Pursuant to notice published in the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 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.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

## GENERAL FUND

General	Salaries	\$113,314.50
American Legion Emblem	Supplies	\$594.50
Banner Press	Subscription	\$49.50
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$349.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$22,132.96
Bryan Medical Center	Supplies	\$200.00
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$603.20
CMRS-POC	Postal Service	\$2,500.00
Ronald E Colling	Reimbursement	\$340.48
Jennifer Conkel	Supplies	\$383.77
Connect America	Service	\$174.95
Cubbys, Inc.	Fuel	\$764.68
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Rental	\$448.00
EAKES Office Solutions	Supplies	\$1,644.87
Election Systems & Software	Supplies	\$2,166.64
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$138.20
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$1,102.12
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$533.45
Debra S Girard	Supplies	\$17.94
Hays Land Surveying, LLC	Service	\$4,500.00
Stephen T Knudsen	Service	\$4,291.00
Dwaine W Ladwig	Service	\$100.00
Lifeline	Service	\$476.00
MARC	Supplies	\$982.00
Mobile Binders	Supplies	\$303.09
NACT	Registration	\$125.00
National Pen Co. LLC	Supplies	\$74.62
Nebraska State Patrol	Fees	\$375.00
Osceola Food Mart	Supplies	\$238.31
Colleen Pallas	Reimbursement	\$39.01
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$929.66
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$220.02
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$296.61
Platte County Detention Facility	Contracts	\$1,440.00
Polk Co Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$3,766.11
Polk Co Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,193.11
Polk Co Health Ins.	Health Insurance	\$4,000.00
Polk County Court	Fees	\$17.00
Polk County Crime Stoppers	Donation	\$500.00
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$1,662.90
Polk County Sheriff	Court Cost	\$183.56
Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$197.32
Thomson Reuters	Service	\$1,545.49
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$149.15
Triple S Service	Service	\$150.00
Verizon Wireless**	Service	\$320.08
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Service	\$32.25
Watts Electric Company Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Rent Service	\$600.00
Windstream Neoraska Inc.  Darla Winslow	Service Reimbursement	\$283.21 \$247.00
Kim Winslow		\$247.00 \$171.82
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## ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$56,129.82
Advanced Fire & Safety, Inc.	Supplies	\$653.05

Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$571.36		
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$9,685.94		
Carl's Skrap	Garbage	\$36.00		
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$225.57		
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$186.60		
Filter Care	Parts	\$246.15		
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$82.40		
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$73.97		
Island Supply Welding Company	Supplies	\$401.80		
John Deere Financial	Service	\$236.65		
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Fuel Tax	\$94.00		
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Service/Supplies	\$44.81		
Overhead Door Co. of Columbus	Repair	\$709.97		
Polk County Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$3,734.80		
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,290.63		
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$260.62		
Power Plan	Parts	\$921.78		
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$78.81		
Strobel Manufacturing Inc.	Parts/Repair	\$693.39		
Dan Theis	Small Tools	\$379.98		
Village of Shelby	Utilities	\$90.50		
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$174.14		
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE FUND				
Midwest Covenant Home	Service	\$19,810.32		
INHERITANCE TA	AX FUND			
MIPS	Computer Expense	\$2,157.12		
911 EMERGENCY FUND				
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Windstream Nebraska	Service	\$252.67		
WEED FUND				
AG Spray Equipment	Equipment	\$483.34		
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$65.02		
James Carlson	Registration	\$175.00		
Constellation New Energy	Fuels	\$62.11		
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$20.96		
Nebraska Weed Control ASSN	Registration	\$210.00		
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$51.70		
Tolk County Rulai I dolle I onel Dist. Cultues \$11.70				

The following fees for the month of March were earned by the various offices and submitted to the County Treasurer. County Treasurer receipts show fees earned were credited to the appropriate county funds.

Jodie L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$319.00
Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$1,305.45
Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$5,399.30

The County Jail Report for the month of March was reviewed by the Board and approved.

The quote and plan received from Wilke Landscape Center for updating the landscaping around the courthouse was reviewed. A motion was made by Westring to accept the quote as presented. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye. Custodian Carey, with help from members of the road crew, will remove the existing shrubs and lava rock from the south side of the courthouse prior to Wilke Landscaping planting the new perennials.

Commissioner Boss reported that the Steering Committee appointed to study the possibility of a corridor between Highways 30 and 64 had reviewed the results of the traffic study conducted at their request. After reviewing the report, the Committee felt the large project costs and projected average daily traffic counts do not support moving forward with the project and recommended terminating the interlocal agreement. A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution terminating the interlocal agreement with Platte County, the City of Columbus,

Colfax County and Butler County originally entered into in September of 2020. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Sheriff Ladwig met with the Board to continue the discussion about the continuation of the mutual law enforcement assistance agreement with Butler County for that portion of Highway 81 that is also the Polk and Butler County line. According to the terms of the agreement, the agreement automatically renews each calendar year and to terminate the agreement, a written notice of the desire to terminate must be provided to Butler County at least 10 days prior to the expiration of the current term. A motion was made by Boss to notify Butler County that Polk County intends to terminate the interlocal agreement for traffic patrol and law enforcement efforts on the portion of Highway 81 that serves as a common boundary between Butler and Polk Counties. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye. Clerk Girard will draft the letter to Butler County.

Sheriff Ladwig also presented an agreement with the City of Columbus for the use of the City of Columbus' K-9 unit. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the agreement with the City of Columbus which authorizes the Polk County Sheriff's Office to request K-9 assistance from the City of Columbus. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Director Darla Winslow updated the Board on the activities of the Polk County Health Department, including the avian flu outbreak in neighboring Butler County. Residents are encouraged to not touch dead birds, especially migratory birds. The Covid vaccines seem to be effective against the most recent Covid strains and a second booster shot is available for those individuals who feel the need to receive one. The vaccination assessment conducted by Four Corners District Health Department was presented to the Board. The assessment will provide valuable information required for various grant applications.

Mark DeDiana from Lutz & Company met with the Board via telephone to review the list of potential uses of ARPA funds by the County that had been submitted to him for review. Also present for the presentation were County Treasurer Swanson, County Attorney Colling, County Sheriff Ladwig, Health Director Winslow, Highway Supt. Theis and Custodian Carey. At this time, Polk County has only received one half of the ARPA funds.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The profilers for the maintainers available for purchase are not as wide as the ones made by the Road Department crew. A profiler custom made to the desired width by a local fabricator will be looked into. A couple of maintainers are having minor problems and hopefully the new motorgrader will be delivered soon. The N Road project should be completed this week. The dry conditions and increased truck traffic near Johnson's pit is creating a dust problem.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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