

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. January 20, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on January 13, 2026, 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; Rick Streeter; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. Russ Cruise was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the vendor claims for the month of January. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

	General	
ALPHA HEATING AND AIR LLC	Repairs	\$377.18
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	\$1,354.04
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	Subscription	\$1,309.90
AREA SERVICES	Repairs	\$485.00
BETSY BENDORF	Retirement	\$21.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$5,156.51
BLUE 360 MEDIA LLC	Subscription	\$201.81
BOB BARKER CO, INC	Supplies	\$443.20
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$243.11
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$42.09
BURLINGTON CAR WASH LLC	Car Washes	\$107.03
CENTURYLINK	Phone Service	\$569.64
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$189.75
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	\$61.14
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$4,207.77
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	December Fees	\$258.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	Furniture	\$1,312.00
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	\$3,924.84
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	Lodging	\$289.90
WENDY C CUTTING	Transcript	\$191.05
DAAKE LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$3,541.50
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	\$30.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINC	Fees	\$196.00
DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Sheriff Fees	\$53.74
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO	Supplies	\$76.00
DEWALD DEAVER L'HEUREUX PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$4,290.50
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	Medical	\$414.99
DIER,OSBORN & COX	Court App Atty	\$138.00
DOLLAR GENERAL	Supplies	\$52.20
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$4,452.41
ECOLAB INC	Supplies	\$108.57
F JOHNSON BUILDING,LLC	January Rent	\$1,030.00
FAMILY MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	Medical	\$39.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	\$776.85
FGH LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$276.74
SALLY FOX	Mileage	\$46.20
NANCY S FREBURG	January Fees	\$1,959.17
FULMER U-SAVE PHARMACY	Medical	\$279.07
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$2,593.25
GRAY LAW FIRM LLC	Court App Atty	\$2,449.50
MARY HAMMOND	Retirement	\$42.00
HAMPTON INN KEARNEY	Lodging	\$1,249.50
TIMOTHY E HOEFT	Reimbursement	\$378.00
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	Dues	\$200.00
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$86.82
HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN	Legals & Notices	\$552.18
HOLDREGE SOFT WATER SERVICE	Supplies	\$95.00

HOLMES PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY CO	Supplies	\$185.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$1,211.87
INNOVATIVE DRONE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$289.00
KLEIN,BREWSTER,BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	Court App Atty	\$12,115.25
KONEXUS	AlertScense	\$5,003.00
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$118.49
DONA LAVERACK	Retirement	\$9.00
LIESKE,LIESKE & ENSZ PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$1,474.00
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	\$3,825.00
BARBARA MALM	Mileage	\$39.20
MARILYN MANNING	Retirement	\$24.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	Subscription	\$551.61
RON MELBYE	Cell Phone Allowance	\$90.90
HANNAH N MEYER	Cleaning	\$175.00
JACOB MEYER	Cell Phone/Mileage	\$299.50
MID-NEB INDIVIDUAL SERVICES INC	Budget Request	\$8,968.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$3,808.44
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	Dues	\$40.00
DARL NAUMANN	Retirement	\$6.00
NANCY NAUMANN	Retirement	\$24.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSN	Dues	\$50.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO ASSESSORS	Dues	\$100.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Dues	\$75.00
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Professional Fees	\$60.00
NELSON LAW PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$4,848.40
JENNIFER L NELSON	Mileage	\$50.40
NIMBUS LOGIC LLC	Subscription	\$17,940.00
NKC TIRE GROUP	Supplies	\$1,117.00
TOM NUTT	Mileage	\$84.00
COREY O'BRIEN	Cell Phone Allowance	\$16.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$26.48
GERALD W PETERSON	Retirement	\$36.00
PHELPS COUNTY COURT	January Fees	\$1,755.00
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	January Fees	\$2,982.67
PHELPS HARLAN COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU	Subscription	\$60.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Professional Fees	\$8,925.00
PI VARIABLES INC	Subscription	\$1,155.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMM OF KEARNEY	Repairs	\$329.20
POSTMASTER	Box Renewal	\$126.00
THERESA A PULS	Mileage	\$322.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	Postage	\$3,000.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	Postage Machine Lease	\$1,247.85
JACQUELINE J QUEEN	Transcript	\$161.85
RADARSIGN LLC	Supplies	\$2,200.00
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION INC	Inspection	\$250.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	Budget Request	\$5,923.10
TOBY REKART	Witness Fees	\$40.00
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$80.00
ROAD DEPT	Interfund	\$200,000.00
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$25.00
SHARON RUPE	Retirement	\$81.00
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$61.14
DALE SALL	Retirement	\$12.00
SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP DIST	Dues	\$5,000.00
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$125.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$67.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	Meals	\$18,606.83
DORA MAE SUNDQUIST	Retirement	\$66.00
MARILYN THOMPSON	Retirement	\$18.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	Subscription	\$1,452.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	Maintenance	\$422.67
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	Supplies	\$6.98
TRU BY HILTON KEARNEY,NE EARTH	Lodging	\$249.90
TURNER BODY SHOP OF KEARNEY	Towing	\$178.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	Salaries	\$24,038.74

VERIZON BUSINESS	Phone Service	\$38.31
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$889.55
VESTIS	Mats Cleaned	\$188.59
WOODWARD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	Shredding	\$135.00
MARVA ANN YELKEN	Retirement	\$75.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING INC	Professional Fees	\$3,600.00
General Fund Total		\$392,707.87
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Road	
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Utilities	\$159.98
BREINIG DIESEL LLC	Fuel	\$975.41
CDL,INC	Repairs	\$605.33
CENTRAL VALLEY ELECTRIC INC	Fuel	\$53.55
CHS-AGRI COOP	Supplies	\$151.87
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Fuel	\$13,901.62
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC	Utilities	\$363.98
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Fuel	\$112.50
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Supplies	\$262.06
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Repairs	\$2,121.12
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	\$104.90
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$175.40
HAMPTON INN KEARNEY	Lodging	\$249.90
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$193.63
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$133.12
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$72.73
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	\$200.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$138.99
MORTON ELECTRIC INC	Repairs	\$508.32
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Registration	\$175.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	Repairs	\$8,995.60
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	Engineering	\$7,520.20
PAULSEN INC	Gravel	\$14,726.35
PRO BUILDING SUPPLY,INC	Supplies	\$204.95
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$120.00
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$108.00
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$647.82
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$43.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$229.73
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$79.88
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND	Utilities	\$84.03
VILLAGE OF FUNK	Utilities	\$62.20
VILLAGE OF LOOMIS	Utilities	\$54.98
BONNA WALKER	Retirement	\$21.00
Road Fund Total		\$53,690.99
F & A CONCRETE FINISH LLC	Road Escrow	
Road Escrow Fund Total	Engineering	\$53,996.40
		\$53,996.40
FUNK SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER	Visitors Promotion	
GIRLS NIGHT OUT	Advertising	\$505.90
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	Advertising	\$508.84
LIPS PRINTING SERVICE	January Fees	\$500.00
NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS	Advertising	\$2,076.64
Visitors Promotion Fund Total	Advertising	\$400.00
		\$3,991.38
KRJPR	Visitors Improvement	
Visitors Improvement Fund Total	Professional Fees	\$1,316.14
		\$1,316.14
MIPS INC	Rod P&M	
Rod P&M Fund Total	Support	\$310.18
		\$310.18
MATTHEW ELLIS	Health	
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	Reimbursement	\$25.00
SALLY FOX	Fees	\$3,525.87
TOM NUTT	Reimbursement	\$25.00
		\$25.00

SUSAN STURGIS	Reimbursement	\$25.00
Health Fund Total		\$3,625.87
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	Library	
Library Fund Total	January Allotment	\$31,775.13
		\$31,775.13
FLOCK GROUP INC	Stop	
Stop Fund Total	Supplies	\$6,000.00
		\$6,000.00
PHELPS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER	Inheritance	
Inheritance Fund Total	Budget Request	\$66,627.00
		\$66,627.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	Commissary	
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$1,276.27
CIDNET	Supplies	\$920.40
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INC	Subscription	\$3,777.65
PHELPS COUNTY CORRECTIONS	Subscription	\$600.00
Commissary Fund Total	December Fees	\$2,311.01
		\$8,885.33
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Weed	
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Utilities	\$44.04
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	Supplies	\$284.80
Weed Fund Total	Dues	\$285.00
		\$613.84

At 9:15 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Patti Meguire, Treasurer, Larrisa Davenport, Assessor, Sally Fox, Clerk and Corey O'Brien, Attorney were present and Russ Cruise was absent. Patti reviewed the 2026 exempt motor vehicle list and after discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2026 tax exempt motor vehicle list. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Larissa reviewed the permissive exemption list for 2026. She also discussed the permissive exemptions from Holdrege Methodist Church Parsonage and two from the YMCA that were not received by December 31, 2025. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the late filing permissive exemption from the Methodist Church Parsonage. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried. Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the late filing permissive exemptions from the YMCA. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:21 a.m.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt. and Jim Clampitt, met with the board with their annual road and gravel report. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to accept the annual road and gravel report presented by Clampitt. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried. The road crew will perform the annual night-time reflectivity sign inspection on January 28th and 29th.

Matt, Rick and Tom discussed committee meetings they attended.

Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to go into closed session at 9:44 a.m. with Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, to discuss potential criminal investigation and for the purpose of protecting the public interest. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried. At 10:13 a.m. Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to go out of closed session. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner