Osceola, Nebraska March 26, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2019 and published in the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 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 Child Advocacy Center Satellite Letter of Agreement for the York Satellite Office was reviewed. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Sheriff and the County Attorney to sign the Letter of Agreement for fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. February was a very slow month for the facility, especially the inpatient services resulting in a \$175,000 operating loss and \$125,000 overall loss. The spring health fair was very well attended and the electrical bids received came in well under the estimates. The Hospital Trustees will be reviewing the investment policy for the facility and the OB remodeling project. Now that the Osceola school bond issue passed, more detailed conversations will be held with school administrators regarding the daycare component of the project.

Sheriff Ladwig presented information regarding the purchase of a new patrol pickup for the department thru the state bid process, including the trade-in value of one of the pickups currently in the Sheriff's Department's fleet. A motion was made by Boruch to authorize Sheriff Ladwig to purchase a new patrol vehicle thru the state bid process and to trade in one of the pickups currently used by the Sheriff's Dept. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Sheriff Ladwig also updated the Board on the possibility of obtaining a county-wide emergency alert system. Platte County currently has such a system and Polk County may be able to be included in their system. A representative from Platte County's vendor will give a presentation to Sheriff Ladwig, Emergency Manager Carey and one of the Board members on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Polk County resident Heidi Evans was also present and stated that the website company she works with may also be capable of providing a similar type of emergency notification system.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Highway Dept. and reported that several roads are closed due to their impassable condition, especially after the rain and heavy traffic. The closure of Highway 30 is creating problems for county roads such as 141, 142, and Island Road as traffic is seeking another route to Highway 81 and Columbus. A concrete crusher has been moved into Johnson Trucking and Supt. Theis plans to obtain crushed concrete for road repairs from this source.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the work of the Weed Dept. The damp and cold weather will slow down outdoor work in the department and inspections will begin next month.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to meet again on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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