

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. August 5, 2025

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 5, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on July 29, 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; Theresa Puls and Dennis Ostgren were present. Russ Cruise 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 Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. the board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Russ Cruise was absent. Larissa Davenport, Assessor, Jacob Meyer, Deputy Attorney and Sally Fox, Clerk were present. Larissa presented the cemetery list to the board and after discussion Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the cemetery list. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The board resumed its regular session as a board of commissioners at 9:03 a.m.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised, Dayton Maul with Oak Creek Engineering opened bids for 2 bridge projects located on 744 Road between H & I and 740 Road west of A Road. This project will consist of removing the existing bridge and replacing them with new concrete box culverts. Dayton opened bids and totals for both bridges. Van Kirk Bros. \$534,708.65; Midland Contracting, \$562,763.50; Saul Ramos, \$519,110.85; F & A Concrete Finish, \$504,954.00 and Simon, \$664,000.00. Dayton will review the bids and give his recommendation at the next meeting.

Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, to approve a vendor claim in the amount of \$200,000. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Malm moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the United Methodist Church to use the courthouse lawn on August 13, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a BBQ fund raiser and the hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Puls, to approve resolution 25-10 the signing of the county annual certification program compliance form. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve 1% increase in the unused budget authority. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The board discussed the budget.

Theresa discussed a committee meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner