

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 25, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on February 18, 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 Matt Gregg; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Tom Nutt; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. Theresa Puls was absent. 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. Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, were present. Theresa Puls was absent. Larissa reviewed the permissive exemption list for 2025. She also discussed the permissive exemptions that were not received by December 31, 2024, and the Board will contact the organizations about turning in their exemptions.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:06 a.m.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt. met with the Board with his road report. He discussed trading a 10 year old motorgrader for a new one and the Board gave Bobby approval to go forward and get bids for a new grader. At 9:15 a.m. as advertised a public hearing was open for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan. Hamilton reported the completed projects from 2024 and projected projects for 2025 through 2031. At 9:22 a.m. the public hearing was closed. Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve resolution 25-3 the One- and Six-Year Road Plan. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

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

Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve February payroll claims in the amount of \$266,325.24 for the general fund, \$79,301.54 for the road and \$2,957.25 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

Tom discussed a meeting he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner