Osceola, Nebraska
April 27, 2021

Pursuant to notice published in the April 22nd, 2021 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.

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

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. March saw increased revenues as activities are returning to normal at the facility. Both an operating and overall gain were reported with revenues above the past twelve month average. The OB project will continue to move forward using CARES Act funds. The fetal monitor needs to be replaced and the patient monitor system needs to be upgraded with an estimated cost of around $250,000. The new security cameras are operational and the new phones have also been installed. With the continued downward trend in COVID cases and requests for tests, the other entrances to the hospital have been reopened. May 19th thru the 23rd is hospital week with special activities planned for the staff in appreciation for the dedication shown during the pandemic. Six scholarships will be awarded to local high school graduates pursuing post secondary education in the medical field.

At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. At 11:00 a.m., a motion was made by Westring to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel matters were discussed.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Repair work has been completed on the bridge over Davis Creek on 129th Road and the bridge has been reopened for travel. Work has begun on the bridge on Center Road. The road sign inspection conducted by NIRMA last week will result in doing more brush control in the ditches where sign visibility is affected. Signage for some of the bridges has been delayed while waiting for the new signs to be delivered. Culvert bids have been sent out for the joint project with Butler County.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The sprayer and related equipment has been installed in the new pickup and the courthouse mower has been serviced and is ready for the mowing season. The general notice regarding weeds will be published in the paper. Leafy spurge is coming up and inspections will be starting soon, along with spraying around bridges. The annual review of the program by the Nebraska Dept. of Ag resulted in a lower score than normal due to the lack of continuing education hours earned during 2020. Due to COVID, the training sessions were not offered so Supt. Carlson, along with many weed superintendents, was not able to attend the classes necessary to meet the continuing education requirements.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to meet again on May 4th and 18th, 2021. 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