

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. January 6, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 6, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on December 23, 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; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Malm moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Ron Melbye, Planning and Zoning met with the board with his quarterly report. He told the board in 2025 he had 17 zoning applications with a total estimated value of \$6,546,000.

Lisa Craig, with Contryman Associates, reviewed the 2024-2025 county audit with the board. She said there were no schedule of findings to be written up for the county. Lisa discussed the commissary fund and the board will discuss this later.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the board with his road and weed report. Bobby reviewed his annual state weed report with the board. After discussion, Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to accept the weed superintendent's annual state weed report as presented. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Travis Horner, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the board to review the MOU between the Nebraska Dept. of Veteran's Affairs and Phelps County which is for reporting software. This MOU is in effect from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the MOU between Phelps County and the Nebraska Dept. of Veteran's Affairs. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The official salaries were discussed for the 2027-2030 terms which need to be established before January 15, 2026. The board will approve the resolution next week.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner