Osceola, Nebraska
November 22, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the November 17th, 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.

An extension of the interlocal agreement with Platte County and the City of Columbus for primary emergency communications and 911 dispatching was discussed. A motion was made by Westring to adopt an addendum to the original agreement which will extend the original agreement for two years, with a 5% increase in the annual fee each year. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A 5-year master agreement with the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation for providing survey services for highway projects was presented. The master agreement will provide a more efficient process for the NDOT to contract with the County Surveyor for locating and potentially re-establishing survey corner monuments as part of state highway projects in the county. The agreement will also increase the reimbursement amount for these services from $100 to $300 per monument. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign 5-Year Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. October was a busier month than September and a return to masking at the facility was needed due to caring for some inpatient Covid patients. An overall loss was reported for the month. Augustin presented and reviewed the fiscal year 2021-2022 audit report with the Board.

Three informal bids for a sheepsfoot roller for the Highway Dept. were presented by Highway Supt. Theis. The low bid from Nebraska Machinery Company was for a roller without wheels but the next lowest bid (by $150) from Strobel Manufacturing was for a roller with wheels. A motion was made by Boss to purchases the wheeled sheepsfoot roller from Strobel Manufacturing. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Traffic studies were conducted yesterday at the intersections identified at last week's meeting. The bridge on G Road north of the county line over the Blue River was also looked at and will be submitted for consideration in the State of Nebraska's bridge match program. Theis will also look into leasing a wheeled loader as opposed to purchasing a used one.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The sprayers have all been winterized and the snow blade installed on the side-by-side for snow removal. Supt. Carlson also reported on the number of miles sprayed for general weeds, noxious weeds and brush along with the number of inspections completed and pastures custom sprayed. Work will now focus on preparing for the 2023 spraying season.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on December 6th and 20th, 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