Pursuant to notice published in the February 18th, 2021 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 current schedule of fees charged by Polk County Planning and Zoning were reviewed. A motion was made by Boruch to increase the fee for a zoning permit to \$50.00 and to increase the fee for a conditional use permit to \$250.00, effective March 1, 2021. All other Planning and Zoning fees will remain the same. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. January was a slower month when compared to December and an operating loss was reported but an overall gain was realized due to the forgiveness of the PPP loan. The new GI scopes are in use along with the new wireless system. The new phone system and door security and cameras are being installed. During the power outage due to the extreme cold, the generator had a few issues but they were resolved quickly. Testing for COVID has been on the decrease but more influenza cases have been detected. An abbreviated health fair will be held at the hospital on March 2nd. With the continued decrease in COVID cases, there are plans to open the facility back up slowly in April and May.

During the power outages last week, the courthouse fire alarm panel was compromised. A motion was made by Boruch to replace the power supply to the fire alarm panel with a new unit as opposed to a refurbished one or repairing the old unit. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Custodian Sunday will contact Protex to authorize the purchase and installation.

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the 1 and 6 Year Road Plan Hearing as advertised. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Highway Supt. Theis was present. The one and six year projects, which include bridge work and asphalt/concrete overlays, were reviewed. At 11:10 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Boss and all members voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Boss to adopt the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

The state bid price for a dump truck outfitted to meet the needs of the Road Dept. is \$190,882.00. A motion was made by Boss to purchase a new Western Star dump truck at the state bid price. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Overhead doors at some of the shops are in need of repair and basically no major mechanical issues were reported by the crew after the snow removal and extreme cold.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The new spray pickup has been delivered and is currently being outfitted for spraying. The new ATV has been used for moving the snow around the courthouse grounds. Phragmites inspections are complete and there are several sites that would benefit from being sprayed by a drone. Several custom spray jobs have been lined up for the spraying season.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet again on March 2nd and 16th, 2021. 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