

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. June 3, 2025

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 3, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on May 27, 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; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm, Rick Streeter; Russ Cruise 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. Streeter moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt., met with the board with his road and weed report. Bobby gave an update on the radar signs they repaired. Bobby discussed the PVWMA meeting he attended with Dennis and Russ. They are asking for funding from the counties to help control the phragmites on the Platte River. The weed management area covers 4 counties and stretches over 380 miles. After discussion the board suggested to Bobby to put an extra \$3,000 in his budget for the coming fiscal year.

Travis Horner, Veterans Service Officer, met with the board and gave a quarterly report. He discussed the reappointment for Steve Larson and after discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to reappoint Steve Larson to the Veteran's Service Committee for another five-year term starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve resolution 25-6 for approval of the cash-in-lieu program for the employees and continue the benefits in the amount of \$500 for single and \$900 for family. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Cruise, to reappoint Linda Fecht to the Phelps County Visitors Committee for another 4-year term. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

Malm moved, seconded by Streeter, to accept Region 3's budget for the coming year in the amount of \$23,692.39. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

The board did their quarterly jail inspection.

Tom Bokenkamp with Ace/Eaton Metal of Kearney met with the Board to discuss the culvert bid renewal for May 2025 to May 2026. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the renewal of Ace/Eaton Metal contract. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Puls absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner