

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. August 12, 2025

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 12, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on August 5, 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; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise and Dennis Ostgren were present. Rick Streeter 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 Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, abstain; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Micah Huyser gave an update on the Nebraska Prairie Museum. They are doing a project for \$450,000 and gave a proposed budget for the county portion of the coming year and would like to have \$15,000 or up to 10% of the cost of the project. The county gave \$15,000 last fiscal year.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board and reviewed the bids for 2 bridge projects located on 744 Rd between H & I and 740 Rd West of A Rd. The projects consist of removing the existing bridges and replacing them with new concrete box culverts. Both bridges are located over CNPPID canals. Bobby received bids from F & A Concrete Finish, Van Kirk Bros, Saul Ramos Construction, Midlands Contracting and Simon. Dayton Maul with Oak Creek Engineering recommend going with the low bid from F & A Concrete in the amount of \$504,954. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to go with the low bid from F & A Concrete Finish. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Candace Meredith, representing NACO, met with the board and gave legislative and NACO updates.

Donetta Sandell, office clerk for the assessor, reviewed the 521's (real estate transfer statements) with the board.

Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the monthly reports of the clerk, sheriff and clerk of district court. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the inventory sheets. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Barb and Tom discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner