Osceola, Nebraska
May 25, 2021

Pursuant to notice published in the May 20th, 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.

A motion was made by Boss to approve the agreement with Region V Services for emergency protective custody services. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. In April, both the inpatient and outpatient revenues remained steady with both an operating and an overall gain reported for the month. There have been no COVID inpatients in the last 10 weeks and they have only been processing two to three COVID tests per week, a significant drop in COVID related activity in the area. Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center has been recognized as one of the top 20 critical access hospitals nationwide. The PACS server needs to be replaced and an additional blanket warmer will be purchased. The dermatology clinic should be up and going in the near future.

Dave Burritt and Cal Marak with the Polk County Ag Society met with the Board regarding the liquor license required for the beer garden at the Polk County Fair. The Fair Board is requesting a license for July 22, July 23, and July 24 for events to be held in the grandstand/arena area. For the concert to be held on Saturday July 24th, an additional area for alcohol will be added to accommodate the VIP seating area to be located in the arena in front of the stage. A motion was made by Boruch to approve Polk County Ag Society's request for a liquor license for a beer garden during the Polk County Fair on July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2021. 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. The replacement of the engine in one of the maintainers has started in the Osceola shop with the goal of having the machine back out on the road next week. Cleaning out ditches and installing driveways has been occurring in the northeast part of the county as weather permits. The crew has also been spotting in gravel in various locations throughout the county. Shoulder work needs to be done in several places along the Polk North road due to washouts along the edge of the road where the sod was not yet established.

Due to favorable conditions for spraying, Weed Supt. Carlson asked that his appointment with the Board be rescheduled for the June 1st meeting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on June 1st and 15th, 2021. 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