

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 26, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Barb Malm and Theresa Puls present. Matt Gregg and Rick Streeter were absent. 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. Ostgren moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg and Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Rick Streeter came to the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Todd Whitney and Calvin DeVries, Co-Lead Educator's and Lori Swanson with Phelps County Extension, met with the Board to give an update on activities and their annual report.

Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the March payroll claims in the amount of \$256,697.48 for the general, \$74,333.31 for the road and \$1,484.51 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt., met with the Board with his road report. Bobby told the Board that he met with the road committee on quotes he received for a 2024 motor grader from Nebraska Machinery and Murphy Tractor. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to go with the low sourcewell quote from Nebraska Machinery for \$264,000 and to pay out of next year's budget. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried. Bobby, Dennis and Matt met with Travis Haberman from NDOT and Jason Michael from NKCR/Omnitrax to discuss working on several crossings in need of repair. On April 4th the weight limit signs will be installed on 2.3 miles of West 18th from Highway 23 east of Gustin St. These weight limit signs will be in place for a period not to exceed 180 days in this calendar year.

Theresa gave a report on a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner