

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, September 29, 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 Ference to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026, special meeting, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Ference to adopt the agenda, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker. Public copies of open meetings act and board packets available on marble counter. Baker arrived at the meeting at 9:02am. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer and Secretary Sandy Simpson appeared. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 9:02am and returned at 9:03am. Simpson reported September claims and balances. Meyer gave general report to include NIRMA grant, fuel in oil of truck 301, and spraying trees. Discussion on clearing snow, tree trimming, and the Sargent-Ord Road.

There were no items for board of equalization.

Weed Superintendent Darrell Kaminski reported on office evaluation, spraying river for phragmites, and state inspector territories.

Discussion with County Attorney Brandon Hanson on opioid funds used to purchased Flock cameras, have been used for drug enforcement.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave August register of deeds report, new staff hired, and gave election update.

Treasurer Peggy Brott gave month end fund balance report, trial balance report, miscellaneous receipts, daily balance sheet, and pledge securities.

Discussion on office reports. Motion by Baker to have in person reports from courthouse offices quarterly, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Stunkel for zoning administrator to submit monthly report to include all permits, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Magiera to have Veterans Services submit a monthly report, second Baker. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on fund request and claim for South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the Joint Public Hearing Report, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to set Hearing for Mortensen Site Leases for December 8, 2026, at 10:00am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker to approve election mapping contract with Parker Magiera, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, Ference, Baker. No: VanSlyke. Absent: none. Abstain: Magiera.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier with Valley County Health System appeared. Woodward gave September board report and Ortmeier gave August financial report. Discussion on surplus sale of 2012 Chevy Ambulance and grant received.

The board took a short break at 10:34am and reconvened at 10:49am with all members present.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Scheideler presented an estimate for proposed purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango patrol vehicle from the Kansas Highway Patrol for \$37,825.00. Discussion on surplus sales of two patrol vehicles, tabled until next board

meeting. Motion by Stunkel to approve purchase of the patrol vehicle, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Joe Johnson, candidate for Nebraska State Legislature District 41 appeared. Discussion on background, experience, and legislative agenda to include ways to reduce property taxes.

Motion by Petska to go into executive session at 11:51am for personnel reasons for public interest, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. The board exited executive session at 11:59am with no decisions made.

Motion by Petska to approve the fund request of \$529,421.53, with holding the claims for South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on surplus sale of 2012 Chevy Ambulance, tabled until next board meeting.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the treasurer to transfer \$4,457.00 in opioid funds from the general fund into the opioid fund, second Ference. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on annual raise for road superintendent. Motion by Ference to give the road superintendent a 4% raise, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stunkel to set the levy at 0.29, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Upcoming NACO events reviewed. Discussion on an upcoming online meeting.

Committee reports included: Ference with Flock committee, good start at first committee meeting with another upcoming meeting with committee members; Stunkel with Building and Grounds, exterior repairs to begin mid-October; and DeRiso with MidPlains, being audited at the federal level.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24pm, to reconvene on October 13, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting and at 9:30am for board of equalization. Complete minutes of the September 22, 2026, meeting and agenda for the September 29, 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