Osceola, Nebraska
November 26, 2024

Pursuant to notice published in the November 21st, 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.

A motion was made by Boruch to transfer $40,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Highway Bond Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to accept the quote from Rasmussen Mechanical Services for the addition of bottom blowdown valves to the Kewanee boilers in the courthouse. One valve would be added to each boiler. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

The voting procedures for voting at the NACO annual meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Boruch to appoint Debra S. Girard as the designee to cast the ballot for Polk County should Chairman Westring not be able to attend the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. October was another good month with an overall gain to report for the month. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey's annual donation campaign is collecting funds for a new sterilizer. The first urology clinic was full and the hospital staff hosted a junior from Cross County Schools for career day. A used ambulance has been purchased for a reasonable price and an additional $100,000 will be needed to make it operational so the hospital can have its own in-house ambulance service. There is still an IV solution shortage and a blood pressure cuff shortage related to earlier hurricanes affecting the southeastern portion of the country. Changing from renting cardiac rehab equipment to owning the equipment is being looked into.

Highway Dept. Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Work continues with the installation of the stop and stop ahead signs with a total of 450 signs received for the project. The review of the bridge files by the State went well but there are problems with the fuel pumps at the Osceola shop.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Fall spraying has been done to the courthouse lawn and the bridge approaches. Well over 100 acres of noxious weeds were sprayed in the river in 2024. Fall inspections for thistles and leafy spurge were completed and the annual state reports are being worked on.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on December 3rd, and 17th, 2024. 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