Osceola, Nebraska April 28, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and published in the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened via Zoom 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 Polk County website.

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Contryman Associates for the county's 2019-2020 audit. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Joe Lohrman, Marcus Augustin, and Tanya Kaup updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Due to the restriction on elective procedures and outpatient clinics, revenues for March and April are down drastically. Relaxation of the restrictions takes effect on May 4<sup>th</sup> and several scopes have been scheduled and outpatient clinics are returning after that date. At this time, the hospital is sufficiently supplied with personal protective equipment, thanks in part to individuals who have made and donated cloth masks for use by people entering the facility. The paycheck protection program is now available to hospitals owned by counties so application has been made to participate in the program and potentially receive funds to help offset the lost revenue. Scholarships have been awarded to 5 local seniors who plan to go into the healthcare field following graduation from high school.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Bridge approaches, guard rails, and shop yards have been sprayed with right-of-way spraying for leafy spurge to begin soon. Noxious weed inspections will start soon and the spraying equipment has been re-installed on the pickup and side-by-side.

Sheriff Ladwig presented a proposal to add additional security cameras to the exterior of the courthouse and jail. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the purchase of the additional cameras and related equipment. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Sheriff Ladwig also informed the Board that the department has been awarded a grant to help with the purchase of breathalyzer equipment.

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go in to executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present was Sheriff Ladwig and the County Clerk. At 10:40 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel issues were discussed.

Supt. Theis and Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the Working being done in the Road Dept. The clutch needs to be replaced in the red dump truck and the crew is spotting in gravel using the semi and belly dump trailer. Theis and Ericson will review both current and last year's gravel orders to help determine where to apply additional material. Gap seal and patch work is needed on the blacktops north of Osceola and Shelby. Work continues to go well on the Polk North Overlay project. Concrete has been poured from Highway 92 to 126<sup>th</sup> Road and patch work will be done today to prep the next section for concrete. The 128<sup>th</sup> and 129<sup>th</sup> Road intersections are open for east/west cross traffic.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to meet again on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<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