

Osceola, Nebraska
September 1, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the August 27th, 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.

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 Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

GENERAL FUND

General	Salaries	\$86,995.59
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	\$23,234.40
Burg Auto Repair Inc	Service	\$164.98
Colonial	Insurance	\$166.39
Jennifer Conkel	Mileage	\$247.00
DAS State Acctg - Central Finance	Service	\$537.60
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$893.41
Ken Ekeler	Service	\$80.00
FFF Enterprises Inc	Service	\$197.27
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees	\$30.00
Hometown Leasing	Service	\$246.71
Kathy Davis	Reimbursement	\$1,140.20
Konexus	Service	\$3,060.00
Jodi Krance	Reimbursement	\$37.20
Dwaine W. Ladwig	Reimbursement	\$150.00
Lifeline Systems Company	Service	\$786.76
MARC	Supplies	\$189.00
Mark A Hogue	Service	\$200.00
Timothy Matas Attorney at Law	Service	\$900.00
Nebraska Supreme Court	Salary	\$9,107.06
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc	Supplies	\$15.00
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$76.67
Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$501.58
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Platte County Detention Facility	Service	\$4,110.34
Polk County Clerk Retirement Account	Retirement	\$6,010.95
Polk County Clerk Social Security Account	Social Security	\$6,565.49
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$2,404.62
Redman's Turf Service	Service	\$65.00
Sparrow Publications LLC	Service	\$443.64

ROAD FUND

Road	Salaries	\$37,758.75
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	\$6,970.32
Colonial Life & Accident	Insurance	\$77.28
Eakes Office Supplies	Supplies	\$44.71
Curtis Ericson	Reimbursement	\$22.58
Christopher J Gabriel	Reimbursement	\$60.00
Pinnacle Bank	Service	\$170.31
Polk County Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$2,249.93
Polk County Clerk Social Security Deposit	Social Security	\$2,867.75
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$255.42
Riverside Portables	Service	\$110.00

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

Midwest Covenant Home	Service	\$17,843.42
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

MIPS Inc.	Service	\$2,566.11
Rasmussen Mechanical Services	Service	\$12,578.00

WEED FUND

Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Service	\$3.39
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$48.44
Sparrow Publications LLC	Service	\$60.00

The following fees for the month of August 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.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$1,298.04
Debra S. Girard, County Clerk	\$5,280.97

The County Jail Report for the month of August was reviewed by the Board and approved.

The annual inventories of various county officials were reviewed by the Board and approved.

Veterans Service Officer Ken Toline, members of the Veterans Service Committee, and Veterans Service Officer Assistance Brenda Toline met with the Board to discuss a plan for replacing VSO Toline. A candidate for the position has met the criteria set forth in §80-410 and has been certified by the Director of Veterans Affairs as required by §80-407. The process to receive all of the accreditations to serve as the VSO will take several months to complete and therefore, the Veterans Service Committee requested that the candidate be allowed to train and take the necessary courses while employed by Polk County. Upon successful completion of the training and accreditation, current VSO Toline would retire from his current position. A motion was made by Boruch to extend an offer for the Veterans Service Officer “in training” position to Kasie Leeling as she has been certified as eligible to serve as a veterans service officer. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the activity in the Road Dept. The grading of U Road between 140th and 141st Roads is underway today. After receiving their letter, two of the landowners involved in the 6-15-2 drainage issue now do not intend to sign it. Nebraska Machinery is bringing out a new model Caterpillar motor grader to demonstrate this week. The bid prices for diesel fuel continue to climb with the September price at \$4.69 per gallon. Silage cutting has started in the area with seed corn harvest expected to begin soon.

At 11:55 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. Also present for the discussion were Sheriff Ladwig and the County Clerk. At 12:00 p.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel matters were discussed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to meet again on September 15th and September 22nd, 2026. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved:	<u>/S/ Debra S. Girard</u>	<u>/S/ Jerry Westring</u>
	County Clerk	Chairman