

Osceola, Nebraska
April 22, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the April 17th, 2025 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened at 1:00 p.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 Boruch to approve Region V System's request for additional county match funds for FY25-26. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. The amount of the additional county match requested was \$1,620 for a total request for FY 25-26 in the amount of \$12,029 which is still less than the total request for FY 24-25.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Although March was a good revenue month for the facility, an operating and overall loss were reported for the month. An overall gain is still being shown for the fiscal year-to-date. The ambulance has now been wrapped as work continues to get it ready to be put in service. The hospital will be hosting a Community Blood Bank blood drive on May 14th and the facility's boiler recently passed inspection. Several bills in the Nebraska Legislature are of particular interest to rural hospitals. Annie Jeffrey is planning to work in conjunction with Osceola Public Schools and the Polk County Health Department to offer CNA courses to interested students. The classes would be offered through Central Community College with the costs of the classes to be paid by the students. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey has added new names to their donor wall, held an appreciation luncheon for the volunteers, have accepted ten scholarship applications from local high school seniors, and will be hosting their annual golf tournament on June 20th.

A motion was made by Boss authorizing Chairman Westring to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Agreement for Construction Contract, and the Purchasing Agent Appointment Forms for the Shelby North and Osceola North overlay projects. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. The successful bidder for both projects was Constructors, Inc. from Lincoln and they are scheduled to begin work in early September.

The letter in support of the project to pave two miles of 141st Road from S Road to U Road was reviewed. A motion was made by Boss to sign the letter as drafted by Clerk Girard. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. The letter will be included with Highway Supt. Theis' application for Community Project Funding through Congressman Flood's office.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The maintainer approved at last week's meeting has been ordered and an order of culverts will be picked up from Midwest Service & Sales in Schuyler. Reports from local gravel pits indicate that gravel supplies are low. The crew will resume using the drag on county roads next week.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. The Reports and Requirements Summary, which showed no deficiencies, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the summary as required by the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Supt. Carlson reported that about 20 miles of right-of-way have already been sprayed this season. Chemicals have been ordered and delivered. Leafy spurge and thistle inspections will be happening soon and the calibration of the sprayers will be finalized.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m. to meet again on May 6th and May 20th, 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