Osceola, Nebraska
February 22, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the February 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.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Both inpatient and outpatient revenues were up from December and January's total revenue of nearly $850,000 was a record high for the facility. Both an operating and overall gain were reported for the month. As part of the OB remodeling project, the electrical will also need to be updated. Originally part of the 2007 expansion project, the electrical update was put on hold due to the projected cost. The hospital is looking to purchase a bariatric bed for heavier patients and the new telemetry systems installed into the patient rooms should be live by March 1st. Negotiations are underway to have an outpatient podiatry clinic and the annual health fair has been cancelled due to the inability to get all the necessary supplies for the testing typically offered.

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the 1 and 6 Year Road Plan hearing as advertised. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Highway Supt. Theis was present. The one and six year projects, which include bridge work and asphalt/concrete overlays, were reviewed. At 11:05 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Westring and all members voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The dump truck will be delivered tomorrow and Windstream has filed permits to bury fiber optic lines in the county road right of way in the Shelby area.

Weed Supt. Carlson presented resolutions to update the custom control rates and the forced control rates for noxious weed control by the Polk County Weed Dept. Changes to the rates were last made in April of 2017. A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution to update the noxious weed control rates as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution to update the noxious weed force control rates as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Weed Supt. Carlson also updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Continuing education hours were received as a result of attending the training last week and he will be converting one of the road department pickups into a spray truck for the road crew to use for brush control.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on March 1st and 15th, 2022. 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