

Pursuant to notice published in the February 15th, 2024 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 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.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$70,707.90
Augie's Auto Body Repair	Service	\$580.00
Banner Press	Service	\$108.99
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$4,126.55
BTS Communications	Service	\$581.45
Carl's Scrap	Service	\$50.00
CMRS-POC	Postage	\$3,500.00
Connect America	Service	\$197.00
Dodge County Sheriff	Service	\$18.70
Douglas County Sheriff	Service	\$20.68
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies/Service	\$905.93
Essential Screens	Supplies	\$93.62
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees	\$200.00
MARC	Supplies	\$500.20
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$380.99
Myron Corp.	Supplies	\$282.72
NE Association of County Clerk	Dues	\$50.00
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$93.00
NE Regional Interoperability Network	Service	\$1,200.00
Osceola Public Schools	Spelling Bee	\$800.00
Physicians Laboratory, P.C.	Service	\$2,734.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$55.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$78.95
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies/Registration	\$80.85
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$54.36
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$10.85
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$21.25
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$1,560.00
Platte County Sheriff	Service	\$6.70
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,971.86
Polk Co. Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,409.20
Polk County Health Ins. Deductible	Deductible	\$5,117.72
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$251.84
Protex Central Incorporated	Service	\$3,056.00
Rasmussen Mechanical Service	Service	\$4,249.00
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$1,033.03
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$1,727.18
Ken Toline	Reimbursement	\$11.25
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$71.12
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$774.42
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$16.83

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$29,598.40
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$725.26
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$881.18
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$1,360.79
Hays Construction	Service	\$1,124.73
John Deere Financial	Service/Supplies	\$374.67
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$2,329.65
Medical Enterprises Inc.	Service	\$70.00
NMC, Inc.	Service/Supplies	\$9,161.65
Pinnacle Bank	Service/Supplies	\$2,119.01
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,997.91
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,264.30

Polk County Health Department	Service	\$40.00
Polk Light & Water	Utilities	\$88.45
Strobel Manufacturing Inc.	Supplies	\$424.68
Tire Outlet, Inc.	Supplies	\$729.63
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$66.01
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$236.64

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

Midwest Covenant Home	Service/Supplies	\$14,962.97
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$355.58

DISASTER FUND

K & E LLC	Service	\$400.00
Vrbka Ag Solutions	Service	\$2,180.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Service	\$572.75
MIPS Inc.	Service	\$163.95

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska	Service	\$1,007.72
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WEED FUND

Black Hills Energy	Service	\$77.03
James Carlson	Reimbursement	\$80.00

The Board approved the collateral pledged by Polk County banks and held in custody by the County Treasurer.

Veterans Service Officer Ken Toline and members of the Polk County Veterans Service Committee met with the Board to provide an update on the activities of the Veterans Service office. VSO Toline is now cross certified to be able to help veterans find assistance through the Veterans Service Office, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. While the number of visits to the VSO office located in the courthouse has remained steady, those utilizing the mobile site in Stromsburg on Tuesdays has fallen off. The Veterans Service Committee is recommending that hours for the office be cut back to just three days a week at the courthouse and to no longer offer services at the mobile site. The Board agreed with their proposal and thanked VSO Toline for his continued work in obtaining the certifications needed to better serve the veterans of Polk County.

Keithan Karn with the Garland Company's Omaha office, met with the Board to discuss the assistance their company can do to manage the courthouse roof replacement project. The first step would be to analyze the current roof and to determine the best solution for replacing the roof while still maintaining the historical integrity of the courthouse. The Board gave their verbal approval for Mr. Karn to take a core sample of the existing roof for analysis.

A motion was made by Boss to sign a letter of support for the City of Stromsburg's 9th Street paving project to accompany their application for grant funds to help fund the project. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. Because the northern half of a stretch of the eastern portion of the street belongs to the County, the County would be responsible for the paving costs associated with that area of the project.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The crew has been out maintaining, spreading the gravel back across the roads. If the weather holds, the retriever will be used to bring back onto the roads the gravel that ended up in the ditch during snow removal. The 1 and 6 Year Road Plan hearing is scheduled for the February 27th meeting. Supt. Theis will seek assistance from County Attorney Johnson regarding preparing a notice for the paper and the county website discussing the responsibilities of the landowners upkeep of the county road right-of-way.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to meet again on February 27th and March 5th, 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