

Pursuant to notice published in the November 30th, 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.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims, except the claim to Jerry Westring, 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. A motion was made by Boss to approve the claim to Jerry Westring for supplies reimbursement and labor and authorize a warrant to be drawn on the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, abstain.

GENERAL FUND

General	Salaries	\$71,551.69
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$24,632.08
BTS Communications	Service	\$253.50
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$528.98
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$383.55
Clear Live LLC	Service	\$32.53
Clearly	Service	\$716.81
CMRS-POC	Postage	\$3,500.00
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$68.56
Consolidated Management Company	Service	\$295.75
Cubby's, Inc.	Fuel	\$266.53
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies/Service	\$137.48
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$149.50
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$11.69
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$83.56
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$43.77
Hometown Leasing	Rent	\$123.83
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$24.99
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$1,362.50
National Pen Co. LLC	Supplies	\$405.00
Nebraska Supreme Court	Agreement	\$8,135.96
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$72.49
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$145.69
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Registration	\$150.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$182.33
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$391.89
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,682.11
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$1,298.16
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Registration	\$255.00
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$0.09
Polk County Sheriff	Fees	\$112.00
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,287.34
Porte Central Incorporated	Service	\$634.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Postage	\$825.00
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$40.00
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$1,727.18
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$360.25
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$409.69

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$31,256.12
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$7,496.72
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$2,886.55
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$40.00
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$220.22
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$308.57
Eakes Office Solutions	Equipment	\$29.40
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$76.25
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.58
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$42.65

Island Supply Welding Company	Supplies	\$127.55
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$7,893.05
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Service	\$13.77
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,884.88
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$208.19
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,369.25
Powerplan	Service	\$6,983.90
Rally Auto Parts	Supplies/Service	\$695.20
Southwest Gravel Products LLC	Gravel and Borrow	\$24,588.89
Truck Center Companies-York	Service/Parts	\$11,964.08
Village of Shelby	Utilities	\$181.90

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

Sanford Health	Service	\$45.00
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COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Truck Center Company	Deposit	\$20,000.00
Jerry Westring	Reimbursement	\$2,616.07

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Applied Connective Technologies	Service	\$2,574.22
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$537.60
Pictometry International, Inc.	Service	\$23,617.67

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$296.50
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WEED FUND

Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$13.11
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$46.95
Rally Auto Parts	Supplies/Service	195.98

The following fees for the month of November 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.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$1,237.57
Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$3,518.35

The County Jail Report for the month of November was reviewed by the Board and approved.

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent for the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The certification informs the Department of Transportation that Polk County did employ a licensed highway superintendent at all times during calendar year 2023.

The 2024 wages for county employees were discussed. A motion was made by Boss to adopt the following pay scale: experienced road employees, a maximum of \$24.69 per hour; county mechanic, a maximum of \$27.02 per hour; road foreman, a maximum of \$31.05 per hour; Weed Supt., a maximum of \$25.33 per hour; Highway Supt., a maximum annual salary of \$60,132.00; Bridge Inspector, a maximum annual salary of \$15,033.00; office clerk in the office of Highway Supt., Survey, Weed Supt., and Zoning Administrator, a maximum of \$24.04 per hour; Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Assessor, \$24.04 per hour; office clerks in the office of Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, a maximum of \$22.49 per hour; Deputy County Attorney, a maximum annual salary of \$51,923.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff, a maximum of \$36.15 per hour; Sergeant, a maximum of \$35.38 per hour; Investigator, a maximum of \$34.82 per hour; Deputy Sheriffs, a maximum of \$33.02 per hour; dispatcher, a maximum of \$24.87 per hour; Custodian, a maximum of \$23.04 per hour; and Health Director, a maximum of \$34.83 per hour. Any other non law enforcement hourly employees' wages may be increased by a maximum of 6% per hour. The hourly wages for law enforcement employees may be increased up to 12% per

