

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, June 30, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call taken: VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: Ference. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Motion by Baker to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, regular meeting, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Petska to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference. 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 June claims and balances. Ference arrived at 9:03am. Meyer gave general report to include maintaining roads after rains, hiring new employee, and bridge inspections. Discussion on moving funds earmarked for bridges to higher interest earning account. Motion by Petska to enter Hearing to Receive Gravel Bids at 9:15am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Meyer opened and read the gravel bids in order received: Jeffres first and Ulrich second. Motion by Ference to accept gravel bids, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to exit the Hearing at 9:23am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on access to Mandarin Cemetery with possibly needing a culvert.

Motion by Baker to enter Board of Equalization at 9:30am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to enter Hearing for Protests and Destroyed Real Property at 9:30am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Protest #1, parcel ID 880008813 and Protest #2, parcel ID 880008869, Sheri Palmer Properties, LLC were reviewed, no representative present. Protest #3, parcel ID 880028126, Bruha was reviewed, no representative present. Protest #4, parcel ID 880025991 and Protest #5, parcel ID 880025998 were reviewed and discussed with representative present, concerns about land value with flood plain. Protest #6, parcel ID 880036789, GreenAmerica Biofuels Ord LLC was reviewed, no representative present. Protest #7, parcel ID 880006419; Protest #8, parcel ID 880006447; Protest #9, parcel ID 880006482; Protest #10, parcel ID 880012705; Protest #11, parcel ID 880036710; Protest # 12, parcel ID 880036836; Koll were reviewed, no representative present. Protest #13, parcel ID 880021749, Waits was reviewed and discussed with representative present, concerns about condition and quality grading increase, review will be conducted before next hearing. No decisions made on Protests #1-#13. Motion by Petska to accept the personal property tax list correction for Legacy Transportation LLC for removal of skid steer and forks for 2023, 2024, and 2025, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Review of Over/Under list. Review of properties or pictures were presented for changes. Motion by Ference to approve and accept the Over/Under list for parcel 880021623, 880027685, 880022764, 880021427, 880021910, 880036766, 880019950, 880033838, 880020776, 880020783, 880020790, 880009205, 880009513, 880034006, 880033565, 880033621, 880029162, 880029162, 880026313, 880026278, 880034790, 880032137, 880021637, 880021868, 880029358, 880022582, 880029561, 880020797, 880020174, and 880022400, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to exit the Hearing for Protests and Destroyed Real Property at 10:03am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Petska to exit board of equalization at 10:03am, second

Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Petska to enter the Hearing for Conditional Use Permit regarding the construction and operation of a kennel, second Stunkel. Ference left the board meeting at 10:05am. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Ference. Ryan Gabriel for Alacie Gundogs was present. Discussion on kennel, construction, and boarding. Motion by Stunkel to approve the conditional use permit, second Baker. Ference returned to the board meeting at 10:08am. Discussion on driveway and cost of culvert, if culvert needed Alacie Gundogs will pay for culvert. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Abstain: Ference, Magiera. Motion by Petska to exit Hearing for Conditional Use Permit regarding the construction and operation of a kennel at 10:10am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stunkel to approve administrative plat, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Katie Walmsley and Caleb Pollard appeared for Economic Development. A proposed budget for Fiscal Year 26-27 was presented and discussed. Pollard spoke for Industrial Development Committee with looking at restrictive covenants for Mortensen Site.

Motion by Baker to approve use of courthouse lawn for National Night Out, August 4, 5:30pm-7:30pm, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for VCHS. Ortmeier presented May financial report and Woodward presented June board report. Motion to approve Resolution 26-05 to Authorize signatures for USDA Rural Development Grant for Ambulance, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on abandoned and neglected cemeteries. Motion by Stunkel to approve contracts for care and maintenance of Davis Creek Cemetery (parcel ID 880001771) to Jim Robertson and Vinton Cemetery (parcel ID 880007875) to Wesley and Sydney Lange, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on previous care and maintenance of Hilltop Cemetery. An invoice was presented for the previous year, will not be paid as not having contract at the time. Motion by Baker to approve contract for care and maintenance of Hilltop Cemetery (parcel ID 880017766) to Ronnie Bower, second Magiera. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on access to cemeteries. County Attorney Brandon Hanson discussed State Statute §12-808.01, traditional routes, and landowners must allow pedestrian traffic.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on conversation with Attorney General regarding Open Meetings, action items, and changes.

The board took a short break at 10:50am and reconvened at 11:01am with all board members present.

Clerk KeShara Poland reported on new rules for meeting notices and publications.

Petska relayed information on spraying and burning of thistles for Noxious Weed.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel were present. Discussion on policies and procedures and new tablets for inmates with various services. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 11:04am. Discussion on new fingerprint machine coming soon and FLOCK cameras. Ference returned to the board meeting at 11:07am.

Review of bids received for repair of west entrance steps and sidewalk and bid for roof, parapet, and wall repairs. Discussion on bidding requirements will seek further bids. Discussion on hiring Construction Manager Agent.

Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution 26-6 Transfer of Budget Authority, to authorize the transfer of funds and budget authority within the general fund to offset over expenditures in the jail for \$9,182.19, survey for \$1,763.28, and weed for \$182.28, with a total transfer of \$11,127.75 coming from miscellaneous general, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Ference to approve the fund request of \$1,159,298.78, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Ference to designate NACO as printer for Joint Public Hearing postcards, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Review of upcoming NACO webinar on July 24 for new legislation, pink postcards, and joint public hearing.

Valley County Flags have been ordered. Discussion on possibility of sales to the public. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Discussion on executive session rules.

Committee Reports included Ference with law enforcement for upcoming meeting with Sheriff and City and on MidNebraska.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm, to reconvene on July 14, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and 9:30am as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting and agenda for the June 30, 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