

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited, roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, Stunkel present. Absent: DeRiso. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Stunkel moved to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: DeRiso. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Discussion on Olsson report of preliminary boundary of Mortensen Site during survey process.

Denny Macomber with Jail Standards, Sheriff Dave Scheideler, Chief Deputy Mark Hogue, and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Review and discussion of Valley County Jail and Sheriff's Office Needs Assessment Study. Macomber stated that primary focus of Jail Standards is to protect taxpayers from inmate liability. Discussion included potential jail size, housing needs for different levels of offenders, possible contract with US Marshalls, building bigger now because the cost to expand later would be more expensive, staffing resources, video court options, ADA compliance, and successful bond issues from other counties. DeRiso arrived at the meeting at 9:52am. Discussion continued with for new construction dispatcher and jail tenders being required to be separate positions, Scotts Bluff County paying their jail off in 5 years, health care concerns, and Macomber recommending not to underestimate the needs assessment. Magiera was absent from the meeting at 10:11am and returned at 10:12am. Discussions continued.

The board took a short break at 10:29am and reconvened at 10:35am with all board members present.

Review of entries for Valley County Flag Contest. There were a total of 89 entries from across the county. First, Second, and runners-up were selected and will be announced at the March 10 board meeting at 9am from the four finalists.

The board took a short break at 10:54am and reconvened at 10:56am with all winners present. Names of the finalists were announced to the board.

Further discussion on survey of Mortensen Site and current leases.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17am, to reconvene on March 9, 2026, at 5:30pm for a meeting for sitting as the Wozab Fund Advisory Committee and on March 10, 2026 at 9:00am for a regular meeting and at 9:30am as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting and an agenda for the March 3, 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