

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 12, 2023, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Barb Malm; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Matt Gregg and Theresa Puls present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Puls. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Theresa announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Streeter moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy Supt., met with the Board with his road report. He discussed the 1 & 6 year plan and will have a public hearing on February 27, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.

At 9:15 as advertised, Bobby opened bids for micro-surfacing 13 miles of county roads located on A Rd starting at 748 Rd running south 10 miles to Highway 23; A Rd starting at Highway 23 running south 1/4 mile to the gravel road; 438 Rd starting at Highway 23 running south 2.5 miles to 736 Rd and Kellog St. starting at 438 Rd running east .2 miles to Bertrand city limit. Bobby received bids from Sta-Bilt Construction for \$83,000 per mile; total bid \$1,074,850 and Missouri Petroleum \$62,700 per mile; total bid \$811,965. The road committee will discuss the bids and give their recommendation next week.

Kristine Jacobson representing the Phelps County Visitors Committee met with the Board to give a quarterly update on their committee.

Denise Smith, Administrator of the Phelps County Senior Center met with the Board to discuss the budget amount they receive from the county which is an overpayment balance of \$10,116. This amount is in a checking account. They would like to close the account and put it in the public transit checking account. She will deduct each month for county share until there is a zero balance, or a balance owed by the county. After that she will begin billing the county share monthly. The Board gave Denise approval to close the checking account and put the money in the public transit account.

Gregg moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the monthly reports of the sheriff, clerk and clerk of district court. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the payroll claim in the amount of \$490.20 for the general fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Tom and Rick discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner