Osceola, Nebraska January 22, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2019 and published in the January 17, 2019 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 on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

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

The Quarterly Report of the Veterans' Service Committee was reviewed by the Board and approved.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. December was a busy month for the facility and an operating and overall gain were reported. A new scope cabinet was purchased and the air conditioning in the dietary area was upgraded. Future building projects include upgrading the OB area, remodeling the admissions area to make it more private, moving the bone density testing machine to the new part of the building, and redoing the flooring in the dietary hallway. In an effort to recruit and keep younger nurses, the hospital is exploring ways to provide daycare, possibly thru support of the daycare proposed in the Osceola Public School's bond issue. The Snowman Marathon is underway with approximately 80 participants.

County Attorney Colling reviewed the changes made to the lease for additional office space for the Senior Services program in a portion of the building previously occupied by Overland Sand and Gravel and currently owned by STR, LLC. Program Manager Karla Shafer was not able to be present. A motion was made by Boss to approve the revised lease agreement with STR, LLC for the Polk County Senior Services Program. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

The General Assistance applicant did not keep their scheduled appointment with the Board.

Due to the weather, Carmen Chinchilla-Gutierrez with the Southeast Nebraska Area Health Education Center rescheduled her appointment with the Board.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Highway Dept. The gravel/salt mixture was applied to the county's blacktop roads last Friday and again to Polk North this morning. More gravel will be obtained for mixing with the salt to be prepared for the next storm. A ditch on L Road in the northern part of the county was cleaned out. The crew will be working on signs and brush removal this week, weather permitting.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Activity Report, the Noxious Weed Infestation Report, the Noxious Weed Control Plan, the Budget Report, the Weed Control Authority Board Roster, and the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. There was a slight increase in the number of infested acres, mainly due to the discovery of phragmites in the upland areas. Countywide, there are almost 9,000 infested acres with the majority of those acres either having a trace or light infestation. This infestation rate is comparable to other counties in Nebraska.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on February 5th and February 19th, 2019. 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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