

Osceola, Nebraska
August 19, 2025

Pursuant to notice published in the August 14th, 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 Fund	Salaries	\$90,902.99
Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$53.85
Bellari Maid Cleaning Services LLC	Service	\$340.00
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Service	\$1,479.50
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$141.04
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$96.29
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$933.80
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$1,142.29
Clerk of the District Court	Service	\$167.00
Colonial Life & Accident	Life Insurance	\$184.14
Cubby's, Inc.	Supplies	\$403.27
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$17.40
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$75.64
FFF Enterprises, Inc.	Supplies	\$6,356.40
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$2,836.59
Morgan Grashorn	Mileage	\$168.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Supplies	\$338.43
Hamilton County Treasurer	Expense	\$669.12
Jackson Services Inc.	Supplies	\$269.77
Lancaster Co. Sheriff	Service	\$8.19
Lifeline Systems Company	Service	\$720.48
Menards-Columbus	Supplies/Equipment	\$223.91
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Rent	\$90.00
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$3,818.00
Occupational Health Service	Service	\$600.00
Olson's Pest Technicians Inc.	Service	\$205.00
Osceola Food Mart	Supplies	\$11.96
Physicians Laboratory, P.C.	Service	\$2,750.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$163.23
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Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service/Supplies	\$689.91
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$810.12
Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$3,283.90
Platte Valley Communications Inc.	Service	\$502.50
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$6,160.80
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$6,856.47
Polk County Court	Service	\$217.00
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$210.10
Polk County Senior Services	Allotment	\$20,000.00
Svehla, Thomas, Rauert, PC	Service	\$62.50
Jaci Swantek	Mileage	\$39.20
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$2,196.78
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$938.90
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$71.26
VVS, Inc. Canteen	Supplies	\$99.96
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$602.32
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$16.83

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$36,608.73
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$120.00

Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$464.26
CINTAS	Supplies	\$101.97
City of Osceola	Service	\$109.70
City of Stromsburg	Service	\$163.70
Colonial Life & Accident	Employer	\$79.04
Cubby's Inc.	Fuel	\$563.44
Curtis Ericson	Service	\$21.40
Extreme Glass	Service	\$40.00
Filter Care	Service	\$39.40
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$887.05
Gaver Tire	Supplies	\$200.85
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Equipment	\$4,580.00
John Deere Financial	Service/Supplies	\$26.43
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$27,111.94
Medical Enterprises Inc.	Service	\$77.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Supplies	\$1,338.00
National Industrial & Safety Supply	Supplies	\$311.76
NMC, Inc.	Service/Supplies	\$2,505.63
Overland Sand & Gravel	Gravel and Borrow	\$5,861.38
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$160.49
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,204.35
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,774.70
Polk County Health Department	Service	\$70.00
Polk Light & Water	Service	\$105.08
Rally Auto Parts	Service/Supplies	\$1,114.82
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$55.34
Dan Theis	Supplies	\$53.00
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$81.60
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$66.06
Village of Shelby	Service	\$93.18
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$251.81

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE FUND

Midwest Covenant Home	Service	\$13,195.69
VYVE Broadband	Service	\$444.82

INHERITACE TAX FUND

Cardinal Assessment Group LLC	Service	\$14,960.00
Central Square Technologies, LLC	Service	\$3,391.80
Smith, Pauly, Slusky and Rogers, LLP	Service	\$2,370.00

WEED FUND

James Carlson	Reimbursement	\$80.00
City of Osceola	Service	\$106.74
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Service	\$3.56
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$541.54
M&O Door Products, LLC	Service	\$225.00
Osceola Tire & Service	Supplies	\$21.50
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$49.98

The following fees for the month of July 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.

Jodie L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$732.52
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A motion was made by Boss to allocate the following levies for those political subdivisions subject to the County’s levy authority:

Fire Districts	a maximum of \$.040000 per \$100 of valuation
Ag Society	a maximum of \$.010000 per \$100 of valuation
Cemetery District	a maximum of \$.010000 per \$100 of valuation
Historical Society	a maximum of \$.003000 per \$100 of valuation

The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

The County's real estate inventory was reviewed by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Boruch to appoint John Pokorney as a member of the Polk County Veterans Service Committee. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to adopt a resolution renewing Polk County's membership in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. NRIN allows information to be shared among emergency and communications centers to help mitigate an emergency that threatens any location. Continuing Polk County's membership in NRIN was recommended by Emergency Manager Watts.

A motion was made by Westring authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement for Emergency Protective Services with Region 5 Systems for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

Assessor Krance met with the Board to review the proposals from Eagleview to renew the contract for pictometry. In light of a recent Attorney General's opinion potentially restricting an assessor's on the ground access to properties for assessment purposes, a motion was made by Boss to enter into an agreement with Eagleview to provide 3" aerial imagery. The imagery would be provided twice during a six year period. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Assessor Krance will contact Eagleview for the drafting of the contract.

Toby Johansen met with the Board to discuss the maintenance of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, the largest of the three abandoned cemeteries in the county that Polk County maintains under the abandoned cemetery statutes. A motion was made by Boruch to increase the fee paid for the annual maintenance of Wesley Chapel to \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Veterans Service Officer Kenneth Toline and members of the Veterans Service Committee updated the Board on the activities of the Veterans Service Office. The number of veterans and members of their families seen by the VSO remains high and continuing education for the claim process has been completed. To provide more privacy during appointments and screenings, the committee is recommending that some remodeling be done to the building leased from the Osceola Masonic Lodge. When VSO Toline was initially hired to fill the position, there were no benefits attached to the position. He is now asking for vacation and sick leave benefits, comparable to any other Polk County employee who works the same number of hours per week. A motion was made by Boss to approve prorated vacation and sick leave for the Veterans Service Officer. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

At 10:45 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 vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the applicant and the County Clerk. At 10:50 a.m., a motion was made by Westring 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 that only assistance matters were discussed. A motion was made by Westring to approve the applicant's request for assistance. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye. The county will pay the amount of the back rent owed after deducting the amount of assistance received from Blue Valley Community Action.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. He had an opportunity to personally thank Congressman Flood for the congressman's assistance in requesting federal funding for the Lone Star West project. A pre-construction meeting will

possibly be held on September 4th for the Shelby North and Osceola North overlay projects. With the recent drier weather, the crew has been able to resume work on those culverts needing to be replaced or repaired. The dump truck and pup are back in service and operating properly but issues are being experienced with the semi tractor. Each member of the crew has been given the opportunity to request additional gravel for their route for fall delivery.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to meet again on August 26th and September 2nd, 2025. 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