

Osceola, Nebraska
August 22, 2023

Pursuant to notice published in the August 17th, 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.

Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the Hospital. Revenues for July were lower than June but higher than last July. Both an operating and overall loss were reported for the month. Eight babies have been born at the facility, with two born on the same day. The concrete repairs in the parking lot and clinic entrances is complete with the installation of permanent hand rails into the clinic area being rebid because there was some confusion about how many rails were needed for the project. The motor on the air conditioning unit went out last Thursday during the extreme heat but was repaired before interior temperature of the rooms required patients to be moved to other facilities. A record number of units of blood were donated at the Community Blood Bank blood drive during the Polk County Fair and Annie Jeffrey staff members assisted with the Pinnacle Bank Fun Run also held during the fair. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey's annual golf tournament went very well with enough funds raised to purchase an infusion chair. The upgrade of the chemical analyzer will be the beneficiary of the upcoming fundraising campaign of the Foundation. The fall Health Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at the hospital and work continues on adding additional outpatient clinics.

Matt Kasik, the Chief Executive Officer for Region V Services, presented their annual report and funding request. Their request is for the same amount as the previous fiscal year. The Board also listened to a report from one of the clients served in David City as he described the work and activities he enjoys doing each day.

Don Mroczek presented information to the Board about life insurance for county employees. No action was taken.

Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The road drag has been delivered and it has been used on several different roads. The Board feels Island Road and other roads in the lake areas will benefit from the drag being used on them. Culverts have been ordered for a couple of projects and a low water crossing needs to be studied to determine the best plan for repairing the concrete at the bottom of the crossing that has broken up.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. An inspection report has been received from the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture and the filed on the Baker phragmites infestation has been closed. Right of way spraying continues and Supt. Carlson has some custom fall spraying jobs lined up for musk thistle and leafy spurge. He will also be meeting with the State Dept. of Roads regarding the musk thistle and leafy spurge in the highway right of way. Fall inspections will begin soon.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on September 5th and 19th, 2023. 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