Osceola, Nebraska
April 23, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2019 and published in the April 18th, 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.

A county-wide alert system provided by AlertSense, Inc. was discussed with Sheriff Ladwig. This is the same company that is utilized by Platte County and offers various methods of informing participating residents of potentially dangerous situations or other approved notifications. Before taking any action, Sheriff Ladwig and Emergency Manager Carey will visit with the village boards and city councils to see if they have any interest in participating in the alert system.

Chairman Westring has been approached about the possibility of subleasing the Senior Services Program kitchen to an individual for occasional use. Before the Board can sublease the kitchen, the City of Stromsburg must approve and Westring will meet with the Stromsburg City Council.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the Hospital. March was a busy month compared to February with a small operating loss and overall gain reported. The OB remodeling project is still in the review process. The Board of Trustees will look at a plan to remodel the existing room instead of creating 2 rooms for labor and delivery. The patient lift currently in use needs to be replaced and proceeds from the Foundation for Annie Jeffrey's upcoming golf tournament will be earmarked for this equipment upgrade. The open house for the Prairie Creek Family Medicine Clinic in Shelby was well attended and 7 scholarships were awarded to local high school students seeking post-secondary schooling in a medical field.

Marcus Augustin met with the Board to ask for approval for a special designated permit to have alcohol at a function to be held on the Polk County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Boruch to allow the Osceola Tavern, LLC to sell and serve alcohol on May 25th, 2019 in the Ag Pavilion on the Polk County Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Health Dept. Director Darla Winslow presented an estimate received for the replacement of flooring tiles in the Health Department. According to the terms of their lease, replacement of the tiles is the responsibility of the tenant. A motion was made by Boruch to accept the estimate for the replacement of the tiles as presented. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Highway Dept. The crew will be hauling rock on Road 144 and Island Road and six culverts need to be installed. The grad-all is being used to clean out the ditches where the water went over the road. The rain over the weekend made some roads a mess once again. NEMA confirmed that they had received the information submitted by Supt. Theis and have forwarded it to FEMA. A cold patch mix will be used to fill the potholes on Polk North.

Weed Supt. Carlson and Paul Moyer with the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture met with the Board to review the State's inspection of the Polk County Weed Dept. The Department scored very high on the evaluation of the local program. The activities of the department were also updated by Supt. Carlson. The sprayers are ready to go and the various organic farms in the county have been identified. Spraying and inspections will begin soon, weather permitting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m. to meet again on May 7th and May 21st, 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