiera left the meeting at 10:03am.

Further discussion on the Joint Public Hearing.

The board took a short break at 10:09am and reconvened at 10:19am with Magiera absent.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave report on month end fund report, fund balance listing, to include balances as of August 31, 2025, for general fund \$827,492.83, road fund \$183,005.10, and inheritance fund \$1,331,418.69, miscellaneous receipts, month end balance sheet, and pledge securities.

The August District and County Courts Fees and Fines Reports were reviewed.

Annual subscription renewal with Tyler Technologies for Veterans' Services was reviewed. Motion by Ference to approve the subscription renewal, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report on August Register of Deeds report. Acceptance of passport applications was discussed.

The budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 was reviewed. The Joint Public Hearing was further discussed.

The NACO Annual Conference will be held in Kearney on December 17-19, 2025, with registration opening September 10. Discussion on board members who would like to attend and if hotel rooms are needed. Clerk will handle registrations and reservations.

Committee report included Stunkel giving report for purchasing committee to include recent walk through of offices, Petska reported on progress of Nebraska Historical Tax Credits and on Region 26.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46am, to reconvene on September 23, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with a budget hearing at 9:00am. Complete minutes of the August 26, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the September 9, 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