Osceola, Nebraska
July 23, 2024

Pursuant to notice published in the July 18th, 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.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. June was a good month with a small operating loss with small overall gain. The new dryers have been installed, a new sign has been placed on the outside of the new thrift store location, and staff members helped with Pinnacle Bank's fun run. The new lab techs have arrived and are adjusting well. The audiology clinic will be held on August 2nd and a Community Blood Bank blood drive will be held at the hospital on July 25th. A test of the current computer system was done to see if bad actors could penetrate the system. The hospital will be receiving a ventilator from the Covid stockpile for free, an approximate $20,000 savings. The passage of LB 876 has increased the age of a newborn that can be left at a safe haven location from 30 days to 90 days.

Highway Dept. Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The culvert was installed on W Road near Shelby yesterday and today the bridge northeast of Polk is being worked on by the crew. The new motor grader purchased with ARPA funds will be delivered today. Millings are scheduled to be hauled to the washout areas in the hills tomorrow and one of the motor graders is experiencing transmission issues once again.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. County road right-of-ways and blind intersections continue to be sprayed throughout the county. Cost share chemicals are now available and continuing education credits will be received at the upcoming training in Kearney.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet again on August 6th and 20th, 2024. 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