

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, August 11, 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 August 4, 2026, regular meeting, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker. No: none. Absent: Ference. Motion by DeRiso to adopt the agenda, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Ference. Public copies of open meetings act and board packets available on marble counter. Ference arrived at the board meeting at 9:02am. Baker gave public comment, an apology to Stunkel and Scratchtown Brewery for comments made during previous board meeting.

Review and Discussion of Flock cameras. Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel were present. Phil Arnold with Flock was on telephone. Eleven members of the public signed up to speak and give comment on Flock cameras. Members of the public were given 1 minute to speak. Those persons speaking, commenting, giving input, and asking questions were Robert Reilly, Cathy Bruha, Ken Rickard, Morgan Sherwood, Joseph Garcia, Wesley Lange, Mr. Jacobsen, Guy Brock, and Larry Koelling. Aaron Vancura and Ryan Psota were unable to speak due to time constraints. Motion by Ference to set hearing on flock cameras for August 24, 2026, at 7:00pm, to be held in the district courtroom of the Valley County courthouse, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to enter board of equalization at 9:40am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Assessor Aurora Griebel gave update on TERC case, continued indefinitely. Discussion on abandoned/neglected cemeteries and review of cemetery report. Motion by DeRiso to exit board of equalization at 9:47am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: Baker. Absent: none.

Assessor Aurora Griebel presented estimate for VanGuard. Motion by Baker to approve VanGuard estimate, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. Absent: none.

The board took a short break at 10:01am and reconvened at 10:13am with all members present.

Motion by Stunkel to enter budget hearing at 10:14am, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on office and department budgets, employee wages, and political subdivision requests including discussion on filing deadlines for political subdivision requests. Motion by Petska to exit the budget hearing at 10:32am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Ference.

Caleb Pollard with Valley County Economic Development reported on advertising for vacant tourism committee position with one application received. Motion by Ference to appoint Stephanie Hemmer to the Valley County Tourism committee, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Ashley Woodward with Valley County Health System reported on USDA Rural Grant for ambulance being denied. Petska was absent from the meeting from 10:40am and returned at 10:42am. Discussion on grants for and title of ambulance. Motion by Petska to approve the USDA Rural Development Funds De-Obligation Request, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Review of publication and grant for noxious weed for spraying.

Discussion of estimate for repair of elevator. Stunkel was absent from the meeting at 10:52am and returned at 10:54am. Discussion on insurance coverage. Motion by Magiera to approve TK Elevator work order for repair of elevator for \$7,704.54, second Petska. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on exterior repairs for courthouse. Review of bids received for repair of courthouse west entrance steps and sidewalk from GC Contracting, Double A Outfit, and Redline Concrete and Structures. Motion by Magiera to approve Double A Outfit for \$14,480, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Review of bids received for repair of courthouse roof, parapet, and wall from Tri-Cities Roofing and Sheet Metal, Prairie View Roofing, Weathercraft Co of Grant Island, and Dynasty Roofing. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 11:07am and returned at 11:08am. Motion by Baker to approve Dynasty Roofing for \$17,962, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Ference to approve Hackel Construction as Construction Manager Agent, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler discussed upcoming hearing for Flock.

Discussion of building permits issued for planning and zoning.

Review of District and County Courts Fees and Fines Reports.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$51,393.58, second Ference. Discussion on types of claims to be paid at first meeting. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: Petska, DeRiso. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to set potential Joint Public Hearing for September 15, 2026, at 7:00pm, second Petska. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Petska to set budget hearing dates for September 8, 2026, at 10:00am, and September 22, 2026, at 7:00pm, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Review of upcoming events.

Committee reports included Stunkel for Loup Basin Health Department and VanSlyke and Petska for Region 26.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37am, to reconvene on August 24, 2026, at 7:00pm for a regular meeting. Complete minutes of the August 4, 2026, meeting and agenda for the August 11, 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