Pursuant to notice published in the December 29th, 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.

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

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General	Salaries	\$69,830.82	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$21,629.37	
Awards & Engraving	Supplies	\$12.00	
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$207.14	
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Rental	\$448.00	
Eakes Office Solutions	Service	\$119.30	
Edgewater	Official Bonds	\$40.00	
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$142.35	
Hometown Leasing	Rent	\$75.00	
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$1,319.50	
MARC	Supplies	\$831.00	
Nebraska Supreme Court	Supplies	\$195.70	
Pioneer Telephone	Service	\$31.42	
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,578.58	
Platte County Detention Facility	Board Contracts	\$3,680.00	
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$1,936.61	
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,213.52	
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$15.14	
Rachel Tagge	Reimbursement	\$30.00	
Thomson Reuters-West	Supplies	\$1,312.80	
Trouba Law Offices, LLC	Service	\$2,588.75	
Verizon Wireless **	Service	\$360.17	
Watts Electric Company	Rent	\$600.00	
Evette Watts	Mileage	\$87.50	
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ROAD FUND			
Road Fund	Salaries	\$31,968.11	
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$257.73	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$4,119.92	
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$36.00	
Curtis Ericson	Service	\$360.00	
Filter Care	Repair	\$138.55	
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$81.40	
HTR Inc./Klute Truck Equipment	Parts	\$149.34	
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$259.90	
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Fuel Tax	\$109.00	
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Parts/Supplies Fuel	\$849.69	
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$882.42	
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,022.85	
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$227.21	
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,429.23	
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$146.12	
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES FUND			
Midwest Covenant Home	Service	\$11,637.84	
INHERITANCE TAX FUND			

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Service

Applied Connective Technologies

\$190.00

Windstream Nebraska Inc. Service \$265.02

WEED FUND

City of Osceola	Utilities	\$89.08
Osceola Tire & Service	Parts/Oil	\$76.07
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$46.52

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.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff \$581.51 Debra S. Girard, County Clerk \$8,614.41

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

A motion was made by Boruch to set the annual salary of the Zoning Administrator at \$13,877.50. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, abstain. Motion carried.

Action on the salary for the Emergency Manager was tabled until the Board has an opportunity to discuss the wage with Emergency Manager Watts.

Highway Supt. Theis and Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The posts were installed last week for the stop signs to be placed as a result of the traffic control resolutions passed earlier. The letter received from the Miller family regarding the Polk and Butler County line project has been shared with Butler County officials. Older loaders will be considered for purchase at auction and some of the older pickups in the Road Dept. fleet are in need of being replaced.

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 Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report, and the Weed Control 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. The number of infested acres increased by just over 400 acres, mostly because of infestations of phragmites in locations away from the river systems. The number of infested acres in the county is 3 ½ % of total acres which is similar to other counties in the state.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on January 17th and 24th, 2023. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved:	/S/ Debra S. Girard _	/S/ Jerry Westring	
County Clerk		Chairman	