

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 4, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on January 28, 2025, 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 Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Tom Nutt; Barb Malm; Matt Gregg and Dennis Ostgren were present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dennis announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Cruise moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Ron Melbye, Planning and Zoning met with the Board with his quarterly report.

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

Ron Tillery, Executive Director at PCDC, gave a presentation to the Board regarding DG Fuels and its potential impact on Phelps County. DG Fuels plans to build a \$5 billion sustainable aviation fuel plant in Phelps County. They will purchase 900 acres of land, and 722 acres is devoted to the plan with the remaining reserved for a 2<sup>nd</sup> plant if needed. The plant will produce 193 million gallons of zero or low CO2 lifecycle emissions SAF per year and meet ASTM fuel standards. Production is expected to begin in 2030. The plant is expected to take four years to build after its design, engineering and other pre-development work is completed in early 2025. They will be creating 640 permanent jobs, 313 secondary jobs, a \$453 million compensation effect, \$140 million feedstock premium to farmers and a 15.7% increase in retail sales.

Mike Boden and Gregg Mooney, representing NACO Benefit Manager, met with the Board to discuss Blue Cross Insurance and the benefits which NACO offers to the counties.

Theresa discussed a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner