

Osceola, Nebraska  
October 1, 2024

Pursuant to notice published in the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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

General	Salaries	\$78,166.82
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Service	\$25,282.32
Blue 360 Media LLC	Supplies	\$94.95
Bravebe Child Advocacy Center	Service	\$2,300.00
BTS Communications	Service	\$507.50
Buffalo County Sheriff	Service	\$1,105.00
Burke C Brown Law, LLC	Service	\$350.00
Clear Live, LLC	Service	\$28.04
Columbus Community Hospital	Service	\$3,467.45
Consolidated Management Company	Service	\$132.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$642.62
Election Systems & Software	Supplies	\$2,391.03
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$159.80
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Service	\$33.72
Hometown Leasing	Rent	\$144.00
Crystal Jones	Mileage	\$65.66
Jodi Krance	Reimbursement	\$507.64
Marvin Planning Consultants	Service	\$2,250.00
Masonic Lodge No. 65	Rent	\$250.00
Midwest Service & Sales co.	Supplies	\$525.00
MPH Industries, Inc.	Equipment	\$280.00
Myron Corp.	Supplies	\$435.06
National Pen Co. LLC	Supplies	\$570.75
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service/Equipment	\$555.92
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$78.70
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Registration/Supplies	\$59.19
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$95.23
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Naco Registration	\$160.00
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$2,087.99
Platte County Sheriff	Service	\$20.10
Polk County Clerk	Retirement	\$5,254.47
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,805.43
Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	\$1,956.50
Polk County Senior Services	County Allotment	\$65,690.00
Region V Systems	Service	\$7,510.50
Secretary of State Elections Division	Supplies	\$10.00
Southeast NE Development District	Service	\$6,090.00
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$872.64
State of Nebraska Interagency Billing	Training	\$1,499.00
Barb Swanson	Reimbursement	\$56.99
Triple S Service	Service	\$150.00
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$114.94
Evette Watts	Reimbursement	\$2,238.91
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$295.98
Darla Winslow	Service	\$123.00

#### ROAD FUND

Road	Salaries	\$35,496.66
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$135.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$3,687.04
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.58

Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$81.40
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel	\$71,214.99
Master Tech Truck & Equipment LLC	Service	\$7,358.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Supplies	\$7,933.00
NE Department of Motor Fuel	Fuel Tax	\$564.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies	\$332.64
Polk Co. Clerk	Retirement	\$2,117.09
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,693.96
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$212.12
Riverside Portables LLC	Rent	\$105.00

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

Midwest Covenant Home	Service /Supplies	\$13,842.98
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

City of Osceola	Ambulance Subsidy	\$2,000.00
City of Stromsburg	Ambulance Subsidy	\$2,000.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$1,195.85
Osceola Public Library	Library Subsidy	\$2,600.00
Polk Fire & Rescue District	Ambulance Subsidy	\$2,000.00
Polk Public Library	Library Subsidy	\$2,600.00
Shelby Community Library	Library Subsidy	\$2,600.00
Shelby Rural Fire District	Ambulance Subsidy	\$2,000.00
Stromsburg Public Library	Library Subsidy	\$2,600.00

WEED FUND

Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$44.83
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$137.65

The following fees for the month of September 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	\$915.80
Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$2,743.44

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

Jerad Reimers, with Congressman Adrian Smith's field office, met with the Board to discuss the current bills Congressmen Smith has introduced and also identified areas where his office can assist constituents with federal government issues, including expediting the issuance of passports which are currently taking up to 9 months to receive.

Keithan Karn, the project manager for the courthouse roof replacement project, provided an update of the status of the project. The re-roofing of the penthouse area is now complete and work has begun on the south and east section of the roof. Chairman Westring signed the change order previously approved by the Board to add repairs to the corner drains to the project. For the most part, the project is on schedule.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the county's tax request hearing as advertised. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. No members of the general public attended. A motion was made by Boss to close the hearing. 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 set the 2024-2025 County Property Tax Request as follows:

General Fund	\$3,410,909.00
Equipment Sinking Fund	\$45,000.00
Veterans' Aid Fund	\$1,000.00
Highway Bond Fund	\$686,428.00

Hospital Fund	\$278,163.00
Total	\$4,421,500.00

A motion was made by Boss authorizing the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The Western Star dump truck has returned from Kansas with the hydraulics installed and the semi tractor is being repaired at Freightliner in York. The crew hopes to patch the holes in the concrete road from Lone Star to 7 Mile Inn later this week and a hole has developed in the deck of the bridge over the Blue River near the Quandt residence. All of the bus route maps for the local schools have been received and Supt. Theis will distribute them at the next crew meeting to the appropriate operators. Nebraska Machinery Company is putting together quotes for the various types of thumbs for the excavator they have available. Work will continue on installing the stop and stop ahead signs recently received.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. 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