

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. June 24, 2025, 2025

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on June 17, 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; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise 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. Gregg moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. 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.

Protest #16, parcel 6253, Tim Bell met with the board to protest the increase of his valuation. Larissa will review the property and get back to the board with her recommendation.

Protest #9, parcel 6049, Linda Edgren was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$2,372,959. Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #17, parcel 2513, Kenneth Bendorf met with the board to protest the increase of his valuation. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$232,890. Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #10, parcel 6282, David Moore was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$298,483. Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #13, parcel 5266, Riley Weaver was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$86,312. Puls moved, seconded by Gregg, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #14, parcel 6745, Taylor L'Heureux was discussed. Larissa recommended adjusting the property to \$464,268. Cruise moved, seconded by Malm, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Larissa discussed the letters she received from Casey's Retail Company on penalty and interest on their 2025 personal property. She explained that personal property is to be postmarked by May 1st and Casey's envelope was postmarked on May 2nd. Larissa did receive a letter from the post office stating it was received on the 1st, but they did get it postmarked until the 2nd. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to waive the penalty to their personal property. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, no. Motion carried.

The Board resumed its regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:29 a.m.

Gene Samuelson, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss his budget overrun for the jail fund in the amount of \$6,948.09. He explained the jail has an increase on ICE transports, medical care and EPC's. After discussion. Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve resolution 25-8 transfer funds from miscellaneous general fund to the jail fund budget to cover the budget overrun in the amount of \$6,948.09. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Denice Smith, Administrator of the Phelps County Senior Center, met with the board to discuss their program agreement for federal aid funds. This agreement is between Phelps County and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation wish to enter into a program agreement to provide Federal and State funding for fiscal year 2026 and 2027. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 25-9 signing of 5311 Program Agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Malm moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the 5311- Program Agreement-Federal Aid Funds. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt., met with the board to discuss the gravel bids and Bobby's recommendation is to accept all bids and award the low bids from Paulsen Inc. location #1 for \$12.76 a ton, location # 3 for \$14.18 a ton and location #5 for \$12.55 a ton. Overton Sand & Gravel location #2 for \$11.40 a ton and location # 4 for \$13.25 a ton. The loaded pit price to Paulsen Inc, Overton Sand & Gravel, Southwest Sand & Gravel, Ed Broadfoot Sand & Gravel and Mid NE Ag. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to accept the bids listed by Hamilton. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve June payroll claims in the amount of \$293,210.40 for the general fund, \$78,917.07 for the road and \$2,865.81 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner