Pursuant to notice published in the January 13th, 2022 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.

A motion was made by Boruch that Jerry Westring be elected as Chairman for 2022. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, abstain.

A motion was made by Westring that Ron Boruch be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, abstain.

The County Board membership of various boards was reviewed. Board members will continue as members of the boards they are presently serving on.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$68,243.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$2,562.31
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$1,368.29
Central Office	Service	\$2,405.75
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$816.23
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$242.43
Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Service	\$145.00
Clerk of the District Court	Service	\$36.00
CMRS-POC	Postage	\$2,500.00
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$234.23
Connecting Point	Service	\$75.00
Consolidated Management Company	Service	\$55.63
Contryman Associates P.C.	Service	\$10,100.00
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$407.61
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$582.77
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$8.66
Cheryl Erickson	Mileage	\$168.00
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$147.73
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$931.84
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Service	\$65.00
Sheri L Gillotte	Reimbursement	\$2.22
Ashley Goelz	Reimbursement	\$51.36
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$626.35
Jackson Services Inc.	Supplies	\$115.08
Elizabeth J Lay	Service	\$1,605.50
Johansen Repair	Service	\$109.00
Devon Johnson	Refund	\$120.00
Jodi Krance	Mileage	\$44.80
Dwaine W Ladwig	Reimbursement	\$50.00
Lifeline	Service	\$663.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Service	\$77.00
MARC	Supplies	\$232.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	Supplies	\$69.62
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Rent	\$128.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Information	Service	\$100.00
MIPS Inc.	Service	\$37.50
National Pen Co. LLC	Supplies	\$891.90
NE Association of County Assessors	Dues	\$60.00
NE Association of County Clerk	Membership	\$75.00
Nebraska County Attorneys Association	Service	\$1,057.00
Officenet	Supplies	\$238.26
Osceola Food Mart	Supplies	\$159.02
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$101.79
Pinnacle Bank - Visa	Supplies	\$568.55

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Pinnacle Bank - Visa	Supplies	\$149.99	
Pinnacle Bank - Visa	Service/Meal	\$23.71	
Pinnacle Bank - Visa	Service	\$5.50	
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Platte Valley Communications, Inc.	Service	\$269.50	
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,607.54	
Polk County Health Ins. Deductible	Deductible	\$3,097.34	
Polk County Court	Service	\$98.00	
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Service/Supplies	\$130.89	
Polk County Sheriff	Fees	\$251.62	
Polk County Tax Deposit Account		\$5,065.86	
	Social Security		
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Service	\$50.00	
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$296.83	
Triple S Service	Service	\$150.00	
Trouba Law Offices, LLC	Service	\$921.50	
University of Nebraska Lincoln	Equipment	\$1,007.82	
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$29.95	
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$1,329.22	
VYVE Technology Solutions	Service	\$239.32	
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$280.77	
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ROAD FUND			
Road Fund	Salaries	\$30,462.61	
Bill's Tire Outlet, Inc.	Supplies	\$30.00	
Black Hills Energy	Fuel	\$380.41	
Travis Boden	Reimbursement	\$14.50	
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Supplies	\$120.22	
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$487.88	
City of Osceola	Service	\$80.33	
City of Stromsburg	Service	\$230.49	
Ericson Cash Hardware	Supplies	\$106.54	
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$86.71	
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$1,438.94	
		\$78.66	
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies		
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Equipment	\$2,095.00	
Midland Telecom Inc.	Service	\$84.00	
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Supplies	\$7,295.70	
Osceola Tire & Service	Supplies	\$639.44	
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,981.99	
Polk County Health Ins.	Deductible	\$2,000.00	
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Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security		
Polk Light & Water	Service	\$86.43	
Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.	Supplies	\$13,007.52	
Rally Auto Parts	Supplies/Service	\$755.28	
Sapp Bros. IncClarks	Supplies	\$11,092.01	
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$152.75	
Shelby Welding & Repair	Service	\$658.26	
	Service	\$91.63	
Village of Shelby			
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$73.27	
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER			
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VYVE Broadband	Service	306.60	
INHERITANCE TAX F	UND		
DAS State Acate Control Finance	Carrier	¢400.22	
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$488.32	
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEN	MENT FUND		
Midwest Service & Sales co.	Service	\$634.50	
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Service	\$034.50	
WEED FUND			
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$58.91	
James Carlson	Reimburse	\$160.00	
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$79.80	
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Service	\$32.16	
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$207.62	
NE Weed Control Assoc. Region	Membership	\$15.00	
Platte Valley Weed Management Area	Membership	\$250.00	
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The Board approved the collateral pledged by Polk County banks and held in custody by the County Treasurer.

The following fees for the month of December 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.

Jodie L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court \$370.50 Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff \$1,205.50

The County Jail Report for the month of December was reviewed by the Board and approved.

A motion was made by Westring to reappoint Daniel J. Theis (License Number S-1365, Class A) as Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2022. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to reappoint James L. Carlson as Weed Superintendent for calendar year 2022. 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 reappoint Jerry Westring as Zoning Administrator for calendar year 2022. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, abstain.

A motion was made by Westring to appoint Debra S. Girard to prepare the 2022-2023 county budget. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

The Board designated the Polk County website (polkcounty.nebraska.gov) as an additional method of providing notice of the County's meetings.

After some discussion regarding holidays observed by the County, a motion was made by Boss to recognize all federal holidays as county holidays, with the exception of Juneteenth. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. The current holidays observed by Polk County throughout the year will not change but should the President proclaim a special holiday, such as for the death of a former President, the special holiday would also be observed by Polk County without any further action of the Board.

The Board signed the annual signature report for the Secretary of State's office.

The audit report for fiscal year 2020-2021 has been received from Contryman Associates and is available to the public.

Assessor Krance met with the Board to discuss contracting with an appraisal firm for the rural reappraisal and to also help with maintaining the assessment programs used to update property values. The Board gave their verbal approval for Assessor Krance to request contracts from a firm interested in the projects. At 9:55 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the County Assessor and the County Clerk. At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel issues were discussed.

At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss an application for general assistance. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the applicant and the County Clerk. At 10:20 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only general assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to approve one month's rental assistance for the applicant. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Representatives from Southeast Nebraska Collaborative and Cornhusker United Way met with the Board to inform them on how their programs provide assistance to Polk County residents. Southeast Nebraska Collaborative, a program administered through Blue Valley Community Action, provides assistance using private donations and also helps youth transition into adulthood. The Cornhusker United Way worked with the Collaborative to bring over \$5,000 of support to Polk County residents impacted by the pandemic and those at risk of homelessness or instability of their housing or utility services. A letter of support from the Board would be a valuable tool as the United Way seeks outside sources of funding. The Board gave their verbal commitment to issuing such a letter.

At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to go into executive session to discuss an application for burial assistance. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the decedents next of kin and the County Clerk. At 10:50 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only burial assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the request for burial assistance. 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. A planning meeting for the Central Platte NRD's hazard mitigation plan will be attended via Zoom next week as the other dates conflict with the required fracture critical bridge training to be held in Lincoln the first week of February. Bus route maps have been provided to all members of the road crew to help them determine the priority of roads during snow removal. Supt. Theis has begun his review of the 1 and 6 Year Road Plan which will be officially presented later in February.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A motion was made by Boss authorizing the Chairman to sign the Activity Report, the Noxious Weed Infestation Report, the Noxious Weed Control Plan, the Budget Report, the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report, and the Weed Control Board Roster as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on January 25th and February 1st, 2022. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved:	/S/ Debra S. Girard	/S/ Jerry Westring	
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