

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. June 25, 2024

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 25, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Barb Malm; Dennis Ostgren; Matt Gregg; Rick Streeter 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 Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, abstain; Malm, yes; Streeter, 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.

Protest #53, parcel 193, John Sauder met with the Board to protest the increase of his valuation. Larissa will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #10, parcel 2200.1, Mule Tuff/ Dave Janssen met with the Board to protest the increase of his valuation. Larissa will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #15, Rodney Bendorf was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$184,280. Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #16, Julie Puls was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$244,925. Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, abstain. Motion carried.

Protest #19, Laurie & Corey Ness was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$231,843. Malm moved, seconded by Ostgren, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Ostgren, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #24, Teresa Olson, was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$363,400. Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #27, Daniel Hampton, was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$57,680. Ostgren moved, seconded by Streeter, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #36, Troy Melroy was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$405,760. Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #37, Troy Melroy was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$56,765. Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed its regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:24 a.m.

Diane Urbom representing the Library gave an annual report for the library and submitted their proposed budget for the county portion of this coming year in the amount of \$152,500.

The Board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between the Holdrege Public Library and Phelps County. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Library for another 10 years. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Gene Samuelson, Sheriff, discussed the addendum interlocal agreement for E-911 services which is between the City of Holdrege and Phelps County. In 2012 the Board approved to increase the amount by 3% each year and this fiscal year the county paid the city \$42,771. The City Chief of Police, Marty McIntire is asking for an increase from the county of \$106,590 for the next fiscal year. Gene is not in favor of this increase but would be in favor of increasing the amount to \$86,250 for the new fiscal year. The Board is in favor of this request and advised Gene to visit with Marty McIntire and to discuss this next week.

Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve June payroll claims in the amount of \$252,146.40 for the general, \$80,280.20 for the road and \$2,826.55 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. as advertised, a public hearing was held for the amended budget to the commissary fund with Bob Dunaway, CPA. Bob went over the budget expenditures and revenues in the commissary fund and told the Board he increased the amount by \$99,802. The public hearing closed at 10:05 a.m. Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve resolution 24-6 to accept the proposed amendment to the commissary fund budget. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Todd Whitney with the Extension, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a vehicle. The Board advised Todd to add a new vehicle to the coming fiscal year's budget and they will discuss it in the new fiscal year.

The Board discussed gravel bids and Bobby's recommendation is to accept all bids and award the low bids from Paulsen Inc. on location #1 for \$12.15 a ton, location #3 for \$13.50 a ton and location #5 for \$12.10 a ton. Overton Sand & Gravel location #2 for \$11.00 a ton, location #4 \$12.85 a ton. The loaded pit price to Overton Sand & Gravel, Southwest Sand & Gravel and Paulsen Sand & Gravel. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to accept the bids listed by Hamilton. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Jared Reimers, Representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, met with the Board to discuss any concerns the Board may have and give an update on the bills they are reviewing.

Tom and Rick discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner