

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of September 15th, 2020 and published in the September 17th, 2020 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m. with Boruch and Boss present. Westring was absent. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Vice Chairman Boruch informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

Hospital Administrator Joe Lohrman updated the Board on the activities of the hospital. The outpatient revenue for August was down from July but similar to June of this year. Overall a slight operating loss and overall gain were reported for the month. They are working on determining the amount of lost revenue and additional expenditures related to Covid-19. The fiscal year 2019-2020 audit is not quite complete but should be available soon. New defibrators have been purchased and the new 64 slice CT scanner has been installed with training underway. The new nurse call light system is also in the process of being installed. Plans are to re-open the wellness center in mid October with social distancing requirements and a limit on the number of people in the center at one time. A scaled back Health Fair will be held on October 6th but take place at the health center instead at the fairgrounds.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to open the hearing to set the final tax request as advertised. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye. No interested persons appeared. At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Boruch and both members presented voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Boruch to set the 2020-2021 County Property Tax Request as follows:

General Fund	\$2,867,949.63
Equipment Sinking Fund	\$45,000.00
Veterans' Aid Fund	\$1,000.00
Hospital Fund	\$274,530.00
Highway Bond Fund	\$731,503.00
Total	\$3,919,982.63

The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye.

Supt. Theis updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. Ambrose Placek with Midwest Service and Sales is working on estimates for the needed bridge repairs and the road crew worked on installing driveways and culverts last week. The grading project on 129th Road has been completed and the next scheduled project is on R Road from 134th to 135th after harvest. On 130th Court, a culvert needs to be extended and trees removed. Supt. Theis presented a draft proposal to realign the county road along the near the Butler/Polk County line.

Weed Supt. Carlson brought the Board up to date on the activities of the Weed Department. A spraying drone was demonstrated at a recent Platte Valley Weed Management Area meeting. The Nebraska Dept. of Ag recently did their follow-up inspections in the county and Supt. Carlson plans to attend training in November. A new spray pickup for the department has been ordered using the State purchasing program. Supt. Carlson also assisted with preparing the courthouse's boilers for their internal inspection before they are needed this fall and winter.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on October 6th and 20th, 2020. An agenda of the meetings will be available at the office of the County Clerk.

Approved: _____
County Clerk

Vice Chairman