

August 25, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the August 20th, 2026 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 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 Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

Marcus Augustin and Nataly Sanley updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Gross patient revenue for the month of July was nearly a million dollars but an operating and overall loss were reported for the month. The hospital is again partnering with Osceola Public School to provide CNA classes for interested students. They are also partnering with the Butler County Hospital for the upcoming “pink out” softball games for breast cancer awareness since the Polk County Slammers and the David City Aquinas softball teams are co-oping this season. The ambulance has made 71 transfers to date with 69 during the first year of operation, almost twice as many as anticipated. The annual fall health fair will be held on Thursday, October 8th, moving from Tuesday to Thursday because of the ortho clinic which is now held on Tuesdays. The facility is looking to upgrade their hospital beds, replacing a couple each year at a current cost of between \$11,000 and \$12,000. The models available to purchase are limited by the width of the doors in the patient rooms. The windows in the front entrance of the building need to be replaced and it may be an opportune time to replace the entry doors with sliding doors to provide a wider entry into the facility.

Nick Boruch with AKRS met with the Board to discuss the current lease of a tractor for the Road Department. By leasing a newer tractor now instead of a year from now when the current lease expires, the County can save approximately \$6,000 annually and have a new tractor. A motion was made by Boss to lease a newer John Deere tractor from AKRS and to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease documents when prepared. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the activity in the Road Dept. The grading of U Road between 138th and 139th Roads is underway today. The belly dump brakes are being worked on. A draft copy of the letter to be sent to landowners involved in the 6-15-2 drainage issue was presented by Supt. Theis for the Board's review. Next year Supt. Theis would like to gap seal the cracks in the county's black top roads, especially 9th Street extended in Stromsburg and the road past the fairgrounds in Osceola.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. Noxious weeds have been sprayed around the bridges over the Platte River in our area by drone through the Platte Valley Weed Management Area. Supt. Carlson has been spraying general weeds in the right-of-way as well as blind intersections. He has also started spraying phragmites in the right-of-way. Fall inspections of noxious weeds and brush spraying are upcoming tasks to complete.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on September 1st and September 15th, 2026. 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