Osceola, Nebraska
June 22, 2021

Pursuant to notice published in the June 17th, 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 in the meeting area.

The Board approved the substitution of collateral pledged by Cornerstone Bank. The substitution was necessary to replace bonds that were nearing their maturity date.

A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution increasing the Coroner budget by $2,400 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to accommodate an increased need for autopsy fees. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution increasing the Communications budget by $75,000 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover the unbudgeted cost of the contracted services with the City of Columbus/Platte County Joint Communications Center. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. May's revenues were down slightly from the twelve month average and both an operating and overall loss were reported for the month. A new cardiac stress treadmill was purchased for the wellness center and discussions continue on the OB project. Room rates are scheduled to be reviewed.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Gravel bids are scheduled to be opened at the July 6th meeting. Driveway installations are being done across the county and gravel is being spotted in using the semi and belly dump trailer. Work on the Butler County line project is slated to begin during the second or third week of July.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Several pastures have been custom sprayed and spraying of the right-of-ways has started. Complaints have been received regarding possible musk thistle infestations in pastures.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to meet again on July 6th and 20th, 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