

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. February 27, 2024

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 27, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; 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. Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, County Attorney were present. Larissa discussed the permissive exemption list and after discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to accept the 2024 permissive exemption list presented by Larissa. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:07 a.m.

Under citizen comments Jeremy Eschlinman spoke.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised a public hearing was opened for the 1-&-6-year road plan. Hamilton reviewed his 1-&-6-year plan with the Board. At 9:27 a.m. the public hearing was closed. Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve resolution 24-2 the 1-&-6-year plan. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Malm moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the February payroll claims in the amount of \$258,958.43 for the general fund, \$80,071.61 for the road and \$1,572.33 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Barb and Tom discussed meetings they attended.

Ostgren moved, seconded by Streeter, to go into closed session at 9:47 a.m. with Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, County Attorney, to discuss legal advice and for the purpose of protecting the public interest. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried. At 9:52 a.m. Gregg moved, seconded by Nutt, to go out of closed session. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 am

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner