Osceola, Nebraska
December 26, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the December 21st, 2023 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.

The Board continued their discussion on providing financial assistance to the Osceola Ambulance. After reviewing the amount of American Rescue Plan Act funds that have been received, spent, and allocated to various projects, as presented by Clerk Girard, a motion was made by Boss to pay $5,000.00 to Stryker Sales, LLC in partial payment of Osceola Ambulance's invoice for a power load stair chair, using ARPA funds. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Tristan Perry, York County Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, presented the Memorandum of Understanding for York and Polk Counties to work together to provide juvenile services to both counties and to apply for grants to fund the program. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding which had approved by the York County Board of Commissioners on December 19, 2023. 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. The hole in the deck of the bridge on K Road was patched last week. The crew is clearing snow from the county roads today with the drifting in the rural areas not as bad as originally expected. Supt. Theis will check with Foreman Ericson regarding the condition of Q Road north and south of 139th Road following the rain and snow where clay was applied to the road.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept., including the number of miles of weeds and brush sprayed in the right-of-way in 2023. In addition to the road sides, bridge approaches and county shop yards being sprayed, six pastures were custom sprayed. He has been working in the chemical room and preparing the annual reports. Phragmites inspections will begin soon as winter is a good time to spot infestations otherwise hidden behind growing crops.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to meet again on January 2nd and 16th, 2024. 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