

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 3, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Matt Gregg; Rick Streeter and Theresa Puls present. Barb Malm was 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. Gregg moved, seconded by Ostgren, 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.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. He discussed quotes for 25 grader blades. He received quotes from Equipment Blades; \$120 per foot or \$12,000, Midwest Sales and Service; \$116 per foot or \$11,600, Michael Todd & Co.; \$93.57 per foot or \$9,357.50 and B's Enterprises; \$92 per foot or \$9,200 for a total quote. Bobby's recommendation is to go with the low bid from B's Enterprise from Norfolk. Ostgren moved, seconded by Gregg, to accept Bobby's recommendation and go with the low bid from B's Enterprise. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised, Dayton Maul with Oak Creek Engineering opened bids for 2 bridge projects located on 739 Rd one between E & F Rd and the other between K & L Rd. This project will consist of removing the existing bridge and replacing them with new concrete box culverts. Dayton opened bids and totals for both bridges. Van Kirk Bros., \$349,092.80; Midland Contracting, \$371,658.25; Saul Ramos, \$365,542.46 and Wilke Contracting, \$360,458.40. Dayton will review the bids and give his recommendation at the next meeting.

The Board did their quarterly jail inspection.

The Board discussed the minimum maintenance road located on 730 Rd West of C Rd. Scott Ford came to the meeting last week telling the Board that he would like to move a house to this location and would be willing to help pay for the construction of this road. The Commissioner's gave their concerns of the cost for the county and feel they need to follow the zoning rules and regulations. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to direct Natalie to write up an agreement including engineering cost and specifications to bring this road up to state standard. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, no; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, no; Puls, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefits Services Representative met with the Board to discuss the counties NACO Blue Cross and Blue Shield prescription plan. Larry Meyers with Holdrege Pharmacy also attended the meeting. Last week Larry expressed the money he is losing with the Blue Cross Express Scripts plan and has discontinued accepting Blue Cross Insurance. Judd is looking into the issue the pharmacy is having with Blue Cross Express Scripts and will get back to the Board.

Tom, Rick and Theresa discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner