

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited. 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 June 30, 2026, regular meeting, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by DeRiso to adopt the agenda, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker. Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall, public copies available on the counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer appeared. Discussion of bridge completion, project #STWD-CBMP(9). Motion by Stunkel to approve reimbursement request for county bridge match, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Petska to approve Resolution 26-07 to Certify proper completion of bridge project, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer presented potential agreement for profession services with Oak Creek Engineering for 2026 routine bridge inspections. Discussion on Meyer completing some of the inspections. Motion by DeRiso to approve agreement with Oak Creek Engineering, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Meyer gave general report to include gravel and overlay millings. Discussion on phone company cutting through culvert, has been replaced, will send phone company a bill.

Clerk KeShara Poland presented June register of deeds report and gave office report to include upcoming changes to open meetings act with regards to notices and publications and upcoming documentary stamp tax changes.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented month end fund report, trial balance report, month end balance sheet, miscellaneous receipts, semi annual statement to the Quiz, county certificates issued list, and pledge securities, with discussions.

Motion by DeRiso to enter board of equalization at 9:30am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Ference to enter hearing for protest and destroyed real property at 9:30am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker. Protest #13, parcel ID 880021749, Waits was reviewed and discussed, no representative present, a review of property had occurred since previous hearing. Protest #14, parcel ID 880022407 and Protest #15, parcel ID 880022400, McCall, were reviewed and discussed with representative present, concerns about costing table used for dwelling, parcel ID 880022407 not being buildable with no utility hookups. Protest #16, parcel ID 880022869, Miska, was reviewed and discussed with no representative present. Protest #17, parcel ID 880011781, Karre was reviewed and discussed with representative present, discussion on uniform clause, comparing date of build for other properties with additions and remodels, and property classification. Protest #21, parcel ID 880026047, Pelton was reviewed and discussed with representative present, feels valued above potential sale price. Protest #22, parcel ID 880024059, Protest #23, parcel ID 880024052, Protest #24, parcel ID 880024050, Wilson, reviewed and discussed with representative present, feels valued above potential sale price. Protest #25, parcel ID 880027118, Protest #26, parcel ID 880020692, Reineke, reviewed and discussed with no representative present. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 9:59am and returned at 10:00am. Discussion on if location of lots have an impact on value. Stunkel was absent from the meeting at 10:10am and returned at 10:11am. No decisions were made on protests #13-#17, #21-#26. Discussion and review of Over/Under Valued List. Motion by Petska, second Ference, to accept over/under value list for parcel IDs

880027139, 880036975, 880034678, 880027741, 880024255, 880024913, 880014595, 880017206, 880037266, 880020853, 880036872, 880001666, and 880026341. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Ference to exit the hearing at 10:14am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Ference to exit board of equalization at 10:16am, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Stunkel to approve use of courthouse lawn for Nebraska Community Foundation on July 23, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson gave report to include potential upcoming jury trial.

Discussion on how to conduct sales of new Valley County Flag. Tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Petska to enter into executive session for Berggren Architects contract for protection of public interest @ 10:28am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. The board exited executive session at 10:35am with no decisions made and no action taken. Motion by Petska to send a letter from the County Attorney to Berggren Architects to cancel contract as of 7/28/26, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Petska to enter executive session to discuss Bredthauer Lawsuit in protection of public interest at 10:36am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. The board exited executive session at 10:43am with no decision made and no action taken.

Bids for repair of west entrance steps and sidewalk, bids for repair of roof, parapet, and wall, and contract for construction manager agent tabled until next board meeting.

The board took a short break at 10:45am and reconvened at 10:59am with Baker absent.

No reports for Noxious Weed, Sheriff/Jail, and Planning and Zoning presented.

Building and Grounds expect to receive bids by the next board meeting.

Review of June District and County Courts Fees and Fines Reports and the Nebraska Supreme Court Summer Tour Information.

Committee report from Petska for Region 26, update to billing to entities due to correction of population figures with Valley County's bill decreasing. Stunkel for Building and Grounds on Veteran's Wall update.

Motion by Ference to approve the fund request of \$48,641.39, second Petska. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to approve cemetery contracts for David Brandon for Round Park Cemetery and Pleasant Hills Cemetery, second Petska. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to approve Clerk to sign power of attorney for MidAmerica/US Bencor for Valley County VEBA if needed, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion on advertising and posting of future committee meetings. When possible, upcoming committee meetings will be advertised on the county website at valleycountyne.gov 24 hours prior to meeting, no quorum will be present.

Discussion on Mortensen Site, waiting to hear from private attorney.

Committee reports, Ference has been meeting with sheriff and will be speaking with city council soon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am, to reconvene on July 16, 2026, at 7:00pm for a regular meeting, and 7:00pm as board of equalization. Complete minutes of the June 30, 2026, meeting

and agenda for the July 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