Osceola, Nebraska
May 26, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of May 19th, 2020 and published in the May 21st, 2020 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened via Zoom 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 Polk County website.

A motion was made by Boruch to declare a 1995 Ford F150 pickup, a 1997 GMC Sierra pickup, a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, and a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup as surplus property and authorize the sale of such property by sealed bids. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. All four pickups were part of the Road Dept. fleet and details about selling these vehicles will be determined at a later date.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. As expected, April was another slow month for the facility with both an operating and overall loss reported. Just over $150,000 was received from as part of the stimulus package from the federal government. The bond payment will be made in June as scheduled and refinancing the bonds may be beneficial due to the current lower interest rates. The length of the term of the bonds would not be extended. The nurses' call light system can no longer be repaired so it must be replaced at an estimated cost of $105,000. The compressor portion of the cooling tower is also in need of replacement.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Around the end of May, the helicopter is expected to be flying the Platte River, starting at Columbus and then moving west, spraying for noxious weeds in the river system. Leafy spurge has been sprayed, more poisonous hemlock has been spotted, and musk thistle reports have been issued with more inspections to do. The Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture has done their spot inspections and found phragmites in a low spot in a pasture located in the middle of a section. Estimates for replacing the door for the chemical room are being sought.

Sheriff Ladwig discussed replacing patrol vehicles and action was tabled until a later meeting of the Board.

Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Work on the Polk North project continues to progress with the main line concrete work completed and the weekend rain did not cause any major washouts of the shouldering. Supt. Theis will check on the status of the new pickup ordered earlier this year, prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. The county line maintenance agreement with Butler County is being reviewed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to meet again On June 2nd and 19th, 2020. 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