

Osceola, Nebraska
August 1, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the July 27th, 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 Mike Boss, be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye. A motion was made by Westring to approve the claim to Mike Boss for supplies reimbursement and authorize a warrant to be drawn on the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, abstain. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General	Salaries	\$73,703.23
Michael S Boss	Reimbursement	\$37.09
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$23,561.12
Burke C Brown Law LLC	Service	\$560.50
Central Square Technologies, LLC	Computer Expense	\$445.55
Clear Live LLC	Service	\$31.45
CMRS-POC	Postage	\$3,500.00
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$235.50
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$159.81
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$200.63
Hometown Leasing	Rent	\$75.00
David Ienn	Supplies	\$30.41
Jackson Services Inc.	Supplies	\$79.16
Erik C Klutman	Service	\$950.00
MARC	Supplies	\$445.20
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$355.41
National Sheriffs' Association	Membership	\$71.00
NCSEA Treasurer	Registration	\$90.00
Olson's Pest Technicians Inc.	Service	\$260.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Service	\$25.35
Ostmeyer Lawn Service	Service/Supplies	\$340.00
Polk County Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,890.47
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,455.39
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$288.70
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$19.24
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$520.00
Platte Valley Communications Inc.	Service	\$81.89
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$2,148.06
Protex Central Incorporated	Service	\$484.00
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Supplies	\$90.00
Barb Swanson	Mileage	\$69.43
Trouba Law Offices, LLC	Service	\$422.75
Watts Electric Company	Rent	\$600.00

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$32,091.71
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$48.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$7,496.72
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$36.00
Colonial Research	Equipment	\$6,627.60
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.57
Extreme Glass	Service	\$202.55
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$81.40
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$65.05
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel and Borrow	\$5,410.57
Midland Telecom Inc.	Service	\$534.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$192.37
Polk County Clerk Retirement	Retirement	\$1,926.28
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$196.04

Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,433.47
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$194.19

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Andrea Ortegren	Service	\$1,768.34
Wesely Electric	Service	\$5,385.35

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

BTS Communications	Service	\$442.50
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Computer Expense	\$448.00

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$292.73
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WEED FUND

Constellation New Energy Gas Division	Service	\$3.46
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$47.35

The following fees for the month of July 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.

Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$3,843.27
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The County Jail Report for the month of July was not presented for approval.

Milton Toy and Jack Carter, members of the Polk County Veterans Service Committee, were present with Kenneth Toline to discuss the vacant Veterans Service Officer position. The members of the Veterans Service Committee reported to the Board that Mr. Toline was the applicant for the position the Committee was appointing as Polk County Veterans' Service Officer and asked for the Board's confirmation as required by statute. A motion was made by Boruch to confirm the appointment of Kenneth D. Toline as Polk County Veterans Service Officer, subject to the certification of eligibility by the Nebraska Director of Veterans Affairs. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The veterans present also discussed the need for updated computer equipment for the office to access the State's programs and veteran database. Fellow veteran Dick Treadway was also present during the discussion.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to open the hearing on the conditional use permit for Tax Lot C in the NW ¼ of Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 1 West as advertised. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. Also present were Roland Johnson, representing the applicant Johnson Sand and Gravel, Bob Hegi and Dan Martensen. Mr. Johnson stated that he plans to excavate gravel on this parcel, much like he has done on other tracts in the area. The property is currently rented by a local farmer and the actual process of pumping the gravel may not occur for several years. Mr. Hegi had concerns regarding the boundary between his property and the subject property. The use of the sand pit created during the pumping process after the excavating ceases was an area of concern for Mr. Martensen. The Board informed him that the use of the property at that time would require another conditional use permitting process. At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. Chairman Westring stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the permit as the evidence presented at the Planning Commission's hearing satisfactorily met the seven requirements outlined in the zoning regulations for conditional use permits. A motion was made by Westring to approve the conditional use permit to operate a gravel pit in Tax Lot C located in the NW ¼ of Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 1 West. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

Health Department Director Darla Winslow discussed the progress of the remodeling of the former Yungdahl's Apothecary building in Stromsburg. BTS has been contacted regarding installing the phone system and quotes are being obtained for the office furniture that will be needed. A moving plan will be developed once a delivery date has been set for the furniture.

