

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 26, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Daily Citizen on August 19, 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; Rick Streeter; 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. Puls moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Kristine Jacobson, representing the Visitors Committee and gave a quarterly update on their committee. Kirstine discussed the agreement between Phelps County and the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce which was last approved September 6, 2022. The change in this agreement will be that it will automatically renew every 2 years instead of 3 years unless either party provides written notice 60 days before the expiration. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the agreement between Phelps County and the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The MOU between Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce and Phelps County Visitors Committee was discussed. This MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Chamber and PCVC will cooperate in facilitating the shared and subscription to the App My community application. This MOU was last approved September 6, 2022. The change in the agreement is it will automatically renew every 2 years instead of 3 years unless either party provides written notice 60 days before the expiration. The committee will continue to reimburse the Chamber for the annual licensing fee for the application. After discussion, Puls moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the MOU App MY Community App between Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce and the Phelps County Visitors Committee. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. He discussed quotes for 29 grader blades. He received quotes from Midwest Sales & Service: \$125.74 a foot or \$14,586.13, Michael Todd & Co.; \$90.93 a foot or \$10,548.17 and B's Enterprises; \$88.00 a foot or \$10,208 for a total quote. Bobby's recommendation is to go with the low bid from B's Enterprises from Norfolk. Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to accept Bobby's recommendation and go with the low bid from B's Enterprises. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the August payroll claims in the amount of \$267,560.40 for the general, \$85,930.88 for the road and \$3,015.47 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, to retain Bob Dunaway, CPA, to do the county budget for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and 2027 in the amount of \$6,325. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 25-11 for the preliminary request for tax requirements for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for political subdivisions. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Theresa discussed a committee meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner