Osceola, Nebraska
October 26, 2021

Pursuant to notice published in the October 21st, 2021 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.

A motion was made by Boss authorizing the Chairman to sign the annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards as presented. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

The voting procedures for voting at the NACO annual meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Boss to appoint Debra S. Girard as the designee to cast the ballot for Polk County should Chairman Westring not be able to attend the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Having received the notification that Mary Borer had declined the position, a motion was made by Boruch to hire Melissa Carey to fill the vacant custodian/groundskeeper position. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. The month of September was the highest revenue month according to the records that go back to 2012. Increased revenues also meant increased expenditures for a slight operating loss for the month but an overall gain. The number of COVID cases have leveled off but they have been averaging three to four inpatients per day, more than the normal one to two.

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.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. He has contacted Werner about purchasing millings from the Highway 69 project but they were unsure if they would have any extra product after recycling the millings into the overlay. The Highway 81/92 project still needs to finish the striping and add rumble bars. The updated driveway policy was reviewed and a motion was made by Boruch to approve the updated policy. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Fall inspections and fall spraying are underway with the end of the spraying season wrapping up. Changes are being made to the weed plan required to be filed each year and the office inspection by the Nebraska Dept. of Ag will be taking place soon.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on November 2nd and 16th, 2021. 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