

Osceola, Nebraska
July 1, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the June 26th, 2025 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	\$84,938.66
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$24,415.16
Annie Jeffrey Memorial Co. Health	Service	\$883.08
Jack Carter	Mileage	\$9.80
Clear Life LLC	Service	\$32.07
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Rent	\$537.60
Dubas Funeral Home Inc.	Service	\$715.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies/Service	\$894.56
Cheryl Erickson	Mileage	\$131.60
Essential Screens	Supplies	\$93.62
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$105.45
Hometown Leasing	Rent	\$117.83
Erik C Klutman	Service	\$1,625.00
Dwaine W Ladwig	Reimbursement	\$50.00
Lifeline Systems Company	Service	\$596.93
Lynn Peavey Company	Service	\$118.61
Menards-Columbus	Supplies	\$23.96
MIPS Inc.	Service/Supplies	\$3,383.66
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$93.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$423.81
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Polk County Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$5,784.69
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$6,419.15
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$1,474.40
Rasmussen Mechanical Service	Service	\$3,283.00
Sparrow Publications, LLC	Service	\$370.51
Triple S Service	Service	\$150.00
Darla Winslow	Service	\$480.00

ROAD FUND

Road	Salaries	\$36,825.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$7,768.46
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Supplies	\$334.33
Gaver Tire	Supplies	\$45.00
John Deere Financial	Supplies	\$15.50
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel	\$11,626.65
NE Department of Motor Vehicles	Supplies	\$675.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$211.17
Polk County Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,202.94
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,792.47
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$229.98
Riverside Portables LLC	Service	\$110.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

MIPS Inc.	Service	2,442.13
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WEED FUND

Polk County Rural Public Power District	Service	49.38
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The following fees for the month of June 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.

Debra S. Girard, County Clerk

\$5,357.29

The County Jail Report for the month of June was not presented for approval.

A motion was made by Boruch to officially designate MIPS as the vendor to print and mail the postcards required by §77-1633 (3g). The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. The cost of the cards and postage will be shared by the entities who are required to participate in the special joint hearing.

The contract with Midwest Covenant Home for administering the Senior Services Program was reviewed. A motion was made by Boss to approve the contract for the 2025-2026 fiscal year which begins on July 1st. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Chief Probation Officer Carrie Rodriguez and Chief Deputy Probation Officer Morgan Campbell presented the annual report of District 5 Probation to the Board. Information regarding clients served in Polk County and a request for funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year were given to the Board.

The Board approved the list of unpaid taxes as presented by Treasurer Swanson. As of July 1, 2025, \$5,520.68 was left to be paid from the tax years 2019 thru 2023.

At 10:20 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss an application for burial assistance. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the next of kin of the deceased and the County Clerk. At 10:25 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and all members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and only burial assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the request for burial assistance. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Jill Engel presented the annual report for Aging Partners along with Mark DeMers, who oversees the local program for Midwest Covenant Home. Locally Aging Partners provides services to older adults through the senior centers and the office located in the courthouse with the goal of allowing residents to stay in their own homes. Their request for funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$18,846, a increase of 2 ½%.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. New safety vests have been distributed to the crew and were also provided to the commissioners. The new pickup ordered earlier this year has been built but has not been delivered to Husker Auto Group. There will be a meeting at the V Road bridge site with representatives from NDOT to review the project on Wednesday. The Caterpillar VisionLink program and the John Deere Link program were discussed for monitoring equipment performance. The flooding in the valley from last week's heavy rains is now under control and creeks back to normal but culverts that need to be repaired were identified.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on July 15th and 22nd, 2025. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved: /S/ Debra S. Girard
County Clerk

 /S/ Jerry Westring
Chairman