Osceola, Nebraska
February 26, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2019 and published in the February 21st, 2019 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 on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. January was a good month for the facility with an increase in inpatient revenue and steady outpatient revenue. As a result, an operating loss but overall gain was reported for the month. The financials for the first half of the fiscal year have been as projected. Architect Denny Duer will present plans for a possible upgrade to the OB area and an update is needed for the Pyxis machine which is used to dispense pharmaceuticals. The Snowman Marathon is going well and the Health Fair is scheduled for next week. Prairie Creek Family Medicine is planning an open house at their new Shelby Clinic on April 4th. The annual report certificate for First National Bank of Omaha was signed by the Chairman.

Darla Winslow updated the Board on the activities of the Polk County Health Department. Nearly 400 flu shots were administered by the Health Department with 10 doses remaining. They currently have 14 Homemaker Chore clients and 38 Lifeline clients and Tai Chi classes which help improve balance are very popular. The Health Department is also very active in facilitating the Polk County Substance Abuse Coalition and the programs they have for youth.

Carmen Chinchilla-Gutierrez presented information to the Board about the Southeast Nebraska Area Health Education Center. The mission of the program is to connect students to health careers, health professionals to communities and communities to better health, especially in rural areas of the state.

At 11:00 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the One and Six 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 for the hearing. The one and six year projects, which include bridge work and asphalt/concrete overlays, were reviewed. At 11:35 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to the close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Boruch 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 Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Highway Dept. The Road Crew moved snow again on Sunday following the weekend storm with some operators putting in fourteen to sixteen hours. Due to the winds, the roads were plowed again yesterday with the crew pushing the snow further into the ditches today. No mechanical issues arose during the snow removal. The overhead shop door at the Stromsburg Shop is in need of repair.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on March 5th and 19th, 2019. 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