Pursuant to notice published in the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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	\$63,420.51
Aging Partners	Cost Share	\$17,500.00
Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$42.98
Sam Baue	Service	\$2,315.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$2,713.41
Blue 360 Media LLC	Supplies	\$181.50
Burke C Brown III	Service	\$722.00
City of Columbus	911 Service Fee	\$78,750.00
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$91.83
Ronald E Colling	Reimbursement	\$337.85
Jennifer Conkel	Mileage	\$105.00
Connect America	Service	\$122.00
Consolidated Management Company	Meals	\$120.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$24.95
Cheryl Erickson	Mileage	\$168.75
FFF Enterprises, Inc.	Supplies	\$1,101.54
Final Touch Detailing	Service	\$400.00
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$147.74
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$70.61
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Service	\$182.29
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$749.70
Lee Enterprises	Service	\$29.67
Donna Leifert	Supplies	\$9.99
Lifeline	Supplies	\$341.33
Lincoln Journal Star	Service	\$19.95
Marc	Supplies	\$502.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Rent	\$128.00
Midlands Printing LLC	Supplies	\$457.59
Nationwide	Bond	\$100.00
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$90.00
Osceola Food Mart	Supplies	\$58.65
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$137.22
Physicians Laboratory, P.C.	Service	\$4,100.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$470.40
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$85.59
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$199.51
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$86.95
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,106.12
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Supplies	\$409.78
Polk Co Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,714.13
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$712.85
Barb Swanson	Reimbursement	\$157.13
Thomson Reuters-West	Supplies	\$1,312.80
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$70.53
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$37.25
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$1,511.30
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$681.93
Darla Winslow	Mileage	\$20.00
Woods & Aitken LLP	Service	\$5,086.64
911 Custom	Supplies	\$101.00

## ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$29,268.51
Barco Municipal	Service	\$950.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$317.78

Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$322.46		
Cubby's, Inc.	Fuel	\$355.98		
Curtis Ericson	Service	\$22.48		
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$81.55		
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Fees	\$205.00		
John Deere Financial	Parts/Oil	\$1,362.95		
Medical Enterprises Inc.	Service	\$70.00		
NMC, Inc.	Parts, Labor	\$3,666.67		
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,857.51		
Polk Co Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,222.72		
Pinnacle Bank	Training	\$150.00		
Polk Light & Water	Utilities	\$89.52		
Sapp Bros. IncClarks	Fuel	\$19,244.57		
Tire Outlet, Inc.	Service	\$58.00		
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$65.87		
Vyve Broadband	Service	\$76.28		
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$194.18		
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND				
Sanford Health	Service	40.00		
VYVE Broadband	Service	347.58		
INHERITANCE TAX FUND				
Applied Connective Technologies	Service	\$2,416.20		
DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance	Service	\$387.32		
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND				
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$976.65		
WEED FUND				
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$70.73		
James Carlson	Reimbursement	\$80.00		

The Board approved the collateral pledged by Polk County banks and held in custody by the County Treasurer.

The 2023 wages for county employees were discussed. A motion was made by Westring to adopt the following pay scale: experienced road employees, a maximum of \$23.29 per hour; county mechanic, a maximum of \$25.49 per hour; road foreman, a maximum of \$29.29 per hour; Weed Supt., a maximum of \$23.90 per hour; Highway Supt., a maximum annual salary of \$56,728.00; Bridge Inspector, a maximum annual salary of \$14,182.00; office clerk in the office of Highway Supt., Survey, Weed Supt., and Zoning Administrator, a maximum of \$22.68 per hour; Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Assessor, \$22.68 per hour; office clerks in the office of Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, a maximum of \$21.22 per hour; Deputy County Attorney, a maximum annual salary of \$48,984.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff, a maximum of \$32.28 per hour; Sergeant, a maximum of \$31.59 per hour; Investigator, a maximum of \$31.09 per hour; Deputy Sheriffs, a maximum of \$29.48 per hour; dispatcher, a maximum of \$23.46 per hour; Custodian, a maximum of \$21.74 per hour; and Health Director, a maximum of \$32.86 per hour. Any other hourly employees' wages may be increased by a maximum of \$1.90 per hour. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to designate the Polk County News as the official Polk County newspaper for 2023. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the management representation letter for the County's 2021-2022 audit. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Commissioner Boss presented four informal quotes for building material kits for a 40' x 64' storage building. A motion was made by Boss to accept the low bid of Menards for

\$26,957.98. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

At least three informal quotes had not been received for the erection of the storage building so action was tabled until a future meeting of the Board.

Joe Lohrman and Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Revenues for November were down from October but above the last 12 months. An operating and overall gain were reported for the month. Updates to the radiology room are in the planning stages with a majority of the funding coming from a state issued grant and the Foundation from Annie Jeffrey. The OB project is now complete and the facility has been busy with end of the year activities and procedures. The replacement of the carpet in the physical therapy area has been postponed until January due to a delay in receiving the carpet. The dry conditions have resulted in low humidity levels in the facility which is creating issues.

Jordanne McNeff with Central NE Youth Services presented the interlocal agreement for juvenile services with Merrick, Nance, Hamilton and Polk Counties for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Additional outside funding had been found so the contribution from the counties will decrease. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

The traffic control sign studies for the intersections of 132<sup>nd</sup> and R, 138<sup>th</sup> and V, and 129<sup>th</sup> and S were presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt resolutions to maintain the stop sign controlling westbound traffic and to add a stop sign to control eastbound traffic at the intersection of 132<sup>nd</sup> and R; to maintain the stop sign controlling eastbound traffic, to remove the stop sign controlling southbound traffic, and to add a stop sign controlling the westbound traffic at the intersection of 138<sup>th</sup> and V; and to maintain the stop sign controlling northbound traffic and to add a stop sign to control southbound traffic at the intersection of 129<sup>th</sup> and S. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. There is an option to lease a wheel loader for three years and the lease could possibly be extended to six years but at this time the online sale has not ended for the wheel loader Supt. Theis was authorized to bid on. The new sheep foot has been delivered and it was recommended that the drum be filled with used oil for weight. The application for the bridge match program has been submitted and the amount the county will receive from the federal buyback program will increase but the amount has yet to be determined.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. 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	