Osceola, Nebraska
May 23, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the May 18th, 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.

Joe Lohrman, retiring CEO of the hospital, thanked the Board for their support during his term as administrator and then turned the review of the activities of the facility over to newly appointed CEO, Marcus Augustin. The grant funds from the State of Nebraska for the radiology room update were received in April and operating revenues were up significantly from March. Operating expenses were down from the previous month and an operating and overall gain were reported for April. Bids for various areas of concrete repair around the facility, especially the clinic area, will be reviewed at tonight's hospital board meeting. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey has awarded seven scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education in a healthcare related field.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The box culvert project continues to progress with the second box being poured this afternoon. Driveways are being installed at the Stromsburg Airport Subdivision today. The crew will try to do the fairgrounds millings project next week as the Ag building will be used for a 4-H day camp on June 6th.

Commissioner Westring left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. The front of the weed building is being repaired by Paul Davis Restoration. Multiple miles of county road right-of-way have been sprayed for leafy spurge, musk thistle and Canada thistle infestations. Various phragmites infestations have been inspected but no regrowth has been detected. Several phragmites sites will be sprayed using a drone. Chemicals for road side spraying and custom spraying have been ordered for the upcoming season. Musk thistle inspections and general right-of-way spraying will begin soon.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet again on June 6th and 20th, 2023. 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