

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: Ference. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of September 30, 2025, were approved on motion of Petska, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Abstain: Stunkel. Absent: Ference. Stunkel moved to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. 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 to include completion of striping on Sargent-Ord Rd, in process of cutting trees, and recent sale of surplus equipment at auction. Further discussion on improvement and classification of roads to include evaluating current roads that are not improved and/or maintained with the possibility of changing the classification to minimum maintenance.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:30am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference. Assessor Aurora Griebel appeared. Valuations, property tax requirements, and resulting levies were reviewed. Motion by Stunkel, second Baker to approve Resolution 25-15, to adopt and set levies with the following levy calculations: Valley County General Fund 0.298173, Valley County Relief Fund 0.000739, Valley County Debt Service Fund 0.011087, Valley County Total 0.310000; Ord Township 0.035038; North Loup Township 0.015404; Arcadia Township 0.083412; Ord City General Fund 0.332261, Ord City Bond Fund 0.115245; North Loup Village General Fund 0.935000; Arcadia Village General Fund 0.500000, Arcadia Bond Fund 0.100460; Elyria Village 0.500000; Ord Fire District 2 General Fund 0.010532; North Loup Fire District 3 General Fund 0.014317, North Loup Fire District 3 Sinking Fund 0.005957; Arcadia Fire District 4 General Fund 0.020162, Arcadia Fire District 4 Bond Fund 0.014984; Valley County Airport 0.005618; Loup Valley Ag Society General Fund 0.005544, Loup Valley Ag Society Capital Construction 0.002033; Twin Loups Reclamation District 0.010718; Ord School District 5 General Fund 0.647824, Ord School District 5 Bond Fund 0.063171, Ord School District 5 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 0.020403; Arcadia School District 21 General Fund 0.876449, Arcadia School District 21 Special Building Fund 0.095501. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Baker to exit board of equalization at 9:36am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Contracts for VanGuard and Eagle View for the Assessor's Office were discussed and tabled until the next board meeting.

Motion by Petska to approve use of courthouse grounds and Wozab Gazebo by the Ord Chamber for WinterFest for all day on November 29, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Caleb Pollard gave quarterly report for Valley County Economic Development to include revolving loan program with REA, localized employment needs, recruiting, scholarship sponsorship, childcare needs, having a record number of new chamber members, meeting with schools for retention and outreach, and upcoming meeting with Garfield and Sherman Counties for a cooperative.

Petska discussed items for a six-month plan for the Mortensen Site to include looking at current leases and covenants, recording documents, meeting with farm renters to keep informed, contacting Olsson for surveying, continue working with Economic Development, signage, and advertisements.

The board took a short break at 10:06am and reconvened at 10:12am.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave September Register of Deeds report.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave report on month end fund report, fund balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, month end balance sheet, and pledge security release.

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

Green Lights for the courthouse and Wozab Gazebo to honor veterans November 4th – 11th was discussed.

Motion by DeRiso to approve the claims and fund request for \$47,946.95, second Baker.

Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave an update on the progress of the annual audit for fiscal year 2024-2025, with hopes of completion by the end of the month.

Petska gave update on SLCG Round 2 Grant. Motion by Petska to approve SLCG Round 2, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared and gave quarterly report to include higher payroll related to receiving 2 grants for wages, and repair and replacement of dryer. A work release/State prisoners survey was discussed, to include currently the jail being full, not having room to house prisoners for release programs, and questions on overall administration of program and consequences if those in the release program did not follow the rules. Update on Prochaska jail study was given, to include currently being delayed and information on jail standards with how they apply to remodeling. Upgrading radios was discussed as a long-term plan.

The NACO Salary Study of elected official positions was discussed to include comparison of neighboring counties as well as size comparable counties to Valley County. Valley County currently is on the low end for official compensation.

Speaking with Valley County Health System about finances and possible reimbursements was discussed. Baker was absent from the meeting from 11:05am and returned at 11:06am. Motion by Stunkel to create a Hospital Relations Committee with current members being Baker, VanSlyke, and DeRiso, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Ference. The hospital relations committee with arrange a time to speak with VCHS.

Upgrading the county website to also include upcoming federal ADA mandates was discussed. Motion by Magiera to approve website upgrade with current provider MIPS, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Petska gave NACO legislative updates to include looking at upcoming 60-day session for State Legislature.

Building and Grounds Superintendent gave report on progress of carpet for boardroom, Christmas lights and decorations, and tree trimming.

Unfunded and underfunded State mandates were discussed. Each office and department is assembling a list of items. The goal being that the community deserves to know where their property tax dollars are going and how much is going towards unfunded and underfunded State mandates. Contacting the Quiz to do an article was discussed.

Stunkel presented creating a County Flag and Seal, with a competition for submitting ideas with possible prizes awarded. Item tabled until the next board meeting.

Motion by Petska to enter executive session at 11:43am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference. The board exited executive session at 11:54am with no decisions made.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson appeared. He will research process to reclassify roads and how people can treat and/or upkeep minimum maintenance roads. Hanson also gave report on big uptick in overall cases with both juveniles and felonies.

Committee report included Petska giving report on Part 4 and 5 of Nebraska Historical Tax Credit.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm, to reconvene on October 28, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with board of equalization at 9:30am. Complete minutes of the September 30, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the October 14, 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