

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso present. Absent: Baker, Stunkel. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. The minutes of January 27, 2026, regular meeting was approved on motion of DeRiso, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker. Petska moved to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared. Motion by DeRiso to set date for one and six year highway and street improvement hearing for March 31, 2026, at 9am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel. Meyer gave report to include continuing to cut trees, renting a chipper, and will have wood chips available. Ference was absent from the meeting at 9:14am. Meyer reported on signs that were damaged at the end of January, and insurance on rental equipment. Ference returned to the board meeting at 9:24am. Continued discussion on insurance.

Motion by Petska to enter the board of equalization at 9:29am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel. Motion by Ference to enter Hearing on Tax Exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations at 9:29am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker. Assessor Aurora Griebel presented tax exemption applications. Discussion on applications, with having new applications instead of reaffirmations. Motion by Ference, with second Magiera to approve the following tax exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations: Arbor Care Centers Ord, parcel ID 880029295; Grand Living Alternatives Inc, parcel ID 880028784; Veterans Memorial Building Corp, parcel ID 880021196 and 880010738; Bethel Baptist Church, parcel ID 880024556, 880024570, 880024577, 880025067, and 880025676; Arcadia Neighborhood Gospel Church Inc, parcel ID 880033705, 880033607, and 880033131; Assembly of God Church, parcel ID 880027454 and 880027475; The Ord Christian Church Ord NE, parcel ID 880029848 and 880028609; Mira Valley Church, parcel ID 880007322 and 880007315; St John's Lutheran Church, parcel ID 880027524, 880022813, 880022799, and 880029302; Seventh Day Baptist Church, parcel ID 880030674, 880005124, and 880031094; Valley Rods Unlimited, parcel ID 880012404 and 880020552; The Arcadia Boosters Inc, parcel ID 880033404; Central Nebraska Community Services, parcel ID 880035588; Greater Loup Valley Activities Inc, parcel ID 880019803; Karp & Krow Inc, parcel ID 880012054; Nebraska Assoc for Dev Housing, parcel ID 880026978; NL American Legion, parcel ID 880030282; Senior Classics of Valley County, parcel ID 880019810; Valley Co Historical Society, parcel ID 880020594; North Loup Methodist Church, parcel ID 880031164; Lodge Slavin No 112 ZCBJ, parcel ID 880014588; Faith Bible Church, parcel ID 880032438; Evangelical Free Church, parcel ID 880028714; and Heartland Youth Ranch, parcel ID 880037161. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker. Motion by Ference to exit Hearing on Tax Exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations at 9:54am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker. Motion by Ference to exit board of equalization at 9:54am, second Petska. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel.

Assessor Griebel reported on commercial appraiser, upcoming VanGuard data review, and first flyover by EagleView to occur mid-March. Discussion on how vacation and sick time hours are tracked in the office.

Caleb Pollard with Valley County Economic Development gave 2025 Annual Report. Report included a record 33 new chamber members and 10 ribbon cuttings, seeing tourism impact with Placer AI. Priorities for the upcoming year include site development, childcare, and property development.

Discussion on Olsson's agreement for professional services for the Mortensen Site. Pollard reported a grant for partial reimbursement has been approved. Motion by Magiera to approve the agreement for professional services with Olsson, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel. DeRiso discussed daycare concerns.

The board took a short break at 10:33am and reconvened at 10:43am with Baker and Stunkel absent.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Scheideler reported receiving memorandum from Ord Police Department. Discussion on responsibilities and impact on budget. Scheideler has been trying to meet with Ord City Chief of Police, will continue to try. Discussion on potential law enforcement committee meeting. Discussion on Needs Assessment Study for the Jail and having a separate meeting on either March 3 or 4 to accommodate a presentation from the State.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on more juvenile case filings and seeking restitution for recent rural sign damage.

Motion by Ference to approve the Needs Assessment Study, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker.

Motion by DeRiso to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 11:15am, second Petska. Carried. All in favor. The board exited executive session at 11:26am with no decisions made.

Clerk KeShara Poland reported on increase in passport applications and compiling information on townships.

Treasurer Peggy Brott reported on the Quiz republishing delinquent taxes due to error in printing. Brott presented month end fund report, fund balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, month end balance sheet, publication for delinquent taxes, three-year levy comparison, pie charts for levy distribution, and pledge securities.

January County and District Courts fees and fines reports were reviewed. Discussion on archiving older case files.

February Veteran of the Month is Mike Pesek. Discussion on how to recognize the veteran of the month. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 11:41am and returned at 11:43am.

Review of 2025 annual report from the extension office.

Motion by DeRiso to approve the fund request of \$49,963.01, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel, Baker.

Motion by Petska to approve addition of board members receiving county government email addresses, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker, Stunkel.

Discussion on County Government Day, set for April 14.

Discussion on tracking of employee vacation, sick time, and hours. Clerk Poland will get estimates for time and attendance programming. Further discussion on employee pay periods.

Discussion on County Flag submissions. Submissions will be reviewed at the same board meeting as Jail Standards report with final approval during the March 10 board meeting.

Review of upcoming NACO events and upcoming hearings for the county board.

Committee reports include Petska presenting a draft interlocal agreement with Region 26 that is in the review stages.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12pm, to reconvene on February 24, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and at 9:30am for board of equalization. Complete minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting and an agenda for the February 10, 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.

KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk