

March 25, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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.

A motion was made by Boss to set the current maximum salary for the Assistant Veterans Service Officer position at \$24.75 per hour. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. To serve in the position of Assistant Veterans Service Officer, one must hold the same accreditations as the Veterans Service Officer which allows access to confidential veteran information and programs through the Veterans Administration.

A motion was made by Boruch to declare the winter storm that brought blizzard conditions to the area on March 19<sup>th</sup> a disaster and to declare a state of emergency. 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. February was another good month with both an operating and overall gain reported. The spring health fair was well attended, in spite of the weather conditions with Dr. Macy Miller as a new participating physician. The new sterilizer has been installed and training is underway. The flooring project is completed and the emergency room doors have now been fixed after replacing the motors. New cardiac rehab equipment is also being installed with training scheduled for today and tomorrow. Two Mindray monitors have been ordered and the nursing carts need to be updated to better support the equipment and supplies are taken from room to room. The laparoscope needs to be replaced as well, at an estimated cost of \$7,600. Due to a lack of participation by the community, the annual Walk At Lunch day will not be hosted by the hospital staff.

Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Grading of P Road from Highway 92 to 133<sup>rd</sup> Road is scheduled to begin once the ditches have dried out. The crew continues to run magnets over those areas where crushed concrete has been placed and the Board suggested purchasing a magnet that can be pulled behind a pickup. Supt. Theis will confer with JEO's Brian McDonald to determine what the next step is on the overlay project. Representatives from DA Davidson will be in attendance at next week's meeting to begin the funding process using bonds for the Shelby North and Osceola North project. Bids for a new motor grader are scheduled to be opened at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. The Platte Valley Weed Management Area has taken bids for applying chemicals via drone, helicopter and airboat for the 2025 growing season. Weeds are starting to grow in the right of way and Supt. Carlson is working on the chemical order and personal protective equipment order. He will be attending an upcoming training in Norfolk to receive 10 hours of continuing education credit.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to meet again on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved: /S/ Debra S. Girard  
County Clerk

/S/ Jerry Westring  
Chairman