

Osceola, Nebraska  
 April 4, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims, except the claim to Boruch Masonry Construction, be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye. A motion was made by Boss to approve the claim to Boruch Masonry Construction for bridge repairs and authorize a warrant to be drawn on the Road Fund. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, abstain. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General	Salaries	\$65,223.27
Augie's Auto body Repair	Service	\$260.00
Blue Cross blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$21,629.37
City of Osceola	Fee	\$100.00
Columbus Area United Way	Training	\$75.00
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$207.53
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies/Service	\$1,975.00
Edgewater	Fee	\$65.00
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$143.35
Hometown Leasing	Lease	\$75.00
Johansen Repair	Service	\$1,895.00
Dwaine W Ladwig	Reimbursement	\$300.00
Lichti's	Equipment	\$1,464.85
Midlands Printing LLC	Service	\$137.29
NE Association of Co. Treasurers	Registration	\$150.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$279.86
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$204.96
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Equipment	\$2,386.33
Polk County Clerk Retirement	Retirement	\$4,134.74
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,865.90
Polk County Health Ins. Deductible	Health Insurance Deductible	\$3,466.77
Polk County Crime Stoppers	Donation	\$500.00
Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	\$32.56
Polk County Sheriff	Fees	\$387.04
Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$200.09
Jenise Sundberg	Reimburse	\$117.77
Svehla, Thomas, Rauert, PC	Service	\$237.50
Barb Swanson	Reimbursement	\$56.99
Triple S Service	Service	\$150.00
Verizon Wireless**	Service	\$360.13
Sandy Voss	Supplies	\$160.00
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Service	\$159.26
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$71.28
Watts Electric Company	Rent	\$600.00
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$283.21
Darla Winslow	Reimbursement	\$750.94
Your Publication	Service	\$21.95
911 Custom	Supplies	\$272.00

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$30,814.58
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$525.41
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$8,239.76
Travis Boden	Reimbursement	\$133.74
Boruch Masonry Construction	Service	\$13,853.00
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$493.15
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$36.00
Colonial Research	Supplies	\$504.30
Dale R Johnson Enterprises	Supplies	\$1,526.18
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.58

Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$76.25
Island Supply Welding	Service	\$86.80
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Fuel Tax	\$247.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies	\$32.26
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$106.90
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,900.67
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,342.42
Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	\$215.95
Power Plan	Service	\$15,615.17

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

RIOS Construction	Service	\$11,000.00
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Applied Connective Technologies	Service	\$2,466.10
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$448.00
MIPS Inc.	Service	\$2,233.02

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$266.47
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WEED FUND

Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Service	\$47.99
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$124.95
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$53.45
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$47.99

The following fees for the month of March were earned by the various offices and submitted to the County Treasurer. County Treasurer receipts show fees earned were credited to the appropriate county funds.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$869.41
Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$6,423.69

The County Jail Report was not presented for approval.

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the three year agreement with Protex Central for fire alarm and fire extinguisher inspections for the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

The cost for purchasing the materials for an 18' x 32' building were discussed. A motion was made by Boss to purchase the materials necessary for the construction of the 18' x 32' evidence storage building from Menards at a cost less than \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. The building will be located to the east of the Sheriff's Office and will be constructed by Rios Construction.

A motion was made by Boruch to approve the informal quotes received from Affordable Overhead Doors for the overhead doors for the storage building located across the street from the hospital. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The quoted price of the doors was less than \$9,000.

At 9:35 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were Veterans Service Officer Vernon Kuhnel, Veterans Service Committee members Marvin Klein, David Ienn and Dennis Carlstrom, County Attorney Chris Johnson and the County Clerk. At 9:45 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel matters were discussed. Chairman Westring then asked for Vernon Kuhnel's resignation as Veterans Service Officer which Kuhnel did then offer. All three Veterans Service Committee members present also offered their verbal resignations from the

committee. All of the verbal resignations will be officially accepted at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

Loren Cleveland with BTS Communications met with the Board and other elected officials and department heads to discuss the current phone system in the courthouse. The phones can no longer be serviced or repaired and he would like to set up a meeting to show a demo of what phone systems and services they can provide. Clerk Girard will work with the other elected officials and department heads to arrange a time and place for the meeting.

Emergency Manager Logan Watts updated the Board on the upcoming testing of the tornado sirens for Polk, Stromsburg, and Osceola. Shelby did not feel the need to have their sirens tested. Storm spotter training will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. He also presented the 2021 Local Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution approving the 2021 Local Emergency Operations Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to go into executive session to discuss an application for General Assistance. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. Also present were the applicant's next of kin and the County Clerk. At 10:50 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Westring and all members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only burial assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the application for burial assistance. 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 Road Dept. Railroad crossing safety was reviewed at last week's crew meeting. The edges have been filled in on the Duncan blacktop bridge and repairs are being made to one of the motor graders.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 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