Osceola, Nebraska
March 22, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the March 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.

A motion was made by Boss to declare the 2014 John Deere EZ Track lawn mower as surplus property and authorize the property to be traded in on the purchase of a new mower. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Although February was slower than January, it was similar to a normal February. A small operating loss was recorded but an overall gain was reported for the month. The electrical portion of the OB project will be finished this week with the project moving to the finishing phase soon. Due to the extra requirements brought about as a result of Covid, the position of housekeeping supervisor will be created and split off from the maintenance supervisor position.

Sheriff Ladwig met with the Board to provide an update. He expressed concerns about the continuation of the mutual law enforcement assistance agreement with Butler County for that portion of Highway 81 that is also the Polk and Butler County line.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The open winter, coupled with rising fuel prices, has resulted in an increased amount being spent on fuel by the Road Dept. Informal quotes continue to be sought for the purchase of a grapple fork attachment for the skid loader to clean up brush and load rip-rap, as well as quotes for additional profilers for the maintainers. At the NACO Central District meeting last week, Supt. Theis learned that the State's bridge match program will be ending and Polk County currently has two bridge projects in the program. There will be approximately a 15% increase in the funds received through the Federal Buy Back program.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on April 5th and 19th, 2022. 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