

VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00am, Tuesday, September 8, 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 DeRiso to approve the minutes of August 24, 2026, special meeting with the correction of "Monday, August 24, 2026" and August 25, 2026, regular meeting, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Ference to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Public copies of open meetings act and board packets available on marble counter. No public comment.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave update for elections and new hire in office.

It was reported that a State supervisor for Noxious Weed recently passed away.

It was reported that planning and zoning is working on regulations and the comp plan.

Building and grounds superintendent Danny Vanek discussed replacement of trees in the courthouse yard that have been lost due to recent storms with donation of trees from approved list. Discussion on timing of start date for exterior repairs. Update that the elevator is working properly.

Sheriff Dave Scheideler and Secretary Ashley Spanel appeared. Review of estimate for repair of patrol vehicle. Discussion on capabilities of Flock cameras to read license plates at night and with them assisting with locating recently missing juvenile.

Review of August County and District Court Fees and Fines Reports.

Discussion on the extra work and time that Emergency Manager Scott Philbrick has done recently following multiple storms in the county.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the fund request of \$51,457.24, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion of title of 2025 Ford Ambulance and grant received with ARPA funds. How the ambulance is titled tabled until a further board meeting when there is more information.

Discussion on creation of a county flock privacy policy, the sheriff's office current privacy policy, and recent reports in the news. The board created a flock privacy policy committee with Ference, DeRiso, and Petska being the committee members. Baker arrived at the board meeting at 10:00am. Discussion on whether to continue using the Flock cameras during the interim of the privacy policy creation. Sheriff Scheideler reported that the two cameras that were located within city limits of Ord have been turned off and will be in storage once taken down. Motion by Ference to keep utilizing the other cameras until the policy is created, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Petska, DeRiso. No: Stunkel, Magiera. Abstain: Baker. Absent: none.

Motion by Petska to enter budget hearing at 10:02am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Accountant Chuck Abel appeared. Discussion on valuation growth, inheritance fund, and the increase allowed in budget. Due to a conflict with another political subdivision's meeting, the special meeting for approval of the county's budget on September 22 is moved to 9:00am. Petska designated as representative for joint public hearing. Motion by Magiera to exit the budget hearing at 10:26am, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none.

The board took a short break at 10:26am and reconvened at 10:34am with Baker absent.

Walker Zulkoski appeared with NPAIT/PTMA. Discussion on different accounts and investments and segregating the road's buyback funds.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer reported on engine breakdown of a Kenworth truck with anticipated repairs of \$50,000-\$60,000, will report after estimates received and discussion on cost of replacement. Discussion on damage to Quonset door from recent storm. Discussion with Applied Connective and phone and internet at the road shop. Meyer gave general report to include maintaining, hauling gravel, and getting updated rates and pricing from Green Tree Co.

Motion by Ference to enter the Hearing on review and modification of current leases and new leases at the Mortensen Site at 11:06am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: Baker. Review and discussion of final plats for Mortensen Site. Motion by Magiera to approve the final plat, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by Petska to exit the hearing at 11:10am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion on phone systems in the courthouse with upcoming removal of Frontier service. Motion by Petska to cancel Frontier copper lines and move elevator and fire sprinkler to current system with Applied Connective, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to 2012 Chevy Ambulance surplus and obsolete, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Discussion on striking of distress warrants. Motion by DeRiso to strike distress warrant for parcel ID 0000022972, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: Petska, Magiera. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Ference to approve the Special Designated License for Scratchtown Brewing Company for October 17, 2026, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Abstain: Stunkel. Absent: Baker.

Motion by Petska to appoint VanSlyke to the Central Nebraska Housing Authority Committee, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, Ference, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Abstain: VanSlyke. Absent: Baker.

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

Discussion of NACO Annual Conference in December in Kearney, with registration for event and hotels opening up September 9.

Magiera was absent from the board meeting at 11:34am. Treasurer Peggy Brott presented updated distress warrant. Motion by Petska to amend the previous motion to strike distress warrant to reflect for parcel ID 880037203, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: Petska. Absent: Baker, Magiera. Magiera returned to the board meeting at 11:37am.

Review of upcoming events, Joint Public Hearing on September 15 at 7:00pm and NACO events.

Committee reports included VanSlyke on Region 26 and Ference on Flock privacy policy with goal to have met at least once by the next regular meeting.

Sarah Cathcart with Senator Pete Rickett's office gave update. Discussion on grants available.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02pm, to reconvene on September 22, 2026, at 9:00am for a special meeting. Complete minutes of the August 24, 2026, and August 25, 2026, meetings and agenda for the September 8, 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