

Osceola, Nebraska
September 22, 2026

Pursuant to notice published in the September 17th, 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.

The applications received for the vacant courthouse custodial position were reviewed. A motion was made by Westring to offer the position to Matt Gustafson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Chairman Westring will contact Mr. Gustafson.

Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. The annual fundraising campaign for the foundation is underway and the annual fall health fair will be held on Thursday, October 8th at the hospital. Since being put into service, the hospital's ambulance has been used for 73 transfers. August was a slower month for the facility so an operating and overall loss were reported but the outpatient clinics continue to be busy. The doors have been repaired and the chiller has been working well after the necessary repairs were made.

Representatives from Benefit Management met with the Board to review their plan for health insurance coverage and to request updated census information so an accurate proposal can be presented.

Road Foreman Ericson updated the Board on the working being done in the Road Department. Supt. Theis has not received any response to the revised letters mailed out last week to the landowners involved in the 6-15-2 drainage issue. The contractor previously used to tear up millings is very busy so either another contractor will need to be located or the tearing up of the millings on 129th Road from N Blvd to the Osceola ball fields will need to wait until next spring or summer. The silage crews appear to be winding up but the seed corn harvesters are bringing mud onto the county roads. The road crew will monitor those roads where the harvesting is taking place. The weather conditions are creating issues with the north mile of the U Road grade.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. The weather conditions have made it difficult to spray but he has been working on the maps for spraying brush. The helicopter is set to spray the Platte River yet this fall. Some fall inspections have been completed and the fall spraying of the courthouse and jail yards is yet to take place. During the month of October, the State Department of Ag will conduct their fall inspection of the local Weed Dept.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on September 29th and October 6th, 2026. 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