

Osceola, Nebraska
April 28, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the April 23rd, 2026 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.

The Board approved the annual report submitted by the City of Osceola for their TIF program.

Action was tabled on the Vyve Broadband Business Service Order and the Applied Connective quote for wireless access points as the additional information had not been received from Vyve and Applied Connective prior to the meeting.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. March was a very good revenue month but with increased activity at the hospital came increased expenses, resulting in both an operating and overall loss for the month. The hospital's ambulance has been used for 59 transfers since being placed in service late last summer and the power load system has been delivered but still needs to be installed. The facility has been having issues with the chiller and the motors for the automatic doors need to be either repaired or replaced. There is a new physical therapy assistant on staff and the orthopedic clinic is now on an every two week schedule with an onsite surgery performed during their last clinic. Ventilator training will take place on Thursday and the Community Blood Bank will be onsite for a blood drive on May 13th. The Foundation for Annie Jeffrey has received 12 applications for their scholarships and June 19th is the date for their annual golf tournament fundraiser.

Matt Kasik with Apace and Patrick Kriefels of Region 5 Systems presented their annual reports to the Board. Apace is asking for no county funding again this year and the request from Region 5 Systems will be the same as last fiscal year. The transition to using Mary Lanning hospital in Hastings for EPC's instead of transporting individuals in crisis to Lincoln has gone well.

After reviewing the report of the Highway Supt. and the testimony received at last week's hearing, a motion was made by Boruch to vacate a portion of County Road W running between 140th and 141st Roads, The road shall be vacated from the northern edge of the right of way line of County Road 140 to a point 425 feet south of the center line of County Road 141 and the title to this vacated road shall revert to the owners of the adjacent real estate, one half on each side. The said road lies between Sections 25 and 26, Township 16 North, Range 1 West. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the activity in the Road Dept. The Ag Society would like to add more millings on the fairgrounds and the millings that were applied to the road from N Boulevard to the Osceola ballfields several years ago needs to be ripped up. The dirt work along the Shelby North black top project has been completed. Beebe Street from Kimmel Street to O Road on the south edge of Osceola is now closed until the paving project is complete. Sheet piling is ready to be driven at the Polk SE bridge project and the next planned grading project is U Road from 138th to 141st Road.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Additional credit hours and recertification were completed at a recent training in Kearney and a weed management area summit will be attended in Kearney tomorrow. Cost-share chemical requests have already been received and leafy spurge inspections have been done. Bridge approaches, guardrails, shop yards and approximately 25 miles of thistles and dock have been sprayed in the right of way.

County Attorney Johnson met with the Board to discuss the survey of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery conducted by Surveyor Hays. Also present for the discussion were Toby Johansen, Kent Johansen and Janet Johansen. Because the current owner of record for the parcel is the Wesley Chapel Cemetery Association that is no longer an active entity, County Attorney Johnson's recommendation was to proceed with a quiet title action to take ownership of the cemetery so that the boundaries of the cemetery could be changed through the execution of

