

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 26, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on November 19, 2024, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agendas was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Commissioners Dennis Ostgren; Russ Cruise; Tom Nutt; Barb Malm; Rick Streeter; Matt Gregg 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 Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, abstain; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve November payroll claims in the amount of \$267,542.22 for the general, \$87,169.79 for the road fund and \$3,038.69 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

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

Cruise moved, seconded by Malm, to accept the resignation letter of County Attorney Natalie Nelsen-Pacey effective January 8, 2025. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried. Natalie has been with the county for seven years and the last two years she has been the county attorney. Natalie has been appointed to the County Court Judge for the 10th Judicial District.

Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve a two-day liquor permit for Lost Way Brewery for December 8 & 9, 2024 at Cross Diamond. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the ARPA funds which must be committed before December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

Rick discussed a meeting he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner