

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, December 30, 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 December 9, 2025, regular meeting was approved on motion of Baker, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Baker moved to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Ference, VanSlyke, Ference. 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 and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson reported on December claims and balances. Meyer gave general report to include installation of new culverts, ditch cleaning, and sign inventory starting in January. Further discussion on completion of tree clearing by The Green Tree Company, 15 miles completed, Meyer would like to utilize this company in the next budget year.

Motion by Petska to enter executive session at 9:27am for personnel, second Baker. All voting yes. The board exited executive session at 9:45am with no decisions made.

Motion by Baker to enter the board of equalization at 9:45am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Aurora Griebel present. Motion by Ference to enter a hearing for tax exemption on Motor vehicles owned by qualifying nonprofit organizations, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Treasurer Peggy Brott present. Applications reviewed. Stunkel was absent from 9:46am and returned at 9:48am. Motion by Petska to approve Resolution 25-20 to Approve Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles Owned by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations, for Bethel Baptist Church, Heartland Assembly of God Church, Lee Park Cemetery, and Grandview, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Stunkel. Motion by Ference to exit the hearing, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Griebel presented a tax list correction to correct a name. Motion by Stunkel to approve the tax list correction, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Baker to exit board of equalization at 9:52am, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

An agreement for professional services with Olsson for the Mortensen Site was reviewed. Caleb Pollard with Economic Development was present and reported on having a grant request in for development at the Mortensen Site. The contract with Olsson is tabled until the January 13 board meeting.

Ed Knott and Matt Childress with Applied Connective appeared. Discussion on recent phone and internet outages, back up plans, and procedures. Options for a secondary internet provider were reviewed. Stunkel was absent from 10:05am and returned at 10:23am. Will be tabled until the January 13 board meeting.

Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for VCHS. Discussion on ambulance, tabled until January 13 board meeting. Ortmeier reported on November financial report.

The board took a short break at 10:28am and resumed at 10:40am with all board members present.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave November Register of Deeds report. Discussion on townships.

Motion by DeRiso to approve Resolution 25-21 to create Opioid Recover Fund #2320, for deposit of opioid settle funds and to be used for expenditures of said funds, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Noxious Weed Annual Reports were reviewed, tabled until January 13 board meeting. Sheriff update on Prochaska was tabled until January 13 board meeting.

Motion by Baker to approve agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for 2026 for the Clerk Magistrate of the County Court to be Ex Officio Clerk of the District Court, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek presented a bid from Midwest Alarm for installation of a keypad with the Sheriff's Office for \$1225. Motion by DeRiso to approve the bid, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$464,150.51, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson presented potential resolutions for creation of a credit card policy and rebate policy. Discussion on recently opened Sam's Club credit card. Motion by Petska to approve Resolution 2025-22, credit card policy, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2025-23, rebate policy, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Baker was absent from the board meeting at 11:28am. The board reviewed a Naco Report, Probation: Fiscal Impact to Counties.

Discussion on holidays. Baker returned to the meeting at 10:32am. Motion by DeRiso to approve holidays for 2026 with no changes from 2025, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on unfunded/underfunded State mandates. VanSlyke and Petska will be meeting with the Quiz after meeting.

Motion by Stunkel to set January 16 as the go live date for the updated website, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

No new items with Nebraska Historic Tax Credit.

Committee reports included VanSlyke, Stunkel, and Petska speaking on recent NACO Annual Conference. Discussion for March 9 as County Government Day.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53am, to reconvene on January 13, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and at 9:30am for board of equalization. Complete minutes of the December 9, 2025, meeting and an agenda for the December 30, 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