Osceola, Nebraska
January 25, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the January 20th, 2022 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Westring informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Although outpatient revenue was down in December, the total revenue for the month was above the last 12 month average. Both an operating and an overall loss were reported for the month. A Control Logic software update is needed and bids will be reviewed for the partial roof replacement. The pharmacist currently used by the facility is retiring but a contract for those services will be made with a York pharmacy. The number of Covid tests is decreasing along with the positivity rate. Marcus Augustin also reviewed with the Board the paperwork required by the Health Resources and Services Administration to determine if any portion of the $3,000,000 Provider Relief Funds received by hospital need to be returned. According to the calculations, $169,000 is required to be repaid.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The crew is working on refacing the faded 911 signs along the highway west of Osceola. Damage sustained to the bridge on the road to the Osceola dump has been repaired. A cost estimate has been received from Platte County's engineers for Polk County's share of the Duncan Southeast project. A sample interlocal agreement will be provided to County Attorney Colling for review.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Weed Control Board Roster as presented. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. According to Drift Watch, there are currently 38 organic sites in Polk County. Over twenty phragmites inspections have been completed with just a few left to complete. Several locations have been identified for follow up brush control. Supt. Carlson will be attending training the second week of February. The custom and forced control spraying rates were reviewed and updated list will be presented for the Board's approval next month.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on February 1st and 15th, 2022. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved: /S/ Debra S. Girard /S/ Jerry Westring
County Clerk Chairman