

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 10, 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 Gregg, 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.

Bob Dunaway met with the Board to review the county's budget. He gave preliminary amounts and told the Board the mill levy decreased from last year. The valuation increased by 362,335,125 which is a 14% increase. The property tax request is \$4,480,860, which has been the same for the last several years. Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to set the public hearing for the budget on September 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the public hearing to set the tax request immediately following. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board and reviewed the bids for 2 bridge projects located on 739 Rd between E & F Rd and the other between K & L Rd. The projects consist of removing the existing bridges and replacing them with the new concrete box culverts. They received bids from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, Wilke contracting, Saul Ramos Construction and Midlands Contracting. Bobby recommended going with the low bid from Van Kirk Bros. in the amount of \$347,092.80. After discussion, Gregg moved, seconded by Ostgren, to go with the low bid from Van Kirk Bros. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Patti Meguire, County Treasurer, presented the list of delinquent and unsold parcels to the Board for their review. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve resolution 24-9 to direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certifications. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the monthly reports of the clerk of district court, sheriff and clerk. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Larrissa Davenport, Assessor reviewed the 521's (real estate transfer statements) with the Board.

Tom, Rick and Barb discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner