

Osceola, Nebraska  
August 27, 2019

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and published in the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 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.

The following fees for the month of July 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	\$279.00
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The revisions made to the proposed contract with Midwest Covenant Home for the administration of the Polk County Senior Services program were reviewed. A motion was made by Westring to approve the contract with Midwest Covenant Home for administration of the Polk County Senior Services Program, including the preparation of both the congregate and home delivered meals, effective September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

A motion was made by Boss to reappoint Brent Brigham as a member of the Polk County Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Westring, aye; Boruch, aye.

The county budget was reviewed by the Board. The budget hearing will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. Both inpatient and outpatient revenues were up over the previous month but the facility still reported an operating and overall loss for the month of July. Architect Denny Duer will be presenting the OB remodeling plans to the Board of Trustees at their meeting tonight. The new bone density machine is in place and the 3D mammography equipment has been installed and will be operational soon. The audit was completed last week with the annual fall health fair set for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The general assistance applicant did not keep their scheduled appointment with the Board.

Sheriff Ladwig informed the Board that a low mileage used Chevrolet Tahoe was available for purchase locally to replace his high mileage 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle at significantly less than the state bid. A motion was made by Boruch to purchase the used 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe for a patrol vehicle. The motion was seconded by Westring and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Westring, aye; Boss, aye.

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were Sheriff Ladwig and the County Clerk. At 10:35 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only personnel matters were discussed.

Highway Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Silage cutting and seed corn harvest will be starting soon and there is still some crushed concrete available to help repair roads. One of the motorgraders has major problems and could be in Norfolk for repairs for as long as 3 weeks. At this time, only bus routes from the Shelby-Rising City school district have been received and work continues on the reports for FEMA. The crew has been working on highway approaches to the help out the state road crews who have been working on Highway 66 between Stromsburg and Polk.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Dept. Purple loosestrife and phragmites, as well as bridge approaches and guardrails, have been sprayed. Brush spraying will begin soon as well as fall inspections and the custom spraying of

