

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

Scott Ford met with the Board to discuss a minimum maintenance road located on 730 Rd West of C Rd. He owns a building site on this road and would like to move a house to this location. The counties regulations and the state policy say you can't put a house on a minimum maintenance road. NIRMA is stating we would have to build this road, shoulders and ditches to its standard in order to have dwelling on this road. Scott told the Board that he would be willing to help pay for the construction of this road and then the county would be liable to maintain it. The Board will discuss this next week.

Murray Jones, representing the Phelps County Ministerial Association met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn for a prayer walk on Sunday, September 15th at 2:00 pm. Nutt moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the use of the courthouse lawns and hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Larry Meyers with Holdrege Pharmacy met with the Board to discuss the counties Blue Cross prescriptions plan. He explained to the Board, Express Scripts run the Blue Cross plan and this is not working for his Pharmacy and decided he needed to opt out of the Express Scripts plan because he is losing money. The county employees would have to go to another pharmacy to get their discount. The Board expressed their concerns and will ask Judd Allen, NACO Benefits Service Representative to come to a meeting to discuss this with the Board.

Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve August payroll claims in the amount of \$263,224.06 for the general, \$86,248.95 for the road and \$2,979.85 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, to approve resolution 24-8 for the preliminary request for tax requirements for this coming fiscal year for political subdivisions. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Tom and Theresa discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner