

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, June 9, 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 Petska to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026, regular meeting, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by Baker to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera, Petska. 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 gave report to include hauling gravel, most paved roads mowed, and beginning milling next week. Discussion on billings and invoices from oil company. Ference arrived at the board meeting at 9:05am.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave May Register of Deeds report and presented finalized NPERS Audit for CY2024 with no issues noted and review now closed.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented month end fund report, trial balance listing, miscellaneous receipts, and month end balance sheet. Discussion on investments of county funds, CDs, and pennies.

Discussion on school land not being sprayed for noxious weeds.

Review of proposed letter from the Sheriff's Office to Schemmer to pause phase 2 of jail needs assessment until July 2027. Motion by Stunkel to approve the letter, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:27am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Aurora Griebel appeared. No items for the Hearing for Protest and Destroyed Real Property. Review and discussion of permissive exemption applications for Arcadia Safety and Preservation Fund, Inc. Motion by Petska to approve permissive exemption applications for parcel 880034398, 880037261, and 880037264, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion of over/under valued list. Petska went on record stating that some of the parcels on the list are there because of the past and things either being chosen what was inspected or choosing not to inspect, giving an example of a grain bin that was added. Motion by Baker to approve over/under valued list for parcel 880014070, 880037257, 880009604, 880021308, 880029449, 880032060, 880009513, 880009205, 880029295, and 880028784, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Griebel presented Valley County notice of value change and level of value notice. Motion by Magiera to exit board of equalization at 9:46am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich appeared. An executive summary for a proposed dog kennel was presented and discussed. Motion by Stunkel to approve and sign administrative plat, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on comp plan and zoning regulations.

Abandoned and/or neglected cemeteries were discussed, beginning at 10:06am. Baker and Ference on committee for cemeteries. Discussion on different cemeteries, locations, and level of care needed. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 10:09am and returned at 10:12am. Motion by Stunkel to approve contracts for care and maintenance of Springdale Hillside Cemetery (parcel 880010101) to Larry Proskocil and Helen Chalupa/Jungman Cemetery (parcel 880019026) to Bohemian Brethren Cemetery Board, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso,

Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on access to Vinton Cemetery.

Motion by Baker to approve Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement through Valley County Economic Development between Valley County and City of Ord, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stunkel to approve Hospice 39 Licensure Renewal with Valley County Health System, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

The board took a short break at 10:48am and reconvened at 11:01am with all members present.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek appeared. Discussion on color of flagpole on top of courthouse and review of estimates to repair. Motion by Ference to approve estimate from Quattrocchi and with silver paint for flagpole, second Petska. Discussion on size of flagpole and if can also fly the county flag, repair of flagpole, new flags, and review of picture from last time the flagpole was painted. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on bidding process for exterior repairs.

County and District Fines and Fees reports were reviewed.

Discussion on Emergency Management LEOP with going back to having hard copies instead of electronic copies available online.

Review and discussion of NIRMA 2026-2027 billing statement. Motion by Magiera to approve coverage with change to \$5,000 deductible on property, building, and contents, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on paying invoice as billed and receiving refund for change in premiums.

Motion by Ference to approve fund request of \$178,432.04, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2026-04 to amend to the employee handbook regarding cellular phones and similar devices, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: Magiera. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel to approve the amendment to the employee handbook, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on Berggren contract, tabled until next board meeting.

Review of final county flag design and discussion on color of calf. Motion by Stunkel to approve the final design, amended to approve the final design with either a black or a white calf, second Ference. Further discussion on color of calf and background. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: DeRiso. Absent: none.

Discussion on budget timeline and setting hearing dates for budgets. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 11:45am and returned at 11:47am. Motion by Petska, second Baker, to set budget hearings dates of July 28, 2026, at 10:30am; August 4, 2026, at 7:00pm with subdivisions; August 11, 2026, at 10:00am; and August 25, 2026, at 10:30am; with budget discussions with department heads on July 16, 2026, at 7:00pm. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to approve and have all county board members sign BEAD letter from NACO to be sent to Governor Pillen, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Petska presented updates from NACO County Board Workshop. Discussion on labor laws, legislative updates, executive session, open meetings law, education requirements for LB663, and zoning comp plan. Stunkel left the board meeting at 12:00pm. Further discussion on open meetings and reasons and requirements for executive session.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson appeared and reported on District Court being completed for the day. Discussion on education hours requirement for county board members.

Review of schedule of upcoming hearings.

Committee reports included Ference with law enforcement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11pm, to reconvene on June 30, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting, and 9:30am as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting and agenda for the June 9, 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