

## VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel present. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The Minutes of November 10, 2025, were approved on motion of Stunkel, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Ference moved to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. 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.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$641,060.54, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso.

There were no items for the board of equalization.

Caleb Pollard appeared and reported on Mortensen Site with having met with Olsson & Associates to plan survey and plat and gave update on grant that was submitted for that was approved in preliminary stage, can now apply for a matching grant.

Kayla Nilson appeared for the Extension Office with request to appoint Kay Knapp to a second term on the extension board. Motion by Ference to approve appointment of Kay Knapp, second Petska. Discussion followed to include position being advertised in October and receiving no other applications. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Ference and Nilson discussed Nebraska Extension On-Farm Research for leafy spurge.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave report on townships for elections, First Interstate Bank being purchased by Security First Bank, Open Enrollment for health insurance for courthouse employees, and increase in passport applications from outside the area. The transition to the new website was discussed, with Magiera commenting on pictures of employees on website.

Wozab Committee discussion about North Loup Playground.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for Valley County Health System. Ortmeier gave October Financial Report. Woodward gave November Board Report. Discussion on title and insurance for new ambulance.

The board took a short break at 10:14am and returned at 10:24am with Baker and DeRiso absent.

Discussion on Flock cameras.

No additional information for unfunded and underfunded State mandates.

Contest for creation of a Valley County Flag was discussed. Parameters of the contest were discussed to include opening to students in K-12, residents of Valley County or students who attend a Valley County school, submission deadlines, and possible prizes.

The placement of the Christmas Tree on the courthouse steps was discussed. Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek was thanked for the extra work given in decorating the courthouse.

Clerk KeShara Poland presented a copy of the draft audit for FY24-25 that was received. A report from Maximus for the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan was also presented.

Motion by VanSlyke to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 11:04am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. The board exited executive session at 11:06am with no decisions made.

Committee report, Petska reported on Region 26 upgrading equipment while trying to be financially responsible.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler appeared. Flock cameras were discussed. Scheideler gave examples of comparison of images from a Flock camera verses a security camera. A printout from Traffic Solutions that generates data from radar was reviewed. Also discussed were radio and dispatch upgrades and parking in downtown Arcadia.

The agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for 2026 was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am, to reconvene on November 26, 2025, at 1:00pm for a special meeting. Complete minutes of the November 10, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the November 26, 2025, regular 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

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The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 1:00pm, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, for a special meeting in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel present. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Magiera moved to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Discussion on Supervisor pay. Review and discussion of NACO report and resolution 22-2. Currently county supervisors are paid \$7,200 annually and are some of the lowest paid in the State. Discussion to increase pay to \$8,000 and increase in lieu of pay. Discussion on increasing in lieu of pay through the normal budgeting process in FY26-27, to begin January 1, 2027, and updating employee handbook at that time. Review and discussion of NACO report recommending base wages and other offices. Motion by Ference to set base wages beginning in 2027 for Treasurer, Clerk, and Assessor at \$63,260, Sheriff at \$79,080, and Attorney at \$101,220, with 5% increases each year for 2028, 2029, and 2030, Second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker, DeRiso. Resolution to adopt and set official salaries tabled until next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm, to reconvene on December 9, 2025, at 9:00am in regular session and 9:30am as board of equalization. The agenda for the November 26, 2025, special meeting is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website <https://valleycountyne.gov>.

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