Osceola, Nebraska January 28, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the January 23rd, 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.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. December was another good month for the facility with both an operating and overall gain reported for the facility. The new sterilizer will be completely funded by grants and donations received by the Foundation for Annie Jeffrey. The Foundation will also be hosting their annual wine and beer fest in February and the golf tournament in June. The recently completed security gap analysis report, compiled by an external firm on the hospital's computers, will be presented at tonight's hospital board meeting. The ER door operators have been malfunctioning and will need to be repaired. The two bids for the physician lounge remodeling project will be reviewed and the used ambulance purchased from Palmer should be delivered this week. The Board verbally approved the hospital using the storage building across the street from the hospital as a garage for the ambulance.

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 Weed Control Authority Board Roster as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. A map showing the areas in the Platte Valley Weed Management Area where drones were used to control noxious weeds indicated 8 bridges in Polk County were sprayed, both around and underneath the structures. The PVWMA will only use the helicopter for fall spraying of the river system in 2025. Supt. Carlson has been working on his chemical warehouse and phragmites inspections.

A motion was made by Westring to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the professional services agreement with E & A Consulting Group, Inc. for the engineering services required for NDOT Bridge Project No. BBRO-7072(17). The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis reported that all of the stop and stop ahead signs provided by NDOT in conjunction with their Project No. HSIP-STWD(203) have been installed. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign a Certificate of Completion for the project. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Cody Wickman with D.A. Davidson met with the Board and Highway Supt. Theis to discuss the process for bonding the Osceola North and Shelby North blacktop overlay projects. The probable construction cost opinion from JEO for both projects totals \$3,725,000. D.A. Davidson will put together a proposal for financing the project over five years with bonds that are callable after one year. This will allow the project to move forward and not wait for receipt of the federal funding to begin.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Belts for the shredder are in and will be picked up today, as well as additional road signs and 911 signs. Determining the cause of the problems with the pup trailer have been put on hold until warmer weather. Work continues on compiling priority projects for each operator's route.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on February 4th and 18th, 2025. 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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