

Osceola, Nebraska  
October 20, 2020

Pursuant to notice published in the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$60,065.79
Annie Jeffrey Health Center	Service	\$423.60
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$161.77
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$84.78
Central Valley AG	Fuel	\$740.83
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$195.54
Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Service	\$145.00
Clerk of the District Court	Service	\$36.00
Cubby's, Inc.	Fuel	\$316.00
Eagle Broadband	Service	\$1,072.25
Eagle Technology Solutions	Service	\$202.99
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$127.02
Election Systems & Software	Supplies	\$4,403.86
Encartele, Inc.	Service	\$150.00
Field & Frills	Supplies	\$140.56
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$153.90
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$782.46
Devin Gabriel	Service	\$600.00
Hamilton County Treasurer	Service	\$402.70
Dave Hopwood	Service	\$200.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Supplies	\$20.69
Toby Johansen	Supplies	\$200.00
MARC	Supplies	\$119.00
Midland Telecom Inc.	Service	\$570.00
Midwest Tree Service	Service	\$1,200.00
National Pen Co. LLC	Supplies	\$583.90
Office.NET	Supplies/Equipment	\$1,916.47
Omaha World Herald	Supplies	\$601.95
Jennifer Osborne	Mileage	\$132.82
Osceola Food Mart	Service/Supplies	\$52.97
Paper Tiger Shredding	Supplies	\$45.00
Philips Lifeline	Service	\$789.47
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$27.97
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$280.27
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$58.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$52.99
Pioneer Telephone	Service	\$27.29
Platte County Sheriff	Service	\$25.50
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,423.74
Polk County Court	Service	\$104.00
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Service/Supplies	\$474.49
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$1,172.15
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$4,077.55
Charles Soll	Service	\$300.00
Michelle Sterup	Mileage	\$8.05
Stromsburg Housing Authority	Supplies	\$213.00
Barb Swanson	Mileage	\$75.33
Jaci Swantek	Mileage/Supplies	\$27.88
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$770.58
Triple S Service	Service	\$110.00
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$34.56
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$59.20
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$950.95
Darla Winslow	Mileage/Supplies	\$272.05
Kim Winslow	Mileage/Supplies	\$75.76
York News Times	Service	\$29.97

911 Custom	Service	\$133.13
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ROAD FUND

Road	Salaries	\$27,249.15
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$127.69
Blue River Power and Rental	Service/Rent	\$104.99
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Supplies	\$206.59
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$9,424.18
Eagle Broadband, Inc.	Service	\$66.36
Curtis Ericson	Service	\$22.47
Extreme Glass	Supplies	\$1,406.13
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$81.55
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$677.83
John Deere Financial	Supplies/Service	\$127.20
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$11,995.71
NMC, Exchange LLC	Service/Supplies	\$10,069.39
Overland Sand & Gravel	Supplies	\$13,673.58
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,048.62
Polk Light & Water	Service	\$96.48
Polk Service & Repair, Inc.	Service	\$11.58
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$1,735.82
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$64.28
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$224.28

SENIOR SERVICES FUND

Eagle Broadband, Inc.	Service	\$171.11
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	Computer Expense	\$488.32
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$90.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	1,000.80
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WEED FUND

Black Hills Energy	Fuels	\$40.13
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$303.80
Gempler's	Service	181.89
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$35.00

The Board approved the collateral pledged by Polk County banks and held in custody by the County Treasurer.

The following fees for the month of September were earned by the various offices and submitted to the County Treasurer. County Treasurer receipts show fees earned were credited to the appropriate county funds.

Jodie L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$386.50
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A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution stating Polk County's intentions to recommit to the interlocal agreements with various other Nebraska counties and other public agencies that form the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II). The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to approve the replat of the tract commonly known as Lot 8, Block D of Duncan Lakes in Section 13, Township 16, Range 2. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Stacen Gross met with the Board via telephone to provide an update on the joint communications project. Sheriff Ladwig was also present for the update. Columbus/Platte County Joint Communications board will be meeting on Thursday to review and potentially approve a dollar figure for the proposed joint communications project with Polk County.

Sheriff Ladwig presented a proposal from Applied Connective Technologies for the purchase and installation of mobile computers and internet connectivity to comply with the State's e-citation requirements. Because this equipment supports emergency call dispatching and response, it can be funded through local landline 911 surcharges. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the purchase of the e-citation equipment from Applied Connective Technologies for the Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle fleet. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the hearing as advertised for the conditional use permit for a tract in the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 3 West. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. Also present for the hearing were the applicant Terry Van Housen and the County Attorney. The physical size of the feed lot operation would not be changed, only the stocking rate would be increased from 10,000 to 13,000 animal units which would change the operation from a Class D to a Class E facility. The minutes and recommendation from the Planning Commission were reviewed as well as acknowledgement of the agreements of support from those landowners in close proximity to the feedlot. At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the application for a conditional use permit for the tract in the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 3 West because it complies with the Comprehensive Plan and meets all the requirements of the zoning regulations of Polk County, Nebraska, including those contained in Articles 6.1 to 6.4 of the Zoning Regulations:

1. The proposed project is compatible with and similar to the agricultural use permitted in District AG-1.
2. The proposed project is allowed in District AG-1 and rezoning is not required.
3. The proposed project is not detrimental to adjacent property.
4. The proposed project does not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property.
5. The proposed project is compatible with agriculture, which is the stated use of District AG-1.
6. The proposed project does not change the character of the District.
7. The proposed project is in accordance with the comprehensive plan.
8. The proposed project meets the requirements of Article 6.4 of the Polk County Zoning Regulations, specifically:
  - a. The facility as an expanded intensive livestock facility complies with the minimum distance requirements of Article 6.4, paragraph 1, and because three affected landowners have submitted letters stating that they do not object to the application.
  - b. The facility operator has agreed to comply with the management plan requirements found in Article 6.4 paragraph 2. The facility operator has a waste management plan approved by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Mark Hartley and Sheila Bjerrum with the Polk Senior Services Program and Midwest Covenant Home and Jill Engel with Aging Partners met with the Board to review the contract for the management of the Polk County Senior Services Program for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the one year contract with Midwest Covenant Home for the administration of the Senior Services Program. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

The operation of the program, especially the home delivered and congregate meals, during the last few months under the Covid-19 restrictions was discussed as well as the reluctance of the Stromsburg Senior Center to provide congregate meals and communicate with Midwest Covenant Home and Aging Partners.

The need for temporary traffic control signs north and south of Highway 81/92 between Osceola and Shelby was reviewed again. A motion was made by Boss that temporary traffic control signs be installed at all intersections adjoining Highway 81/92 as deemed necessary for the safety of the travelling public during the Highway 81/92 construction project. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

