Osceola, Nebraska
February 24, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the February 19th, 2026 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.

The Board approved the annual report of Nebraska Extension in Polk County.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey's annual wine and beer fest were well attended and the Foundation has approved the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the hospital. New director Danielle Winslow continues to work on applying for grants and making plans for the annual golf tournament in June. The spring health fair will be held on March 3rd and the first orthopedic clinic with the new providers will be held on March 17th. Since placing the hospital's ambulance in service, forty-five trips have been made for local patients. The hospital will insulate and install additional outlets and a heater in the storage building at the hospital's expense to provide a climate controlled environment for the ambulance and its equipment. The gross revenue for the month of January was slighter lower than December but an operating and overall gain were reported.

Jon Cropsey with Globe Life Family Heritage gave a presentation to the Board on the various voluntary supplemental coverages they have available for major illnesses, accidents and injuries.

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. Also present was Highway Supt. Theis. The one and six year projects, which include bridge work and asphalt/concrete overlays, were reviewed. The completion of the overlay projects for both Shelby North and Osceola North, along with three bridge projects remain on 1 year plan for 2026. At 11:30 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 Westring to adopt the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. 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 authorize Highway Supt. Theis to purchase a pickup for the Road Dept. at the State bid price. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

The bids for the Polk SE bridge project opened at last week's meeting and the bid tabulation sheet compiled by JEO were reviewed. A motion was made by Westring to accept the low bid of Diamond Engineering Company in the amount of $629,174.90 and to also accept their Alternate Bid Item 1 in the amount of $10,000.00 for the removal of the existing structure. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye. The projected start date for the bridge project is March 16, 2026.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the activity in the Road Dept. Murphy Tractor will present a demonstration of their JD Link program at the Board's next meeting. No further information has been received regarding the availability of the funding for the Lone Star West project.

Weed Supt. Carlson was unable to keep his scheduled appointment with the Board.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on March 3rd, and 17th, 2026. 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