

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 20, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Matt Gregg; Rick Streeter and Theresa Puls present. Barb Malm 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 Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Natalie Nesen -Pacey, County Attorney, Amber Imler, Deputy County Assessor and Sally Fox, County Clerk and Patti Meguire, County Treasurer were present. Barb Malm absent.

Amber presented the cemetery list to the Board and after discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the cemetery list. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a letter they received from the state on 2 permissive exemptions they approved in July from Adjacent Air, LLC and Lighthouse Baptist Church. They said these permissive exemptions were filed after the December 31, 2023, deadline and were approved without the required waiver by the Board to allow the County Assessor to consider the exemption application per statute 77-202.01(2). They suggested the Board should deny these exemptions and since applications were late Adjacent Air had a fee of \$510 and Lighthouse Baptist Church has a late fee of \$593. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to reaffirm our approval of the Adjacent Air, LLC permissive exemption. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried. Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to reaffirm our approval of the Lighthouse Baptist Church. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Patti Meguire, County Treasurer, reviewed motor vehicle exemptions from Christian Homes a 2006 Chevy Pickup: SCEDD, 2023 Ford Sport Utility and from Vetter Home Health Card of Central NE a 2018 Toyota Sedan. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions presented by Patti. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

The Board resumed its regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:30 a.m.

Amber Imler, Deputy Assessor, presented to the Board the certification of taxable value and value to attributable growth. The total value of Phelps County is \$2,828,081,049 with \$28,597,908 attributable growth.

Robin Hinrichs a candidate running for NPPD District 6 met with the Commissioners to introduce himself.

Justin Norris, met with the Board with projects to the courthouse for this fiscal year. The projects Justin discussed were remodeling offices for the District Judge, court and jury room and judge chambers, repairing the elevator, new courthouse door entry system, repair the concrete around the parking lot and sidewalk, snow melt piping for entry by the jail and repairing the road building. The Board gave Justin approval to go forward with the projects.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. Nutt moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the request from Bobby to transfer 63.46 hours from the sick leave bank for Andrew Richards. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried. Bobby told the Board he received a payment from FEMA for the repairs made in the 2019 flood in the amount of \$175,154.72.

Nutt moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the claims for the month of August. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

	General	
ADAMS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Professional	\$1,150.00
ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$18.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$3,950.01
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$195.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	\$8,617.70
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$840.85
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$692.90
BRUCE FURNITURE	Furniture	\$200.00
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$65.14
BUILDING FUND	Interfund	\$150,000.00

BURLINGTON CAR WASH	Car Washes	\$21.07
BUSINESS WORLD PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$87.47
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	Commercial Work	\$12,809.00
CENTRAL VALLEY ELECTRIC INC	Supplies	\$6.40
CENTURYLINK	Phone Service	\$550.21
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$162.00
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	\$172.06
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$6,882.51
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	August Fees	\$151.00
COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY SALES & SERVICES	Repairs	\$125.33
WENDY C CUTTING	Court Transcripts	\$97.50
CVSOAN	Registration	\$60.00
DAAKE LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$966.00
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	\$356.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINC	Fees	\$196.00
	Cell Phone	
LYDIA DAVIS	Allowance	\$16.00
DELL MARKETING LP	Supplies	\$1,138.54
CALVIN DEVRIES	Mileage	\$241.20
DEWALD DEEVER L'HEUREUX PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$9,044.00
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	Medical	\$2,404.88
DIER,OSBORN & COX	Court App Atty	\$2,131.50
DOLLAR GENERAL	Supplies	\$29.60
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$3,240.38
ECOLAB	Rental	\$413.60
EMBASSY SUITES OF HILTON	Lodging	\$1,038.12
EVANS REPAIR LLC	Repairs	\$7,607.27
F JOHNSON BUILDING,LLC	August Rent	\$1,020.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	\$776.85
NANCY S FREBURG	August Fees	\$1,959.17
FYE LAW OFFICE	Court App Atty	\$253.88
GLADSTONE INC	Dues	\$508.00
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$2,435.75
GRAY LAW FIRM LLC	Court App Atty	\$4,467.00
KEITH HEINZ	Vehicle	\$8,500.00
MARLENE HILMAN	Cleaning	\$125.00
HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN	Legals & Notices	\$403.79
HOLDREGE ELECTRIC	Repairs	\$375.00
HOLDREGE SOFT WATER SERVICE	Supplies	\$45.00
HOLMES PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY	Supplies	\$846.74
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$955.91
J & M WELDING INC	Repairs	\$290.00
JANITOR INC	Cleaning	\$3,800.00
KEARNEY COUNTY ATTORNEY	Fees	\$49.01
KEARNEY COUNTY CLERK	Budget Request	\$22,746.80
KIDWELL	Repairs	\$1,274.11
KLEIN,BREWSTER,BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	Court App Atty	\$10,219.75
TYLER KROLL	Mileage	\$12.06
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Sheriff Fees	\$20.80
LIESKE,LIESKE & ENSZ PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$592.22
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE	Supplies	\$322.38
LYNN PEAVEY CO	Supplies	\$78.11
	Cell Phone	
RON MELBYE	Allowance	\$16.00
MID AMERICA FIRST CALL INC	Professional	\$125.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$3,282.53
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Professional	\$495.13
NEBRASKA.GOV	Fees	\$17.00
	Cell Phone	
NATALIE NELSEN-PACEY	Allowance	\$16.00
NELSON BAUER FUNERAL HOME	Professional	\$2,000.00
NKC TIRE	Repairs	\$1,193.60
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$142.66

OTOWN PLUMBING SERVICES	Repairs	\$7,632.38
PELL REPORTING INC	Court Transcripts	\$7,957.50
PHELPS COUNTY ATTORNEY TRUST FUND	Reimbursement	\$145.00
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	August Fees	\$3,517.87
PHELPS MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER	Medical	\$2,706.21
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Professional	\$2,436.00
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	Supplies	\$374.46
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	Medical	\$595.00
PRO BUILDING SUPPLY,INC	Supplies	\$129.54
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	\$59.99
RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES	Repairs	\$3,426.77
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	Budget Request	\$5,964.77
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$80.00
NOAH RENKEN	Mileage	\$12.06
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$755.12
SCREEN MACHINE	Supplies	\$619.96
SECRETARY OF STATE	Supplies	\$20.00
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION	Trash Service	\$105.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$69.00
THOMAS S STEWART	Court App Atty	\$599.50
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	Meals	\$18,437.30
SVOBODA'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$95.25
LORI SWANSON	Mileage	\$12.06
TANGO TANGO	Subscription	\$19,144.02
THE LOCKMOBILE	Repairs	\$385.00
US BANK	Supplies	\$2,869.82
VERIZON BUSINESS	Phone Service	\$36.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$486.77
VILLAGE UNIFORM	Mats Cleaned	\$75.20
TODD WHITNEY	Mileage	\$237.85
WJE CONSULTING LLC	Fees	\$1,095.00
WOODWARD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	Shredding	\$130.00
General Fund Total		\$365,254.26
	Road	
AUSSIE HYDRAULICS LLP	Supplies	\$263.60
BADER'S HIGHWAY & STREET	Crack Sealing	\$35,218.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$45.99
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$1,398.26
BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Crack Sealing	\$900.00
CDL INC	Fuel	\$252.84
CENTRAL VALLEY ELECTRIC INC	Supplies	\$25.00
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	\$17,011.22
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$262.75
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC	Fuel	\$2,152.08
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	\$204.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Fees	\$25.95
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$175.38
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$27.44
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$133.12
JANITOR INC	Cleaning	\$350.00
LACAL EQUIPMENT INC	Grader Blades	\$3,420.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	Medical	\$110.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$138.99
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	Repairs	\$1,531.43
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER INC	Repairs	\$100.81
NKC TIRE	Repairs	\$288.99
OVERTON SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$45,731.03
PAULSEN INC	Gravel	\$60,925.30
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$80.00
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$398.87
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION	Trash Service	\$39.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$104.38
SVOBODA'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$36.17

US BANK	Supplies	\$127.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$85.80
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND	Utilities	\$81.50
VILLAGE OF FUNK	Utilities	\$65.51
VILLAGE OF LOOMIS	Utilities	\$16.21
VILLAGE UNIFORM	Mats Cleaned	\$22.29
Road Fund Total		\$171,750.04
	Visitors Promotion	
BERTRAND BREWS & BBQ	Advertising	\$346.50
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	August Fees	\$5,000.00
OH MY OMAHA LLC	Advertising	\$300.00
Visitors Promotion Fund Total		
	Visitors Improvement	
HOLDREGE COUNTRY CLUB	Electrical	\$7,500.00
KRJPR	Professional	\$1,212.84
MIDTOWN SCULPTURE GARDEN	Mural	\$7,500.00
Visitors Improvement Fund Total		\$16,212.84
	Rod P&M	
MIPS INC	Support	\$301.99
Rod P&M Fund Total		\$301.99
	Health	
JANEIL BORG	Reimbursement	\$25.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	Fees	\$7,725.55
SALLY FOX	Reimbursement	\$25.00
AMBER IMLER	Reimbursement	\$23.00
TOM NUTT	Reimbursement	\$25.00
SUSAN STURGIS	Reimbursement	\$25.00
Health Fund Total		\$7,848.55
	Soldiers/Sailors	
US BANK	Assistance	\$58.04
Soldiers/Sailors Fund Total		\$58.04
	Library	
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	July Allotment	\$1,765.00
Library Fund Total		\$1,765.00
	Covid	
EVANS CONSTRUCTION LLC	Repairs	\$100,000.00
Covid Arpa Fund Total		\$100,000.00
	Inheritance	
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$23.60
PRO BUILDING SUPPLY,INC	Supplies	\$338.05
Inheritance Fund Total		\$361.65
	Commissary	
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	Supplies	\$2,575.55
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$1,052.45
CIDNET	Support	\$3,141.09
PHELPS COUNTY CORRECTIONS	August Fees	\$3,092.94
Commissary Fund Total		\$9,862.03
	Building	
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	Furniture	\$1,617.00
Building Fund Total		\$1,617.00
	Weed	
CDL INC	Fuel	\$208.93
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	\$22.93
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$52.75
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$726.77
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	Chemicals	\$3,605.50
Weed Fund Total		\$4,616.88

Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the inventory sheets. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

---

Sally Fox, County Clerk

---

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner