Osceola, Nebraska
October 25, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the October 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. September was a slower month resulting in an operating and overall loss for the month. The OB project is complete, just waiting for the official certification from the State. Skylights in the building need to be replaced at a cost of approximately $8,000 and the carpeting in the physical therapy is in need of replacement and a donation has been received to cover a large portion of the cost. Work continues on establishing a pulmonology clinic with some minor snags in the processing of the appointments. The fall health fair held at the hospital was very well attended. The facility did have a Covid positive inpatient, the first since the May/June time period..

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Hospital Licensure Renewal Application. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Connie Reinke with the Nebraska Voter Accuracy Project, along with members of the local Patriots group, gave a video presentation to the Board regarding the perceived inaccuracy of the 2020 election results. The solution recommended by the group is to hand count all of the ballots, with the voters able to watch, in real time, their ballot being counted at the voting precinct.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The striping on the blacktop road south of the Platte River bridge has been completed and the County crew is working on the shouldering of the new asphalt. Boruch Masonry patched some of the problem spots on the blacktop north of Osceola with concrete last week. Weather permitting, the crew plans to grade 122nd Road between G and H Roads next week. Since the wait time for new machines are is at least six months, Supt. Theis would like to get a new motor grader on order. In addition, he would also like to acquire a used loader.

Weed Supt. Carlson asked that his appointment with the Board be rescheduled for a later meeting.

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

Approved: /S/ Debra S. Girard — County Clerk

/S/ Jerry Westring — Chairman