

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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.

Motion by Petska to approve the fund request of \$53,301.38, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Motion by Stunkel to elect Jack VanSlyke as Chairman of the Board, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. Abstain: VanSlyke.

Motion by Baker to elect Theresa Petska as Vice Chairwoman of the Board, second Magiera.

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

Petska. Discussion on committees and agency representatives. Motion by Stunkel, second DeRiso to approve the following committees: Roads – Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke-chair; Building and Grounds – Stunkel-chair, Magiera, Ference; HR – Petska-chair, VanSlyke, Baker; Purchasing – Stunkel, Petska, Magiera-chair; Claims – DeRiso-chair, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel-alternate; Historian – Baker-chair, Ference; Industrial Development – Petska-chair, Baker, Stunkel, Brandon Hanson, Sheri Goodrich; Safety – Danny Vanek-chair, Jay Meyer, Larry Kolar, Aurora Griebel, KeShara Poland, Dave Scheideler, Mark Hogue; and the following agency representatives: Region 26 – VanSlyke, Petska; Region III – Magiera; Mid Plains Center – DeRiso; Economic Development – Baker, Dan Piskorski; Loup Basin Health Department – Stunkel, Julie Stevens; County Physician Dr Gregory McClanahan. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference.

The Minutes of December 30, 2025, regular meeting was approved with the following correction **"Baker was absent from the board meeting at 10:28am."** instead of 11:28am, on motion of Petska, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Ference. DeRiso moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. 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 appoint Jay T Meyer, License #S-1162 Class A, as Highway Superintendent beginning 1/13/2026, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution #26-01, Authorization to Restrict Use of County Roads when Necessary, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. Meyer gave report to include beginning inventory of signs, Davis Creek Township trees and spraying, and working on new directives for bridge inspections. Meyer has been certified as a bridge inspector since 1996.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski presented annual reports. Motion by Baker to approve 2025 Annual Reports, to include both the 2025 Infestation Report and the 2025 Activity Report, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Baker to approve 2026 Noxious Weed Control Plan, to include 2026 Board Roster, the 2026 Budget Form, and the 2026 Weed Control Plan, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Dave Williams with Valley County Airport appeared. Motion by Stunkel to appoint Mike Blaha to Valley County Airport Authority Board to fill vacant position, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference. Williams gave report to include new hanger being ¾ complete with completion anticipated in March. Old building will be rented out. Discussion on insurance coverage and leases.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report to include current jury trial set for May. There were no items for the board of equalization.

Clerk KeShara Poland presented December Register of Deeds Report and gave update for elections. Townships were discussed and tabled until the next board meeting for discussion on appointments.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented month end fund report, fund balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, month end balance sheet, and semiannual report for the Quiz.

Caleb Pollard with Economic Development reported on receiving a grant from NPPD and review of Olsson agreement with Industrial Development committee.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier with VCHS appeared. Motion by Stunkel to approve Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application #781001, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Stunkel to approve Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application #781002, second Petska. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Ference. Review of ambulance service management agreement, tabled until next board meeting. Review of VCHS audit.

The board took a short break at 10:26am and reconvened at 10:41am with Ference absent. December County/District Courts Fees/Fines Reports were reviewed.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Scheideler reported on Prochaska being bought out by Schemmer, review of consent to assignment agreement with Schemmer, upcoming meeting with Schemmer and Jail committee, nearing end of phase 1. Motion by Stunkel to approve consent to assignment agreement with Schemmer, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference. Scheideler reported on receiving letter from City of Ord to give notice on terminating interlocal agreement for law enforcement.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich gave report to include new build in beginning steps by Arcadia, permits, legislature updates, livestock friendly annual report, comprehensive plan and regulations, and rural area set-backs. Discussion on pivots, permits, and National Ag Week.

Baker was absent from the meeting at 11:41am. Motion by Petska to approve Ord Quiz, the Successor of Ord Quiz, and Grand Island Independent as official county newspapers for 2026, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference, Baker.

Annual signatures and seals forms were presented with board members signing.

Discussion on creating county specific emails for board members. Baker returned to the board meeting at 11:45am. Email addresses tabled until next board meeting.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich appeared with an administrative plat for signatures. Discussion on gis layers.

Discussion on County Government Day, now to be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on back-up plans for phone and internet outages. Working with Region 26 for a regional solution. Currently utilizing equipment from Civil Defense as back-up.

Discussion on article in the Quiz on unfunded and underfunded State mandates.

Discussion on Nebraska Historic Tax Credits. Have been approved for \$152,461 in tax credits. Tax credits will be sold using the bidding process. Bids must be received in the Clerk's Office by 5pm on Friday, February 20, 2026. Bids will be opened, reviewed, and accepted in a special hearing during the regular board meeting at 9:45am on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Motion by Magiera to set dates for review of Wozab Grant requests of March 9 at 5:30pm and final awards during the regular board meeting on March 10, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04pm, to reconvene on January 27, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and at 9:30am for board of equalization. Complete minutes of the December 30, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the January 13, 2026, 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.

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KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk