

Osceola, Nebraska
March 24, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of March 17th, 2020 and published in the March 19th, 2020 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened in the Courthouse lobby 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 Courthouse lobby.

The renewal lease with the City of Lincoln on behalf of Aging Partners was reviewed. The one year lease will be for office space in the courthouse to be used by Aging Partners Personal & Family Services and the terms are the same as the previous year's lease. A motion was made by Boss authorizing the Chairman to sign the lease as presented. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and Director of Nursing Tonya Kaup updated the Board on the activities at the hospital. February was a slightly above average month for the facility with a small operating loss but overall gain. The OB project will be put on hold at the current time as they don't want to take the rooms they were planning to remodel out of service nor have construction workers coming and going out of the facility at this time. DON Kaup discussed the prevention and preparedness measures being utilized. The office staff is preparing to be able to work from home if needed and all entrances have been closed except for the south entry near the ER with all people entering the hospital being screened. Visitors have been limited to one per patient and access to patient rooms is limited. Routine healthcare procedures, elective surgeries and outpatient clinics are being postponed which will result in a decline in revenues for the hospital.

Sheriff Ladwig discussed law enforcement's response to the pandemic which includes reducing the number of traffic stops for minor offenses and controlling the number of people in courtrooms.

The Board reviewed the comp time policy for the Road Dept. Currently several crew members have accumulated a sizeable number of comp time hours. A motion was made by Boruch to cap the number of comp time hours at 80 and employees with over 80 hours at this time have until December 31, 2021 to reduce their comp time to the new maximum. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye, Westring, aye. Employees have the option to use the comp time and/or convert it to overtime pay.

The maximum salaries for the Foreman and Sign Technician positions created at last week's meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to amend the 2020 salary resolution to include a maximum salary of \$25.39 per hour for the Foreman position and a maximum salary of \$23.39 for the Sign Technician position. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

In the absence of Supt. Theis, who is on the Polk North job site, Clerk Girard presented Supt. Theis' written report. Milling on the Polk North project has started and possibly concrete will be poured on part of the project by the end of the week. Gravel continues to be stockpiled at the Shelby shop yard and the crew will start stockpiling at Osceola next. A bridge on N Road is in need of repairs and Supt. Theis will contact Ed Hoevet to schedule repairs for this bridge and also the bridge over Davis Creek on 129th Road this summer.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. The training originally scheduled for April 1st thru April 3rd has been canceled due to health concerns. Work continues on the chemical inventory, preparation for pasture inspections, and mapping organic sites. Personal protective equipment has been ordered and will be shared with the road crew that will also be spraying in the right-of-way. Spring inspections will begin as soon as weather permits and the sprayers will be re-installed in their respective vehicles.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on April 7th and 21st, 2020. 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