Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of September 17th, 2019 and published in the September 19th, 2019 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 on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

A motion was made by Boruch to approve the Central Platte Community Wildfire Protection Plan as presented by the Nebraska Forest Service. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The purpose of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is to provide a tool for effectively managing fire and hazardous vegetative fuels and to bolster collaboration and communication among the various agencies and organizations who manage fire in the Central Platte region of Nebraska.

A license agreement with Richard E. Collins for the kitchen area of the Stromsburg Senior Center until Polk County's lease of the building ends on June 30th, 2020 was reviewed. A motion was made by Boss to approve the license agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. September was a slow month for outpatient services and both an operating and an overall loss were reported for the month. A new bone density machine was purchased, new chairs and TV's have been installed in the sleep study rooms, and the Board will review the plans for the OB project. The audit report will be presented by DAE, LLC to the trustees at their meeting tonight. A disaster drill was conducted a couple of weeks ago with good results and the annual fall Health Fair will be held on October 1st.

Sheriff Ladwig updated the Board on Sheriff's Dept. matters, including the estimated start date of October 14th for the replacement of the carpeting in the Sheriff's Office. The replacement of the original windows in the lobby area and office areas has been completed.

At 11:00 a.m., bids for a motorgrader were opened as advertised. Bids from three vendors were received. Action on the bids was tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Flowable fill was poured at the site of the structure on 124th Road on Wednesday and Friday of last week. An excavator will be on the site of the low water crossing on 136th to help with the repairs. LTAP will be presenting courses including one on road closures. Those attending will receive barricades, sign and flags. Gravel is still being delivered to county roads in the Shelby and Swedehome areas.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Approximately 80 miles of right-of-way have been sprayed for brush control and cat tails have also been sprayed. Phragmites will be sprayed next week, weather permitting. The Platte River has been recently sprayed again using a helicopter.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to meet again on October 1st and 15th, 2019. 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