

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. Roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso present. Absent: Stunkel. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Motion by Ference to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026, regular meeting, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Abstain: Baker. Absent: Stunkel. Motion by Baker to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Baker was absent from the meeting at 9:03am. Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson reported on April claims and balances. Meyer discussed a new dump truck, awaiting bids, and compared new to used. Baker returned to the meeting at 9:13am. Discussion on warranty that would come with new. Discussion on Carrizales property access west of Arcadia and minimum maintenance roads. Meyer gave general report to include crack sealing on Ashton Avenue and maintenance of roads after recent rains.

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

Assessor Aurora Griebel reported on recent Eagleview flyover, has started rural review, and personal property. Discussion on commercial appraisers and upcoming TERC case not scheduled yet.. Griebel reported on statewide equalization meeting, values were approved. Motion by Magiera to hire Central Plains for commercial appraisal, second Ference. Discussion followed. Motion by Magiera to amend the motion to hire Central Plains for commercial appraisal if no retainer is needed, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

David Brandon appeared to discuss mowing of abandoned/neglected cemeteries in Valley County. Baker stated there are 13 abandoned cemeteries with 2 cemeteries designated as heritage/historic, 9 to 10 of those that are needing care. Mowing would need to be completed for Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day with amount paid being per year. Brandon will review cemeteries and the mowing of cemeteries is tabled until the next board meeting.

County Surveyor Jesse Hurt with Olsson appeared. Discussion on survey and plat of Mortensen Site. The property line crosses irrigation flange from well on neighboring property. County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on limited options to resolve because of State Statute. Discussion on creating an out-lot that could not be developed. Further discussion on size of out-lot and impact on neighboring lots. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 10:09am and returned at 10:10am. Discussion on State statutes.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on increases in juvenile cases and a jury trial set for May 11.

The board took a short break at 10:29am and reconvened at 10:40am with Stunkel absent.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Discussion on closure of Sam's Club credit card and purchasing more items locally. Quarterly report was given. Discussion on inmate medical bills and medical services received. Discussion on recent Flock cameras received. Motion by Ference to use opioid funds for allowable expenses for purchase of Flock cameras and then the remainder out of the sheriff's budget, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Stunkel. Scheideler and Spanel were congratulated on recent Excellence in Detention Facility Administration award received.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier with Valley County Health System appeared. Ortmeier gave March financial report. Baker was absent from the board meeting at 11:00am. Woodward gave April board report to include software changes. Petska questioned if there are difference protocols for medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, private pay, and county funded patients when receive emergency room care. Baker returned to the meeting at 11:08am. Discussion on emergency room treatment, diagnostics, and insurance. Discussion on childcare. Three applications for VCHS board positions were received. Motion by DeRiso to appoint Chuck Zangger, Carl Streeter, and Nancy Glaubke to the VCHS board for a term of six years beginning May 1, 2026, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: Petska. Abstain: Baker. Absent: Stunkel.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave election update. Discussion on publications and involvement of high school students. Motion by Baker to approve one qualified student to work at each polling location on election day for a two-hour period, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

VanSlyke discussed need for service contract for HVAC system. Discussion on bidding requirements.

Ference gave committee report for building and grounds for meeting with Berggren Architects. Discussion on use of a metal cap for a temporary fix for exterior. Berggren must report directly to the building and grounds committee.

Discussion on new supervisor for Region 26.

Motion by Baker to approve funds request of \$475,295.58, second Magiera. Ference was gone from the meeting at 11:52am. Discussion on claims, to include missing receipt for a purchase on county credit card, receipt can be obtained directly from vendor. Ference returned to the meeting at 11:54am. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

Review of upcoming NACO County Board Workshop.

Motion by Magiera to set hearing to amend fund budgets for tourism promotion, visitor improvement, and relief for May 26, 2026, at 10:00am, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: Stunkel.

Review of mail folder.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm, to reconvene on May 12, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and 9:30am as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting and agenda for the April 28, 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