

Osceola, Nebraska
June 23, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of June 16th, 2020 and published in the June 18th, 2020 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 Westring to transfer \$12,841.54 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Emergency Services Fund. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye. The amount transferred is equal to 85% of the telephone bills for the 911 communications lines paid for from the regular 911 fund during the 2019-20 fiscal year. The Public Service Commission allows up to 85% of these bills to be paid for with the wireless funds distributed to the county.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Public Defender budget by \$61,000 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous General budget within the General Fund. The transfer of budget authority was needed to accommodate additional expenditures for attorney fees. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Agricultural Extension Agent budget by \$4,900 and to transfer the needed funds from the Miscellaneous General budget within the General Fund. The transfer of budget authority was needed to accommodate for the unplanned additional expenditure for the partial salary of the Assistant Extension Educator. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to adopt a resolution increasing the Communications budget by \$3,500 and to transfer the needed funds from the Sheriff's budget within the General Fund. The transfer of budget authority was needed to accommodate additional expenditures for salaries. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to transfer \$850,000 from the County General Fund to the Road Fund as budgeted. 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 transfer \$25,000 from the County General Fund to the Noxious Weed Fund as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

Now that the proceeds from the sale of the Highway Bonds have been deposited with the Treasurer, a motion was made by Westring to transfer \$2,046,805.31 from the Highway Bond Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund in repayment of the costs advanced by the Inheritance Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

A motion was made by Boruch to continue to contract with the Midwest Covenant Home for the administering of the Senior Services Program in Polk County. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye. A contract will be drafted to extend the current arrangement with Midwest Covenant Home.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman and CFO Marcus Augustin updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. May was another slower month for the facility as activity is slowly returning to normal. Stimulus money has been received from HHS as part of the Rural Relief Funding program but until more guidance is issued and a determination has been made regarding the stipulations attached to the funds, spending of the money will proceed with extreme caution. Obtaining parts for the CT scanner is getting difficult so information is being gathered regarding replacing and upgrading to a 64 slice machine. The wellness center continues to be closed since it is small which hinders adequate social distancing and the center does not have its own cleaning staff.

