

Osceola, Nebraska
June 25, 2024

Pursuant to notice published in the June 13th, 2024 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.

A motion was made by Boruch to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with McKinnis Roofing & Sheeting Metal, LLC for the re-roofing project. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. McKinnis was the contractor awarded the bid at a previous meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Boss to transfer \$25,000 from the County General Fund to the Noxious Weed Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Coroner's budget by \$1,300.00 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover an increased need for autopsy related costs. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the County Clerk budget by \$3,400.00 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover an increased need for salaries and training costs. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the County/District Court budget by \$900.00 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover an increased need for equipment. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Buildings and Grounds budget by \$40,000.00 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover an increased need for boiler maintenance, repairs and supplies. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Veterans Service Officer budget by \$2,400.00 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous Budget within the General Fund. The transfer was needed to cover an increased need for salaries and training costs. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

The transferring of the interest received on the funds in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund to the General Fund was discussed. Because the amount of funds allocated for the re-roof project will not be sufficient to cover the costs, the Board decided to leave the accumulated interest in the fund and apply the monies to the roof project costs.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. May was a slower month as compared to the last several and both an operating and overall loss were reported. The hospital is still showing a fiscal year to date gain. The proceeds from the Foundation's annual golf tournament will be used to purchase a new glide scope for intubating patients and the lab recently passed their state inspection. The urologist who visited last month is very interested in establishing an outpatient clinic here but the dermatologist is no longer coming.

Gravel bids were opened as advertised. Bids were received from four different vendors. A motion was made by Westring to accept all bids, thereby allowing Supt. Theis to purchase gravel from the supplier that could fill the orders in the most timely fashion. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

