

Osceola, Nebraska  
May 17, 2022

Pursuant to notice published in the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.

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 with the exception of the reimbursement claim to Mike Boss. 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 approve the reimbursement claim to Mike Boss for pickup tool boxes. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, abstain. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$64,092.47
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$835.39
Michael S Boss	Reimbursement	\$1,280.00
Burg Auto Repair Inc.	Service	\$83.35
Central Valley AG	Fuel	\$947.76
Paul Cerny	Service	\$30.00
City of Columbus	Service	\$75,000.00
City of Osceola	Service/Rent	\$157.70
CMRS-POC	Postage	\$2,500.00
Ronald E Colling	Reimbursement	\$330.00
Jennifer Conkel	Mileage	\$151.51
Connect America	Service	\$169.00
Connecting Point	Service	\$125.00
Cubby's, Inc.	Fuel	\$408.17
Dubas Funeral Home, Inc.	Service	\$550.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies/Service	\$690.91
Economy Hometown Market	Service	\$65.56
Election Workers	Election Salary	\$4,975.47
Cheryl Erickson	Mileage	\$79.56
Fillman Law Office, LLC	Service	\$228.00
Fillmore Co Clerk of District Court	Workshop	\$75.00
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$143.58
Frontier Cooperative Company	Fuel	\$1,562.19
Leroy Gerrard	Service	\$30.00
Debra S Girard	Supplies	\$41.73
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$237.72
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Equipment	\$32.90
Jackson Service Inc.	Supplies	\$138.08
Lifeline	Service	\$446.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Supplies	\$19.95
Lutz	Service	\$230.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Rent	\$218.00
Midland Irrigation	Service	\$187.20
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Service	\$2,270.25
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$3,657.50
Health and Human Service	Service	\$90.00
Olson's Pest Technicians Inc.	Service	\$550.00
Osceola Tire & Service	Service	\$24.50
Ostmeyer Lawn Service	Supplies	\$200.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$81.03
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$332.50
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$96.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies	\$997.14
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies/Service	\$267.00
Polk County Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$4,326.21
Polk County Tax Deposit	Social Security	\$4,740.49
Polk County Court	Court Costs	\$17.00
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$171.62
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$872.93
Polk Senior Center	Rent	\$50.00
Rasmussen Mechanical Service	Service	\$1,211.00
Salem Lutheran Church	Rent	\$30.00

Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$297.77
Shelby Senior Center	Rent	\$50.00
St Vincent Church	Rent	\$60.00
Svehla, Thomas, Rauert, PC	Service	\$85.50
Barb Swanson	Mileage	\$78.39
Jaci Swantek	Mileage	\$5.85
Thomson Reuters-West	Service	\$2,655.63
Trouba Law Office, LLC	Service	\$1,234.05
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$34.72
Verizon Wireless**	Service	\$320.14
Vyve Broadband	Service	\$839.29
Vyve Technology Solutions	Service	\$239.32
Wallingford Sign Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$180.00
Evette Watts	Mileage	\$60.67
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$966.40
911 Custom	Service	\$1,091.00

#### ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$28,682.61
Black Hills Energy	Service	\$164.87
Central Valley AG	Supplies	\$19,770.53
City of Osceola	Service	\$80.58
City of Stromsburg	Service	\$182.57
Dale R Johnson Enterprises	Supplies	\$20,681.72
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$186.60
Ericson Cash Hardware	Supplies	\$20.80
Filter Care	Service	\$98.75
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$82.56
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$2,017.84
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$55.23
John Deere Financial	Service	\$770.47
Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel and Borrow	\$4,019.14
Calvin Marak	Reimbursement	\$8.21
Midland Telecom Inc.	Service	\$557.49
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Supplies/Equipment	\$31,239.50
NMC, Exchange LLC	Supplies/Service	\$7,920.08
Overland Ready Mixed	Gravel and Borrow	\$15,285.68
Polk Co. Clerk Retirement Deposit	Retirement	\$1,868.59
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$2,175.66
Polk County Health Department	Service	\$70.00
Polk Light & Water	Service	\$81.68
Rally Auto Parts	Service/Supplies	\$742.31
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Service	\$70.47
Truck Center Company	Service	\$170.20
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$149.90
Village of Shelby	Service	\$90.50
Vyve Broadband	Service	\$73.27
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$247.38

#### SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER FUND

Vyve Broadband	Service	306.60
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#### INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Augie's Autobody Repair	Service/Labor	\$1,578.81
Central Square Technologies LLC	Service	\$9,023.79
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance	Service	\$488.32
Gworks	Service	\$7,125.00
Midland Telecom Inc.	Equipment	\$3,006.42
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Service	\$9,635.00

#### 911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$963.47
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#### WEED FUND

Black Hills Energy	Service	\$51.18
James Carlson	Service	\$80.00
City of Osceola	Service	\$80.08

Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$18.24
Frontier Cooperative Company	Supplies	\$409.26
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$27.95
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$132.00
Rally Auto Parts	Supplies	\$56.37

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 April 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 L. Roberts, Clerk of Dist. Court \$41.00

The Child Advocacy Center Service Agreement was reviewed. A motion was made by Westring authorizing the Sheriff and the County Attorney to sign the Service Agreement for fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

The NACO Blue Cross – Blue Shield health insurance plans will see a 17% increase in the premiums for the plan year which begins July 1<sup>st</sup> after three years of little to no increases and the deductibles for the various plans increased by \$100. A motion was made by Boss to renew the \$2600 deductible PPO health insurance plan with the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield group and to reimburse to the employee that portion of the deductible between \$500 and \$2600 that they themselves meet. In essence, the plan will be a \$500 deductible plan for the employee themselves and a \$2600 deductible plan for the spouse/children or family coverage paid for by those employees who wish to insure their family members through the county's group plan. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Participation in the NACO health insurance program also provides life insurance and long term disability insurance to county employees who enroll in the plan.

Hunter Shain, with Rasmussen Mechanical Service, presented three different options for either repairing or replacing the existing boilers in the courthouse. The first option would repair the burner and fan on one of the two existing boilers which would give the courthouse heating two functioning boilers with up to 25 years of life. Option two would replace the boilers with cast iron sectional boilers with an expected life of 25 to 30 years. The third option would replace the boilers with a variable refrigerant flow system. With costs ranging from \$4,538.00 to \$445,453.00, a motion was made by Boss to accept Option #1, the lowest cost option. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye.

Cal Marak with the Polk County Ag Society met with the Board regarding the liquor license required for the beer garden at the Polk County Fair. The Fair Board is requesting a license for July 21, July 22, and July 23 for events to be held in the grandstand/arena area. A motion was made by Boruch to approve Polk County Ag Society's request for a liquor license for a beer garden during the Polk County Fair on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Emily Triplett, from the Osceola Good Samaritan Center, along with Erin Dickey and Grace Gerrard, representing the Midwest Covenant Home, met with the Board to discuss the additional costs incurred by their facilities due to COVID. The additional costs generally stem from unfundated mandates imposed regarding testing and screening of staff, residents and visitors to the facilities. They asked for the County to consider allocating a portion of their ARPA funds to these long term care facilities to offset these costs.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The fence has been relocated and dirt moved as requested on the clay hill project. Engineers from the dairy plan to use the backslope of the county road ditch to bury the line that would transport methane from the Butler County location to Double Dutch dairy and then into the Black Hills Energy pipeline.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 p.m. to meet again on May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

