Osceola, Nebraska
October 22, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of October 15th, 2019 and published in the October 17th, 2019 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m. with Westring and Boruch present. Boss was absent. 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.

The quarterly inspection of the jail was tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. The month of September was a better month when compared to both last year and last month but an operating and overall loss were still reported. Additional security cameras are being added and the health fair was well attended. CFO Marcus Augustin also presented the fiscal year 2018-2019 audit report. Action on the hospital licensure renewal application was tabled as the form has not been received.

At 10:35 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss an application for general assistance. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the applicant and the County Clerk. At 10:40 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye, A motion was made by Westring to approve the payment of the applicant's past due utility bill and rent. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

The Board approved the Road-Street-Highway Budget and Expenditure Report to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards as presented by Highway Supt. Theis.

Highway Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The culvert has been placed for the Road 136 project and the crew has been back filling with material. JEO has been contacted for a status report on the Polk North project. To help with the removal of potholes in the gravel roads, the road crew may build profilers to go on the motor graders, using the profiler built by Banner County as an example. A basic maintenance agreement for the new John Deere motor grader was discussed.

Commissioner Boss arrived at 11:30 a.m.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Fall spraying has been done at the courthouse, weed shop and road shops and some fall inspections have been completed as well. The State will be here on Thursday for the annual office inspection of reports. Training will be attended in Kearney the first of November to meet recertification requirements. Winterization of equipment will be taking place soon.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on November 5th and November 19th, 2019. 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