Osceola, Nebraska May 28, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and published in the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 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 on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

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

The conditional use permit for a gravel mining operation in the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 1 West was discussed but no action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Cash-In-Lieu option that is part of the County's cafeteria plan. A motion was made by Boruch to continue to offer the cash-in-lieu program with the monthly cash option to remain at \$400 for the 2019-2020 plan year. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. April was a good revenue month for the facility but larger expenses for electrical updates and repairs for the air handling system resulted in an operating loss and also a small overall loss for the month. Plans are in place to add additional security cameras and locks and to also improve the lighting in the parking lot. Discussion continues on the remodeling of the labor and delivery suites.

Zach Yount of Magnum Builders met with the Board to discuss repairs to the courthouse roof and presented his proposal for replacing the current ballast roof with a metal one.

At 10:35 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss an application for general assistance. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the applicant and the County Clerk. At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Westring and all members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only general assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to approve to application for general assistance and pay the outstanding balances of the applicant's gas and water bills. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Highway Dept. A problem with the structure on 136<sup>th</sup> Road between road J and K has developed. Supt. Theis is interested in obtaining a piece of equipment that can be mounted on a maintainer which would help with the compaction of gravel roads. The estimated cost is \$25,000 and information about satisfaction with the job it does will be sought from other another county who has one.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Six leafy spurge inspections have been completed and the infestation in the railroad right-of-way east of Shelby has been custom sprayed. Fourteen musk thistle inspections have been completed and county bridge approaches, guard rails and shop yards have been sprayed. Noxious weed inspections will continue. Cost share chemicals for controlling phragmites should be available in August and September.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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	