Osceola, Nebraska February 25, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and published in the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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.

Hospital Chief Financial Officer Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. January's inpatient numbers were up while outpatient numbers remained steady in January. As a result, the gross patient revenues for the month were above the twelve month average. An operating and overall gain were reported for the month of January. The elliptical machine in the wellness center needs to be replaced and the CT scanner is experiencing computer problems. The annual report certificate for First National Bank of Omaha was signed by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Boss to re-appoint Darla Winslow and Scott Wieting DDS and to appoint Jillian Fickenscher MD as members of the Four Corners District Health Board. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Laura McDougall updated the Board on the Four Corners District Health Dept. matters. The seasonal flu, both strains A and B, has been widespread throughout the district but attention now has shifted to the coronavirus. Those who contract the virus experience severe respiratory symptoms and the current strategy is to find ways to slow the spread of the disease. More information will be provided to the public as the situation warrants. A household hazardous waste collection day will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in helping with this project is encouraged to contact the District Health Dept.

Jocey Boruch with Eagle Communications met with the Board to discuss the telephone and internet services proposal presented previously. Meetings have been held with other elected officials and department representatives to review the services to be provided and approval of the agreement was recommended. A motion was made by Boruch to accept the proposal of Eagle Communications for business phone services and dedicated internet access using fiber communications for offices within the courthouse. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to open the One and Six Year Road Plan hearing as advertised. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. Highway Supt. Theis was present for the hearing. The one and six year projects, which include bridge work and asphalt/concrete overlays, were reviewed. At 11:25 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to the 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 Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The new belly dump trailer should be delivered this week and warning signs have been placed on all of the motorgraders advising traffic to keep clear of the equipment. One half of the cost of the signs will be paid by a NIRMA grant. The NIRMA sign training attended last week was very informative. Plans are to hold a pre-construction meeting for the Polk North project next week.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Phragmites inspections continue with a couple new infestations being located in areas not along the river. Supt. Carlson has been informed there are 25 organic sites within Polk County and inspection lists for the 2020 season are being prepared.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to meet again on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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	