

Osceola, Nebraska
January 21, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the January 16th, 2025 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 2025. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boss that Ron Boruch be elected as Vice Chairman for 2025. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

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

A motion was made by Boruch to designate the Polk County website (polkcounty.nebraska.gov) as an additional method of providing notice of the County's meeting. The website will also provide closing information for holidays, inclement weather and notice of any special meetings. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

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

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

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$81,598.73
Julie L Bellis	Service	\$89.70
Blue 360 Media LLC	Supplies	\$102.95
Bryan Medical Center	Service	\$101.84
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$506.25
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$291.08
Clerk of the District Court	Service	\$151.00
Culligan of York	Supplies	\$15.35
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$30.75
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$12.48
Election Systems & Software	Supplies	\$345.00
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$1,737.46
Graham Tire Co. North	Service	\$728.00
Hastings Radiology	Service	\$39.00
Dwaine W Ladwig	Service	\$50.00
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$1,624.35
Lifeline Systems Company	Service	\$374.16
Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$252.10
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Service	\$90.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info	Service	\$100.00
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$2,287.50
NACT Treasurer	Dues	\$75.00
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$186.00
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$85.05
Osceola Veterinary Hospital	Service	\$65.41
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Equipment	\$114.06
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies/Equipment	\$1,101.79
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$28.66
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$189.19
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service/Dues	\$578.08
Polk County Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$5,925.12
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$6,242.39
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$472.49

Polk County Health Department	Reimbursement	\$2,743.81
Rally Auto Parts	Service	\$4.33
Region V Systems	Service	\$214.00
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$19.98
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$2,132.80
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$561.75
Milton J Toy	Mileage	\$128.44
Verizon Wireless**	Service	\$71.36
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$1,021.37
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$16.83
York County Sheriff	Service	\$32.74

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$32,636.00
Central Valley AG	Fuel	\$230.75
Cintas	Supplies	\$543.44
John Deere Financial	Service	\$496.37
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$249.90
NMC, Inc.	Service	\$7,118.27
Osceola Tire & Service	Supplies	\$21.50
Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$70.95
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,202.94
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,496.61
Neil Samek	Reimbursement	\$61.49
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$195.95
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$66.08
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$236.99

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$554.75
MIPS INC.	Computer Expense	\$229.40

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE FUND

VYVE Broadband	Service	\$353.57
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WEED FUND

James Carlson	Reimbursement	\$80.00
Constellation New energy Gas Division	Service	\$38.40

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 District Court \$1,187.00

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

A motion was made by Boruch to reappoint Daniel J. Theis (License Number S-1365, Class A) as Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to reappoint James L. Carlson as Weed Superintendent for calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to reappoint Jerry Westring as Zoning Administrator for calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to appoint Debra S. Girard to prepare the 2025-2026 county budget. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Westring to transfer \$40,000 from the Highway Bond Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. JEO continues to prepare estimates for the Shelby North and Osceola North asphalt projects. Representatives from D.A. Davidson will attend the January 28th Board meeting to discuss the bonding process for this project. The crew has been using the tractor and shredder to shred the roadsides in areas where significant drifting normally occurs and grass and weeds had not cut in late fall. Supt. Theis and Foreman Ericson will draft a schedule of road projects for each operator's route and prioritize them for the upcoming year using input from the crew.

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, and the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. The number of infested acres in the county increased by approximately 57 acres, with the majority of the increase reported in Canada thistle, purple loosestrife, and phragmites infestations.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to meet again on January 28th and February 4th, 2025. 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