

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, October 28, 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 October 14, 2025, were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Abstain: Ference. Absent: none. Ference moved to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Dates for supervisor and board of equalization meetings in November were set for Monday November 10 and Tuesday November 25.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave report on October claims and balances. Year-end certification of county highway superintendent for 2025 was reviewed. Motion by Baker to approve year-end certification and Resolution 25-16 signing of the year-end certification of county highway superintendent 2025, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer gave report to include buying bulk antifreeze, purchasing parts and supplies locally when able, continuing to repair roads that were damaged from heavy rains, hauling gravel where needed, and mowing. Discussion of company doing tree trimming.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski gave report on having no open files, recent State Inspector visit, and office evaluation.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:28am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Aurora Griebel appeared. TERC notice of appeal for Green America Biofuels Ord LLC was reviewed. Griebel reported would complete new commercial appraisal with Standard Appraisal. Petska presented copies of a previous protest. Two corrections for levies were reviewed. Corrections needed due to rounding errors. Motion by Stunkel, second Baker to approve Resolution 25-17, to adopt and set corrected levies with the following corrected levy calculations: Valley County General Fund 0.298174 (previously 0.298173) and Loup Valley Ag Society Total 0.007577 (previously 0.007576). Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Baker to exit board of equalization at 9:40am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Contracts for VanGuard and Eagle View for the Assessor's Office were discussed. Motion by Stunkel to approve and sign both contracts, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Petska commended the great work the Assessor's Office is doing while being short staffed and a higher workload.

Dustin Will, Dan Duren, and Corey Carpenter with Benefit Management appeared. Report given with health insurance renewals and comparisons. Discussion on the county's current offering. Motion by DeRiso to approve health insurance plan with Medica, HSA \$6,000 70% - with 100% preventive Rx Bronze with buydown, for 2026, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for VCHS. Woodward gave October Board Report to include Community Health Needs Assessment, donations, and upcoming Veterans' Breakfast. Ortmeier gave September Financial Report. The ambulance that's replacing the one that hit a deer. VCHS is purchasing a new chassis to put on the old box. Annual Hospital Renewal was presented for VCHS for the county board chairman to sign.

The board took a short break at 10:36am and reconvened at 10:45am.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Report given on Flock cameras. Will be discussed at the next board meeting.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report to include massive uptick in juvenile and district court filings and no movement on previous TERC cases. The new ambulance for VCHS was discussed with questions on ownership, title, insurance, and overall liability. Further discussion on curfews being a city ordinance.

Petska gave update on building and grounds with working on Christmas decorations.

Claims were reviewed and discussed. A claim from the Visitor's Improvement Fund will be held pending review of budgets. Motion by Ference to approve the fund request of \$643,318.19, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Fund request amount was reduced to include a voided claim for Island Supply Welding Co for \$57.60, to make up for a check that was presented twice by the vendor.

Mortensen Site was discussed. Committee is in process of setting up a meeting with the surveyor. Discussion on lot size.

Motion by Stunkel to approve Region 3 Behavior Health Services FY25-26 County Match Request, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

NACO Salary Study was discussed. Will be tabled until the next board meeting.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich gave report on upcoming planning and zoning board meeting, entering final review stage of comprehensive plan, and review zoning regulations starting in December. Regulations for new buildings and current commercial designation areas were discussed. The board requested a monthly report to also include list of permits.

Unfunded and underfunded State mandates were discussed and tabled until the next board meeting.

County Flag and Seal were discussed and tabled until the next board meeting.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave update on FY24-25 Audit progression. Auditors are hoping to have the draft completed by the end of the month.

Nebraska Historic Tax Credit was discussed. An email Petska received from Berggren Architects was read. Possible regulations for bidding process for sale of tax credits were discussed. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Committee reports included Petska giving update on Wozab Foundation and purchasing committee with ordering chairs and carpeting for board room.

Mail folder, pamphlet from CNEDD was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24pm, to reconvene on November 10, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with board of equalization at 9:30am. Complete minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the October 28, 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