VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00am, Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Courthouse Boardroom. Vice Chairwoman Petska led the meeting. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call taken: Petska, Ference, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel present. Absent: VanSlyke, Baker. Clerk verified meeting notice published; agenda posted. Motion by Stunkel to approve the minutes of October 27, 2026, regular meeting, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Ference, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Baker. Motion by DeRiso to adopt the agenda, second Ference. Carried. Yes: Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, Ference. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Baker. Public copies of open meetings act and board packets available on marble counter. No public comment.

Road Superintendent Jay Meyer reported on striping crew finishing and hauling gravel. Discussion on purchase of tanks on auction site and future purchases through auction sites. Motion by DeRiso to approve Resolution 26-12, the signing of the year-end certification of county highway superintendent 2026, second Ference. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, Ference, Magiera. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Baker.

County Attorney Brandon Hanson reported on a large claim for court appointed attorney costs coming up and an uptick on criminal filings. Discussion on procedures for appointing a county attorney. Baker arrived at the board meeting at 9:40am.

Motion by Magiera to enter board of equalization at 9:42am, second Stunkel. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, Petska, Ference, Baker, Magiera, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke. Review and discussion of Valley County tax rates. Motion by Baker to exit board of equalization at 9:53am, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Ference, Baker, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the 2027 Hospital Renewal License for VCHS, second Baker. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, Ference, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke.

Treasurer Peggy Brott presented the month end fund balance report, trial balance report miscellaneous receipts, daily balance sheet, pledge securities, and distress warrants. Ference was absent from the meeting at 9:57am and returned at 10:00am.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Mark Hogue and Secretary Ashley Spanel presented the quarterly report to include sending two trainees to camp and training for a new digital fingerprint machine. Quarterly Jail inspection will occur after the board meeting.

Review and discussion of the October County and District Courts Fees and Fines reports.

Clerk KeShara Poland gave update on elections, conducting an audit and certification coming up. Discussion on the county's website.

The board took a short break at 10:24am and reconvened at 10:31am with VanSlyke absent.

Emergency Manager Scott Philbrick appeared. Discussion on the siren on the courthouse to include when it will sound and the placement and support structure repairs needed.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Danny Vanek appeared. Discussion on trees for the courthouse lawn and potentially painting the cornerstone. Update given that crew will begin pouring concrete today for sidewalk and steps repair.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sheri Goodrich appeared. Apology given for not giving the board regular reports. Goodrich reported on mapping for website with precinct boundaries and cemeteries. Discussion on including permits with monthly reports. Ference was absent from the board meeting at 11:17am. Goodrich presented a draft of the comp plan with discussion. Further discussion on gworks. Baker was absent from the board meeting at 11:31am and returned at 11:37am.

Dustin Will with Benefit Management appeared. Discussion on health insurance coverages currently offered and quotes given for renewal options. Review and discussion of health census snapshot. Decision on renewal tabled until next board meeting.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the funds request of $49,538.19, second Baker. Carried. Yes: Baker, Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Ference.

Discussion on appointment of county attorney. Motion by Magiera to advertise for upcoming vacancy with the Chamber, UNL School of Law, and the Nebraska Bar Association, second Petska. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, Baker, Magiera. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Ference.

Motion by Stunkel to approve the contracts for courthouse exterior repairs, second Magiera. Carried. Yes: Magiera, DeRiso, Stunkel, Petska, Baker. No: none. Absent: VanSlyke, Ference.

Sale of County Flag tabled until next board meeting.

Discussion on courthouse hours for upcoming holidays. Motion by Magiera to close the courthouse at 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 25, at 12:00pm on Christmas Eve, and at 3:00pm on New Years Eve, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Stunkel, Petska, Magiera, DeRiso. No: Baker. Absent: VanSlyke, Ference.

Discussion on Maximus Countywide Cost Allocaiton Plan and incentive payments for child support enforcement, tabled until next board meeting.

Discussion on upcoming events to include NACO Annual Conference and upcoming Industrial Development Committee meeting.

Review of mail folder. Appointment of CNAP board member tabled until next meeting.

Committee reports included Stunkel with Loup Basin Health Department, Petska with Region 26, Petska with economic development, and Stunkel with building and grounds.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm, to reconvene on November 24, 2026, at 9:00am for a regular meeting. Complete minutes of the October 27, 2026, meeting and agenda for the November 10, 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