Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and published in the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 proposed changes to the by-laws of the Polk County Senior Advisory Board presented by Program Manager Aaron Phillips were reviewed. A motion was made by Westring to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

The resignation of Chris Hays as Zoning Administrator was accepted by the Board. Mr. Hays' last day as Zoning Administrator will be December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. October was another slower month for the facility especially for inpatient services. Other area hospitals our size are also experiencing similar slower than normal utilization of services. The call light system is having technical issues and a new scope printer has been purchased which will provide pictures for the doctors performing scopes. The annual Snowman Marathon is set to begin again in January.

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.

Darla Winslow, Health Dept. Director, gave her department's quarterly report to the Board. The flu shot season has ended and the Health Dept. has been active in the local substance abuse coalition with an increasing amount of attention given to vaping among teens. All local establishments in Polk County that sell alcohol passed the underage buyer sting conducted recently by the State Patrol.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The flagging and road closure training sponsored by LTAP last week was attended and near \$7,000 in flagging and road closure materials were received as a result. Dan and Brian McDonald of JEO were at the Polk North project last week to help determine the correct information to put into the specs for the project. The rural mail carriers will need to be contacted to determine the preferred locations for the mail boxes along the black top.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A perfect score was given during the most recent evaluation conducted by the Nebraska Dept. of Ag. The ATV sprayer has now been winterized and the blade attached to the side by side for snow removal around the courthouse. Other winterization tasks will be completed soon along with a chemical inventory. The fall training was attended and all the required credit hours have been received. Supt. Carlson inquired about starting the process to replace the department's 2011 pickup which has approximately 135,000 miles on it.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet again on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved:

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