

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2024, as advertised, with Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt; 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. Ostgren moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Jacki Haley with Two Rivers Public Health Dept. met with the Board and gave an update on what they have been working on.

Dale Geiselman with S & W Auto Parts met with the Board to discuss the parking at the Senior Center. He told the Board that his employees have always parked in the Senior Center parking lot and they are having issues with parking with the Senior Center and wants permission from the county to park during their working hours. The Board told Dale the county does not own the parking lot. Denise Smith representing the Senior Center spoke about the issue and is asking S & W employees not to park in their parking lot in the future.

At 9:32 a.m. the board went into session as a Board of Equalization, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, County Attorney were present. Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the levies for 2024-2025. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board Commissioners at 9:33

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

Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to go into closed session at 9:37 a.m. with Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, County Attorney, to discuss potential litigation and for the purpose of protecting the public interest. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried. At 9:57 a.m. Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to go out of closed session. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefits Services Representative met with the Board and Jeff with Blue Cross pharmacy was on a conference call to discuss NACO Blue Cross and Blue Shield prescription plan. In September Judd spoke about the prescription plan Holdrege Pharmacy was having problems with Express Script plan. Larry Meyers with Holdrege Pharmacy, who addressed the Board with issues in September also attended the meeting. He has contacted the Governor's office, Senator Deb Fischer and the Attorney General about his issues with Express Scrip. Larry is still waiting for a response from their offices. Jeff is asking Larry to send him information on some of the prescriptions and he is going to look into the problems with Express Script.

Theresa discussed a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner