

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, December 9, 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 November 26, 2025, regular meeting were approved on motion of Magiera, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Abstain: Baker, DeRiso. Absent: Ference. The Minutes of November 26, 2025, special meeting were approved on motion of Stunkel, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Abstain: Baker. Absent: Ference. Stunkel moved to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. 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. Motion by Stunkel to approve Easement #25-472, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference. Meyer gave report to include installing snow fence, cleaning ditches, removal of snow from Nov 29, working with Olcott welding to make custom parts for snow blower. Simpson gave report on November claims and balances. Meyer gave report to include trying out carbide blades from a new company, update on tree removal, and completion of culvert project. Discussion on possible roads meeting in the future.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented Annual Report for review, to include no open files.

No items for board of equalization.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report. Petska was absent from 9:16am to 9:17am.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented month end fund report, fund balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, and month end balance sheet. Discussion on an inheritance receipt. Review of applications for investment of funds. Motion by Baker to approve Resolution 25-18, Approve Banks for Investment of Funds, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference.

District and County Courts Fees and Fines Reports were reviewed. Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for 2026 was reviewed, tabled until next board meeting.

Caleb Pollard with Economic Development appeared. Discussion on Mortensen Site development. Pollard reported on grant application with NPPD and upcoming meeting with Olsson for surveying and plat of site.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Discussion on Flock Cameras proposal. Cameras would qualify for use of Opioid Settlement funds. Scheideler reported on progress of Prochaska, anticipated completion of needs assessment by end of year. Discussion on recent phone and internet outages. Applied Connective will be contacted for possible solutions. Discussion on electronic fingerprint machine, with Economic Development possibly having a grant that can go towards its purchase. Magiera was absent from 10:13am to 10:14am. Discussion on speed tracker reports for Arcadia, North Loup, and Sargent Ord Road.

The board took a short break at 10:14am and returned at 10:27am with Ference absent.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek gave report on arrival of carpet squares, working on scheduling for installation, and needing a keypad for an exterior door.

Mariana Diaz and Dana Gibson with Healing Hearts and Families appeared. Discussion on diversion program for youth. Questions on who the Valley County representative on their board is. Motion by Stunkel to approve Memo of Understanding for diversion program for Valley County,

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

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report on possibility of jury trials in January. Case counts were discussed. For 2025, there are more juvenile cases and traffic tickets than there have been in the past 15 years. Hanson also updated on Townships.

Discussion of Veterans' Services highlighting a Veteran of the Month.

Discussion of setting salaries for officials for 2027-2030, with adjusting County Supervisor to receive \$8,100 instead of \$8,000 annually beginning January 2027. Motion by Magiera to approve Resolution 25-19, Setting Salaries for Elected Officials for 2027-2030, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: DeRiso. Absent: Ference.

Motion by Baker to approve fund request of \$51,658.26, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Petska reported working with The Quiz for an upcoming article for unfunded/underfunded State mandates.

Upgrade of County website discussed. Feedback received from departments, discussion of including pictures of all employees.

Contest for creation of County Flag discussed. Stunkel has been working with Ord and Arcadia Superintendents. Motion by Petska to approve contest, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Motion by Stunkel to approve draft audit from Contryman Associates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference.

No new information on Nebraska Historic Tax Credit.

Review of Nebraska BEAD – Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment – approval, notice sent from Governor Jim Pillen's office.

NACO Annual Conference will be held in Kearney, December 17-19.

Motion by Baker to enter executive session at 11:15am for personnel reasons, approved by all supervisors. The board exited executive session at 11:20am with no decisions made.

Mail folder reviewed, SBA for National Small Business Week Awards Nominations and NWCA for awards nominations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am, to reconvene on December 30, 2025, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and at 9:30am for board of equalization. Complete minutes of the November 26, 2025, regular and special meetings and an agenda for the December 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