

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 12, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm and Theresa Puls present. Matt Gregg was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Puls. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ostgren moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Kelly Jensen, CASA Director, met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn to put up pinwheels for child abuse awareness month from April 1st through April 30th. Streeter moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the use of the courthouse lawn and hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried. Kelly gave an update on the CASA program and is asking to increase the county funding for CASA to \$35,000 for the next 3 budget years.

Jackie Hayley with Two Rivers Public Health Dept. met with the Board and gave an update on what they have been working on.

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

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. He received motor grader quotes from Nebraska Machinery which is a sourcewell quote and a state bid quote from Murphy Tractor. The quotes are for a 2024 motor grader. The road committee will meet and give their recommendation in a couple weeks.

	<u>2024 CAT 140</u>	<u>2024 John Deere 770 GP</u>
Bid	\$350,000	\$415,975
Trade Allowance	\$86,000	\$70,000
Bid less trade	\$264,000	\$345,975

Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the Weed Superintendents reports and requirements summary. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner