

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 18, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on March 11, 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 Tom Nutt; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Theresa Puls; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm 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. Malm moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, abstain; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the vendor claims for the month of March. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Denise Smith, Administrator of the Phelps County Senior Center, appeared before the Board with their proposal for the coming fiscal year's budget in the amount of \$95,769. The Board accepted their budget. Corey O'Brien discussed the software license agreement which is required for the Senior Center for keeping track of mileage and time for transportation. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the purchase of the software. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 25-4 for the senior center public transit application. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Cassie Ehrenberg, Director of the Iron Horse District, met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn, electricity and bathrooms on August 23, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the Iron Horse Arts Festival and to use the courthouse lawn the month of August for their photography contest winner's exhibit. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the courthouse lawn, electricity, bathrooms and hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Barb, Matt and Tom discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner