

Pursuant to notice published in the January 14th, 2021 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 that Jerry Westring be elected as Chairman for 2021. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boss that Ron Boruch be elected as Vice Chairman for 2021. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

The County Board membership of various boards was reviewed. Board members will continue as members of the board they are presently serving on.

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 Fund	Salaries	\$71,406.47
Allied 100	Supplies	\$1,242.00
Annie Jeffrey Health Center	Service	\$44.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$1,593.29
Blue 360 Medical LLC	Supplies	\$83.75
Bryan Medical Center	Supplies	\$5.00
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$209.47
Central Office Region V Service	Quarterly Service	\$2,405.75
Central Valley AG	Fuel	\$781.06
City of Columbus	Communication Contract	\$75,000.00
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$519.83
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	\$101.00
Ronald E Colling	Service	\$380.00
Connecting Point	Computer Expense	\$1,066.89
Consolidated Management Company	Service	\$63.51
Cubby's, Inc.	Fuel	\$367.47
Eagle Broadband, Inc.	Service	\$656.33
Eagle Technology Solutions	Service	\$239.32
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$287.67
Economy Hometown Market	Supplies	\$170.89
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$748.91
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$148.75
Jackson Service Inc.	Supplies	\$100.08
MARC	Supplies	\$224.00
Matthew Bender	Supplies	\$126.72
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Rent	\$128.00
MIPS	Supplies	\$273.35
NE Health & Human Service	Service	\$39.00
Office.NET	Supplies	\$913.87
Jennifer Osborne	Mileage	\$193.20
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$219.22
Paper Tiger Shredding	Service	\$45.00
Philips Lifeline	Service	\$782.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$60.00
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Pioneer Telephone	Service	\$28.26
Polk County Health Ins.	Health Ins. Deductible	\$3,227.30
Polk County Court	Court Costs	\$69.00
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Supplies	\$188.99
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$401.13
Polk County Sheriff	Court Costs	\$105.49
Polk County Tax Deposit	Social Security	\$5,284.81
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$4,847.28
SCG Consulting Services LLC	Fees	\$4,304.45
Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$142.23

Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$22.99
Jaci Swantek	Mileage	\$27.60
Thomson Reuters-West	Supplies	\$3,030.38
Tonniges Chevrolet Inc.	Service	\$779.63
Triple S Service	Service	\$110.00
Ultra Graphics	Supplies	\$188.50
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$35.01
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VVS, Inc. Canteen	Service	\$59.20
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$692.85
Darla Winslow	Mileage	\$57.50
York News Times	Service	\$134.45

ROAD FUND

Road	Salaries	\$29,256.09
Black Hills Energy	Fuel	\$271.26
Central Valley Ag	Fuel	\$6,562.71
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$71.72
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$227.96
Eagle Broadband	Service	\$70.11
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$820.98
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$79.54
Christopher J Gabriel	Mileage	\$548.03
Island Supply Welding Co.	Supplies	\$70.68
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel	\$1,261.78
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.	Equipment	\$31,340.00
Northside Inc.	Repair	\$53.50
Osceola Food Mart	Fuel	\$24.38
Overland Sand & Gravel	Gravel and Borrow	\$1,805.16
Polk County Health Ins.	Deductible	\$1,242.85
Polk County Health Department	Service	\$70.00
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,202.16
Polk Light & Water	Utilities	\$99.84
Rally Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies	\$1,180.01
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$1,920.80
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$64.89
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$224.83

SENIOR SERVICES FUND

Eagle Broadband	Service	\$175.31
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

DAS State Accounting -Central Finance	Computer Expense	488.32
Standard Appraisal Services Inc.	Fees	6,064.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	984.74
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WEED FUND

Black Hills Energy	Service	\$63.31
James Carlson	Service	\$80.00
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$70.52
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Utilities	\$44.21
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$93.64

The Board approved the collateral pledged by Polk County banks and held in custody by the County Treasurer.

The following fees for the month of December 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 Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$330.00
Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff	\$1,143.30

A motion was made by Westring to reappoint Daniel J. Theis (License Number S-1365, Class A) as Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2021. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to reappoint James L. Carlson as Weed Superintendent for calendar year 2021. 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 reappoint Jerry Westring as Zoning Administrator for calendar year 2021. 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 appoint Debra S. Girard to prepare the 2021-2022 county budget. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to designate the Polk County website (polkcounty.nebraska.gov) as an additional method of providing notice of the County's meetings. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

The Board signed the annual signature report for the Secretary of State's office.

A motion was made by Boruch to transfer \$22,000.00 from the Highway Bond Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The transfer repays the transfer of the same amount approved by resolution on November 17th, 2020.

An application for appointment as a county depository bank was received from the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) but at this time, the Treasurer does not have any funds on deposit with NPAIT. Should the Treasurer wish to place funds on deposit with NPAIT, accepting their application to be a depository bank will be revisited by the Board.

Tasha Weller met with the Board to ask for approval for a special designated permit to have alcohol at a function to be held on the Polk County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Boruch to allow Polk County Recreational Assn. to sell and serve alcohol on February 6th, 2021 in the Ag Pavilion on the Polk County Fairgrounds. 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 work being done in the Road Dept. The two bridge projects submitted for the State's bridge matching funds program have been approved. JEO will be contacted to start the design process for box culverts to replace the bridges. Adjustments were made to brush mulcher attachment for the excavator and it has been in use.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Activity Report, the Noxious Weed Infestation Report, the Noxious Weed Control Plan, the Budget Report, the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report, and the Weed Control Board Roster as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. The Platte Valley Weed Management Association is bidding spraying the Platte River by airboat, drone, and helicopter for the upcoming spray season. Some phragmites inspections have been completed with more to do.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to meet again on January 26th and February 2nd, 2021. 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