

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call taken: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: none. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Motion by DeRiso to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026, regular meeting, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Petska to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Public copies of open meetings act and board packets available on marble counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Simpson gave report on August claims and balances. The road's department helped the City of Ord with tree removal for four days following the storm. Motion by Stunkel to approve Resolution #2026-8 the signing of the county annual certification of program compliance, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Baker to approve the county annual certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Review and Discussion of bridge load posting responsibilities and confirmation requirements. Meyer gave general report to include storm damage cleanup, phones at the shop being out, working on signs, and Region 26 being awarded a Deb Fischer Grant. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 9:33am and returned at 9:34am.

Motion by Ference to enter board of equalization at 9:35am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. Review of letter from Sedlacek concerning valuations. Motion by Ference to exit the board of equalization at 9:43am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave July register of deeds report and update amount of records requests received and elections.

Baker left the board meeting at 10:04am.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier appeared for VCHS. Ortmeier gave July financial report. Woodward gave August board report. Discussion on title and ownership of ambulance and DHHS-ARPA grant received. Will be tabled until next board meeting.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler reported on patrol vehicle receiving damage from storm. Discussion on Deb Fischer grant received for digital fingerprint machine.

The board took a short break at 10:41am and reconvened at 10:50am with Baker absent.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented month end fund report, trial balance report, month end balance sheet, and miscellaneous receipts. Discussion on return of distress warrants from sheriff.

VanSlyke reported that Darrell Kaminski is sending out noxious weed notices.

Discussion on breakdown and repair of elevator and two trees that were removed from the courthouse lawn following the storm.

Review of District and County courts fees and fines reports.

Carson Clayton, from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office, appeared and gave update on the 3rd Congressional District and discussed local issues and needs.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$462,378.77, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to approve annual county inventory reports, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion on contracts and care of abandoned/neglected cemeteries.

Discussion on Mortensen Site and upcoming hearing.

Motion by Ference to enter the budget hearing at 11:44am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker. Discussion on budget revisions and political subdivision requests. Motion by Ference to approve Resolution #26-9 the Allocate levy authority for political subdivisions, second Stunkel, with the following political subdivision allocations: Valley County Airport Authority – General \$40,000, Bond \$36,000; Loup Valley Agricultural Society – General \$75,000, Capital Improvement \$27,500; Arcadia Rural Fire District – General \$55,705, Bond \$40,000; North Loup Fire District – General \$29,705, Sinking \$12,360; Ord Rural Fire District – General \$94,000; Arcadia Township – General \$41,100; North Loup Township – General \$17,750; Ord Township – General \$123,000; Elyria Township \$600; and Springdale Township \$500. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Petska to deny Twin Loups Reclamation allocation request as received after deadline, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: Ference. Absent: Baker. Discussion on levy. Motion by Magiera to exit the budget hearing at 12:09pm, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Committee reported included building and grounds with removal of trees and will be receiving dates for start of repairs on exterior; discussion on frontier and phone systems; discussion on upcoming parade for Fall Festival in Arcadia.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13pm, to reconvene on September 8, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting. Complete minutes of the August 11, 2026, meeting and agenda for the August 25, 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