

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso present. Absent: Ference, Stunkel. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of September 24, 2025, were approved on motion of Petska, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Ference. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference, Stunkel. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. Joe Miller appeared and gave public comment in support of the local DHHS office.

An email received from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requesting clarification regarding the County's intentions for the space currently occupied by the Nebraska DHHS Program with regards to LB376 and their evaluation of ongoing space needs. Ference arrived at 9:05am. Discussion of Valley County currently required to pay the rent for the DHHS office located in Ord, LB376 allowing counties to have the option to do so instead of being required, and speculation of if the State would continue to service the DHHS office in Ord if Valley County does not pay the rent or if the State would choose to close it. Petska went on record as saying, "I'll be damned that I'm going to take the fall for moving that office out of this county." The rest of the board agreed, communicating a strong desire to keep the office in Valley County.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave report on September claims and balances. Motion by Ference to accept the structure bids for Structure #C008811310P, with lowest bid being Ace Eaton Metals for \$44,517.22, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Motion by DeRiso to approve easement #25-470 for Jacobs, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Abstain: Magiera. Motion by Ference to approve easement #25-471 for Jacobs, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Abstain: Magiera. Meyer gave general report to include ditch cleaning, discussion with dragging roads.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski was not able to appear but relayed information on spraying school land and rain delays.

Discussion of Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek currently looking at trees, new carpet, and some trimming needing to be done with current trees.

Motion by Baker to approve the fund request of \$645,868.51, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:34am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Assessor Aurora Griebel appeared. Motion by Ference to approve updated exempt properties list with changes and corrections, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Motion by Magiera to exit board of equalization at 9:35am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

VanGuard and Eagle View for the Assessor's Office is in budget and approved.

Motion by Petska to enter executive session at 9:37am for personnel reasons, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. The board exited executive session at 10:21am with no decisions made.

The board took a short break at 10:22am and reconvened at 10:28am.

Motion by Magiera to hire Woods Aitken LLP to represent the County Assessor, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for VCHS. Ortmeier gave August financial report. Baker left the meeting at 10:32am. Woodward gave September board report.

Motion by Petska to approve Resolution 2025-14, procedure for administering the oath of office for elected and appointed county officials, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker.

Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report on increase in juvenile 3a filings and juvenile criminal filings. Overall criminal cases have dramatically increased with felony cases being approximately one-third.

Further discussion of the email received from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requesting clarification regarding the County's intentions for the space currently occupied by the Nebraska DHHS Program. Motion by Magiera for the county to continue to pay rent for the space with no changes being made, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker

Motion by Petska to approve services proposal from Applied Connective Technologies with Clearly, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker.

SLCG Round 2 application is tabled until the next board meeting, needing further clarification on what is reimbursable with the grant.

Discussion of NACO Annual Conference in December in Kearney.

Committee reports included Ference with MNIS building possibly being sold, Petska with economic development for upcoming meeting at the Chamber office on October 1 with State Senator Dan McKeon being invited.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57am, to reconvene on October 14, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with board of equalization at 9:30am. Complete minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the September 30, 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