Osceola, Nebraska
April 25, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the April 20th, 2023 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.

The Board approved the annual report submitted by the City of Osceola for their TIF program.

A motion was made by Boss to transfer $800,000 from the County General Fund to the Road Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. March's revenues were up from February but still below the revenues reported for last March and the last twelve month average. An operating and overall loss were reported for the month but the accounts receivable days continue to decline. The grant funds for the project for the upgrades to the radiology departments are expected to be received in April. CFO Augustin and several other office staff members will be attending a workshop next week for the new software program. Repairs are needed to the concrete areas around the facility. Local high school students have been job shadowing at the hospital and seven scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors from High Plains, Cross County and Osceola. Following medical staff approval, the mask mandate put into place for Covid cases will be removed.

Highway Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Supt. Theis is at the site of the box culvert project on 135th Road. The floor was poured last week and the sidewalls are being poured yesterday and today. Requested driveways are being installed and Supt. Theis is working on the map for the signs to be obtained through the High Risk Rural Road program discussed at last week's meeting.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The report has been received from the Nebraska Dept. of Ag following the inspection of the Noxious Weed program in Polk County with the county scoring almost perfect marks. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Reports and Requirements Summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The bridge approaches and shop yards have been sprayed and right of way spraying will begin soon. The lack of moisture and its effect on the chemicals being used is a concern. Paul Davis Restoration did the emergency repairs to the Weed Shop following the damage caused to the front of the building due to the high winds and the bill has been submitted to NIRMA for payment. Paul Davis Restoration also provided an estimate for the permanent repairs which NIRMA has also approved.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on May 2nd and 16th, 2023. 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