Pursuant to notice published in the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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	\$68,652.50
AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc.	Equipment	\$393.19
Awards & Engraving	Supplies	\$66.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$22,659.34
Burg Auto Repair	Service	\$228.89
Channel Public Safety	Reimbursement	\$29,101.50
City of Osceola	Service	\$445.84
City of Stromsburg	Service	\$192.55
Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Service	\$145.00
CJT Electric	Service	\$97.22
Jennifer Conkel	Reimbursement	\$366.17
Connecting Point	Supplies	\$599.90
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$448.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$1,846.35
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$153.65
Hometown Hardware	Service	\$75.00
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$129.98
Nebraska Cancer Coalition	Service	\$50.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$87.33
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$168.10
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$253.70
Pioneer Telephone	Service	\$31.42
Platte County Detention Facility	Service/Supplies	\$1,992.65
Polk County Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,333.30
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$5,123.46
Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	\$1,796.82
Polk County Sheriff	Fees	\$231.23
Jodi Roberts	Reimbursement	\$15.00
Ryan Hill County Club	Service	\$1,455.00
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Service	\$90.95
Thomson Reuters-West	Supplies	\$1,312.80
UNL Eastern NE Research & Extension	Reimbursement	\$8,639.66
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$888.06
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$77.84
Watts Electric company	Rent	\$600.00
Evette Watts	Reimbursement	\$111.91

## ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$32,684.49
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$179.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$8,239.76
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$36.00
Dale R Johnson Enterprises	Gravel and Borrow	\$5,981.36
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.58
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insuranace	\$153.65
Hays Land Surveying, LLC	Service	\$279.38
Island Supply Welding	Supplies	\$84.00
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$10,415.19
Medical Enterprises Inc.	Service	\$105.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$246.74
Polk County Clerk Retirement	Retirement	\$1,999.09
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,485.48
Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	\$204.88
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$76.28

## SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

VYVE Broadband \$355.58 Service 911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND Windstream Nebraska Inc. \$265.12 Service WEED FUND Gary's Plumbing LLC \$449.37

Service

Service

Deductible

\$500.00

\$47.98

The following fees for the month of April 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.

Paul Davis Restoration

Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff \$883.62 Debra S. Girard County Clerk \$3,218.35

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

A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Contryman Associates for the county's 2022-2023 audit. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator for Region V Systems, presented their annual report to the Board and discussed the funding request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Counties are required to proportionally match the funding received from the State of Nebraska and therefore, the amount requested from the counties will not be finally set until the State's budget is approved. The mental health and substance abuse services available to residents and law enforcement were reviewed as well, including a new program to help prevent individuals from escalating to crisis situations with their mental health.

Loren Cleveland with BTS Communications met with the Board to review two proposals for upgrades to the phone system in the courthouse. One option was for the purchase of the phones and equipment while the second option provided for the leasing of the necessary equipment. After reviewing the proposals, a motion was made by Boss to purchase the phone system for the courthouse from BTS. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The box culvert has been poured and it needs to cure before the next step of the project can begin. The surveying for the bridge project on G Road and the staking for the next box culvert project is underway. Most of the driveways that have been requested have been installed and cleaning out ditches will be the next project for the gradeall. Several of the machines in the county's fleet are experiencing mechanical issues. NACO has reached out to Polk County for inclusion in a group of similar counties to assist them in applying for federal grants for bridge projects.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet again on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. 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