

Osceola, Nebraska
December 17, 2024

Pursuant to notice published in the December 12th, 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 Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$81,087.34
Aging Partners	Cost Sharing	\$18,386.00
Arrowhead Forensics	Service	\$103.65
Bellari Maid Cleaning Services LLC	Service	\$425.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$1,460.93
Blue 360 Media LLC	Service	\$102.95
Boyd County Sheriff's Office	Agreement	\$4,329.00
Bryan Medical Center	Supplies	\$182.00
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Carl's Skrap	Service	\$200.00
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$737.79
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$144.97
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$318.21
Clearly	Service	\$187.28
Clerk of the District Court	Service	\$36.00
Columbus Community Hospital	Service	\$897.54
Jennifer Conkel	Mileage	\$126.63
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$519.31
Culligan of York	Supplies	\$15.35
Eakes	Supplies/Service/Rent	\$1,364.53
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$9.69
Cheryl Erickson	Mileage	\$140.70
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$1,392.96
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$149.76
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Service	\$1,672.58
Graham Tire Co. North	Service	\$728.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Supplies	\$175.00
Hometown Leasing	Supplies	\$75.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Supplies	\$168.09
Lifeline Systems Company	Service	\$349.16
Mebulbs	Supplies	\$18.25
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$62.99
Midland Irrigation	Service	\$50.00
MIPS Inc.	Service	\$151.00
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$1,100.00
Nationwide	Surety Bond	\$100.00
NE health & Human Services	Service	\$180.00
NE State Fire Marshal/Boiler Division	Service	\$72.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Registration/Supplies	\$276.12
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$285.68
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$69.90
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$322.85
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies/Service	\$502.84
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$10.13
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$3,514.99
Platte County Sheriff	Service	\$18.70
Polk County Court	Service	\$90.80
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$434.90
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$5,592.93
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$6,081.07
Polk County Sheriff	Fees	\$175.90
Red Willow Sheriff	Service	\$58.90

State of NE-Probation District 5	Service	\$6,254.43
Jaci Swantek	Mileage	\$61.64
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$2,132.80
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$71.31
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$58.40
Vyve Broadband	Service	\$859.16
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$300.04

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$33,305.59
Central Valley AG	Fuel	\$779.50
Cintas	Supplies	\$80.51
City of Stromsburg	Service	\$200.06
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$237.17
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$10,909.70
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$81.55
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$310.41
Nate Grossnicklaus	Reimbursement	\$566.50
John Deere Financial	Service/Supplies	\$338.72
Klein's Blue River Power & Rental	Service	\$23.98
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Supplies	\$1,050.00
NMC, Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$7,050.57
Osceola Tire & Service	Supplies	\$21.50
Polk Light & Water	Service	\$84.06
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,084.03
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,526.35
Rally Auto Parts	Service/Supplies	\$502.08
Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$253.28
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$231.72
Strobel Manufacturing Inc.	Supplies	\$422.50
Verizon Wireless	Supplies	\$66.08
Village of Shelby	Service	\$93.63
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$236.98

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE FUND

Aging Partners	Service	\$2,700.00
Midwest Covenant Home	Service	\$13,704.82
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$351.50

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C.	Services	\$32,461.70
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Applied Connective Technologies	Service	\$3,570.81
Augies's Auto body Repair	Service	\$880.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$554.75

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$423.16
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WEED FUND

James Carlson	Reimbursement	\$230.00
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$302.41

The following fees for the month of November 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.

Jodie L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$151.00
Dwayne W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$793.50

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

A motion was made by Boss to designate the Polk County News as the official Polk County newspaper for 2025. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Applications for appointment as county depository banks received from Pinnacle Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Heritage Bank, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) were reviewed. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution approving Pinnacle Bank of Osceola and Shelby, Cornerstone Bank of Stromsburg and Polk, Heritage Bank and NPAIT as depositories for county funds. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. An application was also received from Union Bank and Trust's NFIT program but, at this time, the Treasurer does not have any funds on deposit with NFIT. Should the Treasurer wish to place funds on deposit with NFIT, accepting their application to be a depository will be revisited by the Board.

The 2025 wages for county employees were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt the following pay scale: experienced road employees, a maximum of \$25.43 per hour; county mechanic, a maximum of \$27.83 per hour; road foreman, a maximum of \$31.98 per hour; Weed Supt., a maximum of \$26.09 per hour; Highway Supt., a maximum annual salary of \$61,936.00; Bridge Inspector, a maximum annual salary of \$15,484; office clerk in the office of Highway Supt., Survey, Weed Supt., and Zoning Administrator, a maximum of \$24.76 per hour; Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Assessor, \$24.76 per hour; office clerks in the office of Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, a maximum of \$23.16 per hour; Deputy County Attorney, a maximum annual salary of \$53,481.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff, a maximum of \$37.23 per hour; Sergeant, a maximum of \$36.44 per hour; Investigator, a maximum of \$35.86 per hour; Deputy Sheriffs, a maximum of \$34.01 per hour; dispatcher, a maximum of \$25.62 per hour; Custodian, a maximum of \$23.73 per hour; and Health Director, a maximum of \$35.87 per hour. Any other non law enforcement hourly employees' wages may be increased by a maximum of 3% per hour. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. November was a slower month for the facility and both an operating and an overall loss were reported. The urology clinic is going very well and the next clinic is basically already full. A new suction machine has been purchased and a \$25,000 grant has been received from the Dinsdale Foundation, with the funds to be put towards the sterilizer. The used ambulance purchased for transporting patients should be delivered by the end of the month but will need to be outfitted prior to be able to be put in service. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey's annual wine and beer fest is scheduled for February 9th at the Rose Colored Glass in Stromsburg.

Health Dept. Director Darla Winslow updated the Board on the activities of the Health Dept. Things are going well at the new location in Stromsburg and a local handyman has been hired to finish some of the small projects Al Willits was unable to complete. The health department has been working with Four Corners District Health Department to bring a dental program to the local schools and nursing homes, utilizing dental students. The department is also teaming with the Center for Survivors and the Child Advocacy Center to form a community response team.

Tristan Perry, with the York County Juvenile Diversion Program, updated the Board on the most recent grant application to the Crime Commission for the program shared with Polk County. There will be a second grant application opportunity in January.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The well project at the Swedehome shop has been delayed until spring. Work on a culvert near 137th and W Roads was completed last week and a project near 138th and S Roads is underway. More salt will be procured to be mixed with sand and/or gravel for treating the county's hard surfaced roads.

