VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00am, Tuesday, October 27, 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 Petska to approve the minutes of October 13, 2026, regular meeting, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. Motion by DeRiso to adopt the agenda, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker. 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 reported on October claims and balances. Discussion on road striping. Baker arrived at the board meeting at 9:15am. Purchase of motor grader tabled until next board meeting. Meyer gave general report to include armor coating and road striping. Discussion camera policy.

UNL Extension Educator Kayla Hinrichs appeared. Motion by Stunkel to reappoint Jason Moudry to the extension board, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on advertising for board positions.

Motion by Ference to enter board of equalization at 9:30am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: none. Discussion on tax list corrections, previously approved correction #3941 & #3942 had a rounding error, new corrections presented to correct it. Motion by Petska to approve tax correction list #3949 and #3950, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Petska to exit board of equalization at 9:34am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: none. Absent: none.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave September register of deeds report and office and election update. Stunkel was absent from the board meeting at 9:41am and returned at 9:42am.

Motion by Ference to approve use of courthouse lawn, gazebo, and gazebo sound system for WinterFest 2026, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference. No: none. Absent: none.

Caleb Pollard presented the Valley County Economic Development quarterly report to include good sales tax collections and a potential housing rehabilitation grant. Baker was absent from the board meeting at 9:47am. Pollard reported on business coaching and youth engagement activities. Baker returned to the board meeting at 9:53am. Discussion on promotions for WinterFest. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 10:01am.

The board took a short break at 10:03am and reconvened at 10:12am with all board members present.

Ashley Woodward and Chelsea Ortmeier with VCHS appeared. Ortmeier gave September financial report. Woodward gave October board report. Discussion on ambulance title, to be tabled until next board meeting.

Discussion on National Opioids Settlement with Albertsons. Baker was absent from the board meeting at 10:25am and returned at 10:27am. Discussion on funds can be used for opioid mitigation. Motion by Baker to approve signing of participation form for National Opioids Settlement with Albertsons, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker. No: Magiera, Stunkel. Absent: none.

Sale of County flags tabled until next board meeting.

Discussion on exterior repairs to courthouse and contract.

Review and discussion of Veteran's Services monthly report.

Discussion on reporting for planning and zoning. Stunkel was absent from the meeting at 10:41am and returned at 10:42am. Baker with follow-up with planning and zoning.

Motion by Baker to approve the fund request of $832,446.01, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Petska, DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: none. Motion by Ference to amend the motion to approve the fund request of $832,446.61, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none.

Discussion on upcoming events, NACO annual conference, and Stunkel applied to attend National NACo event.

Motion by Magiera to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 10:52am, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, VanSlyke, Ference, Baker, Magiera, Petska. No: none. Absent: none. The board exited executive session at 11:01am with no decisions made.

Ference gave Flock committee report to include meeting later in the afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am, to reconvene on November 10, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting. Complete minutes of the October 13, 2026, meeting and agenda for the October 27, 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.

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KeShara Poland, Valley County Clerk