

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Monday, November 10, 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 28, 2025, were approved on motion of DeRiso, second Magiera, with after "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.", corrected to say "Yes: *Ference, Baker, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: Magiera. Absent: none.*" Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. 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 appeared and gave report to include working on culvert replacement project with hopes of completion by end of week, receiving first invoice for tree cutting service, maintaining roads, hauling gravel, and putting additive into diesel. Current equipment and machinery were discussed, including desire to upgrade a couple of dump trucks in the future. Ference was absent from 9:06am and returned at 9:09am.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave the October Register of Deeds report and an update with elections. Townships were discussed with whether some were dissolved or not.

Melanie Flynn with Stowell, Geweke, & Piskorski, PC, LLO gave report on a question about the Mortensen site. Possible scenarios were discussed if the land were to be sold. A memorandum from NACO and the will & decree were discussed.

Motion by Ference to enter board of equalization at 9:40am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Aurora Griebel presented a report on levies. Discussion followed on report and Eagleview flyover occurring in the upcoming spring. Motion by Petska to exit board of equalization at 9:45am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Griebel was asked to expand the office duties and responsibilities list that had been submitted, discussion on assessment plan, and request for unfunded and underfunded list.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson discussed next steps of distress warrants, taking a more aggressive approach.

The board recessed for a short break at 9:49am and returned at 10:01am with all board members present.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared and presented a Flock proposal for additional license plate reader cameras. Region 26 is hoping to get another grant to cover additional cameras within their area, Valley County would be eligible for 1 or 2. Proposal is for 9 additional cameras beyond the two currently in service to cover the entire county. City of Ord is willing to cover 2 cameras.

Motion by Petska to enter executive session at 10:12am for personnel reasons, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. The board exited executive session at 10:35am with no decisions made.

From the Treasurer's Office, the board reviewed the month end fund report, fund balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, and month end balance sheet. Deputy Treasurer Michelle Edzards discussed distress warrants. Sheriff Dave Scheideler appeared to discuss next steps.

Discussion on chairs and carpet for the boardroom. An estimate from Behr Hardwood, LLC was discussed. Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek appeared and discussed

installation of carpet. Estimate was for 6 boxes of carpet tiles, glue, and shipping. Discussion with ordering 8 boxes of carpet tiles.

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

Credit Card policy was discussed. Vanek reappeared, stating that Behr Hardwood, LLC would need to receive payment before could order. Motion by Ference to approve purchase of 8 boxes of carpet tiles from Behr Hardwood, if they take credit card, second Baker. Discussion followed. Baker was absent from the meeting at 10:56am. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: Petska. Absent: Baker. Baker returned to the meeting at 11:00am.

Motion by Petska to approve the fund request of \$45,760.33, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

NACO Salary Study was discussed. Vanek returned to the meeting to report that Behr Hardwood, LLC could not process a credit card, will present updated invoice at next meeting. Further discussion on NACO Salary Study. The board will have a special meeting on Wednesday, November 26, at 1pm, in the Courthouse Boardroom, following the regular board meeting that is being moved to Wednesday, November 26 at 9:00am, to discuss and set salaries for elected officials for year 2027-2030.

Petska reported starting to receive lists from different offices and departments on Unfunded and Underfunded State Mandates. Those received were distributed to other board members.

Stunkel discussed a contest for creation of a county flag. Stunkel has spoken with Ord and Arcadia School Superintendents. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave update on audit for FY 24-25.

Discussion on how to conduct sale of tax credits received from the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit.

SLCG Round 3 grant was discussed, with email from NACO about a grant. Looking into possible grants from NACO and NIRMA for SLCG and website updating.

Upcoming courthouse hours for November 26, December 24, and December 31 were discussed. Motion by DeRiso to set courthouse hours as the following: November 26, courthouse closes at 2:30pm with offices and departments closing at 12:00pm; December 24 and December 31 courthouse closing at 12:00pm, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Report from Ord Township was reviewed.

Valley County received a dividend check from NIRMA for \$6,085. Memorandum from NIRMA and receipt to the Treasurer were reviewed.

For committee reports, Ference suggested that a roads committee meeting be held that's open to constituents. Discussion on including with regular meeting, desire to be transparent to the public while hearing concerns, desire to communicate with the public what projects are currently being done, and current roads. VanSlyke commented on how overall Meyer has been doing a good job.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am, to reconvene on November 26, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session, with board of equalization at 9:30am. Complete minutes of the October 28, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the November 10, 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