Osceola, Nebraska
October 27, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the October 22nd, 2026 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 Westring authorizing the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Technologies for the renewal of the VetraSpec software program which is utilized by the Veterans Service Office. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to transfer $500,000 from the County General Fund to the Road Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Foundation Director Danielle Winslow has completed her grant application writing class and CFO Marcus Augustin has graduated from leadership courses. Staff members will participate in the Halloween festivities in all four towns in the county and the hospital's ambulance continues to be utilized. Work continues on installing a heater in the storage shed where the ambulance is housed. The two old hospital beds which have been replaced with newer models have been donated to the Osceola and Stromsburg Legions. Used beds will be offered to Shelby and Polk the next time replacement beds are purchased. September was an average month for revenues and both an operating and overall loss were reported. The annual audit report is expected to be delivered to the Board of Trustees at their meeting tonight. An additional scope is needed for the GI clinics and more chiller repairs are needed as it has developed a leak.

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Hospital Licensure Renewal Application. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Crystal Gay met with the Board to ask for approval for a special designated permit to have alcohol at a function to be held on the Polk County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Boruch to allow William Wolfe Post #91 to sell and serve alcohol on December 3rd, 2026 in the Ag Pavilion on the Polk County Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. A draft of the ad that will be placed in the newspaper asking farmers to mow their road ditches one more time this fall to help prevent snow drifting across county roads was provided to the Board for their review. The purchase of the used Caterpillar motor grader discussed at last week's meeting was discussed further. A motion was made by Boruch to purchase the used 2021 Caterpillar from Nebraska Machinery Company, using the Sourcewell bidding process. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Murphy Tractor will be bringing out a John Deere motor grader in the near future to demonstrate.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The evaluation from the State Dept. of Ag was presented to the Board showing that a perfect score had been received by Supt. Carlson. Fall right of way spraying and brush spraying continues. The courthouse yard and sheriff's office yard will be sprayed in the next few days. The ATV and side by side will be prepped for snow removal around the courthouse and sheriff's office.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to meet again on November 3rd and November 17th, 2026. 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