

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the District Courtroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited with Seniors from Ord and Arcadia Public Schools helping lead for County Government Day. Roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Motion by Stunkel to approve the minutes of March 31, 2026, regular meeting with the correction in paragraph 3 to read "Motion by Baker", second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Petska, VanSlyke, Stunkel, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

VanSlyke introduced the board members to the Seniors present for County Government Day and reported budget and statistical information.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer reported on almost being finished with tree cutting, replacement grader blades doubling in price, cost of paving roads, and consequences for stealing or damaging street signs. VanSlyke discussed clearing ditches of trees. Discussion on equipment. Motion by Stunkel to preapprove purchase of a dump truck up to \$75,000 and a tree mulcher up to \$25,000, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, VanSlyke, Stunkel, Ference, Magiera, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave Register of Deeds report for March, election update, and update with Carrie Hurlburt being the county's agent for Colonial.

The board took a short break at 9:34am and reconvened at 9:39am in the supervisors' board room with Baker absent.

Motion by Petska to enter board of equalization at 9:39am, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Petska to approve tax correction, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Petska to exit board of equalization at 9:40am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Assessor Aurora Griebel presented a review plan. Discussion followed. Discussion and comparison of commercial appraisers to include handling of TERC cases. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Amanda Jeffres and Stephanie Gideon with Loup Basin Public Health Department gave an annual report to include receiving grant for rural health transformation, expansion of oral health services, beginning offering WIC clinics in July, Healthy Families Program, and most of funding coming from grants. Discussion on passage of LB759 regarding pool inspections.

Discussion of well at Mortensen Site. Review of potential plats. Stunkel was absent from the board meeting at 10:34am until 10:35am. Discussion on plats. Motion by Stunkel to approve Concept 3 for plat of Mortensen Site, second Ference. Further discussion. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, Ference, Magiera. No: VanSlyke. Absent: Baker.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave month end fund report and trial balance report. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 10:42am. Brott presented month end balance sheet and miscellaneous receipts.

The board took a short break at 10:44am and reconvened at 10:52am with Baker absent.

Petska reported Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel receiving award for Excellence in Detention Facility Administration.

Contract for Planning and Zoning Administrator tabled until the next board meeting for review by county attorney.

Discussion weekend testing by Probation.

Motion by Petska to close the county's Sam's Club credit card with encouragement to shop locally as much as possible, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Petska to approve the fund request of \$47,951.87, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to approve Interlocal Agreement with Region 26, second DeRiso. Discussion followed. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Potential Resolution 26-03 to reaffirm and recommit to 5-year interlocal agreement with Region 26 was not voted on.

Discussion on bidding process.

Motion by Stunkel to appoint Andy Meyers to Liberty Township, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion on courthouse office closures and prompts for incoming phone calls to be routed to various offices.

Setting hearing for sale of Nebraska Tax Credit tabled until next meeting.

Discussion on Berggren Architects. Building and Grounds committee will meet.

Review of upcoming NACO event.

Committee reports included Petska reporting that Region 26 received resignation from Alma Beland.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson appeared. Discussion on Eakes copier contract for the extension office. Motion by Stunkel to approve the contract, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion of contract for planning and zoning administrator. Motion by Stunkel to approve contract, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

County Attorney Hanson gave report on schedule of upcoming jury trials and Mortensen Site.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29am, to reconvene on April 28, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and 9:30am as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the March 31, 2026, meeting and agenda for the April 14, 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