

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. February 17, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on February 10, 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; Russ Cruise; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. Matt Gregg was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

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

	General	
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$173.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	\$2,326.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	Subscription	\$1,288.00
AUTO SHACK INC	Repairs	\$1,198.62
KATHY BECK	Office Assistant	\$537.92
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	Supplies	\$110.55
BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	\$3,394.18
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$5,220.53
BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$263.40
BURLINGTON CAR WASH LLC	Car Washes	\$51.73
BUSINESS WORLD PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$69.07
CENTRAL NEBRASKA ASSESSORS ASSOC	Dues	\$25.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	Appraiser Fees	\$8,173.75
CENTURYLINK	Phone Service	\$568.46
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$149.25
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$4,700.13
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	January Fees	\$75.00
COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY SALES & SERVICES	Supplies	\$293.04
CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES PC	Audit Fee	\$16,000.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	Furniture	\$2,572.00
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	\$3,684.25
DAAKE LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$3,392.50
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	\$257.15
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINC	Fees	\$196.00
LARISSA DAVENPORT	Mileage	\$43.50
DEWALD DEEVER L'HEUREUX PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$6,785.00
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	Medical	\$1,589.55
DIER, OSBORN & COX	Court App Atty	\$126.50
DOLLAR GENERAL	Supplies	\$30.15
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$36.28
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$2,673.72
ECOLAB INC	Rental Fee	\$285.42
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	Supplies	\$258.80
EVANS REPAIR LLC	Repairs	\$85.99
F JOHNSON BUILDING, LLC	February Rent	\$1,030.00
FAMILY MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	Medical	\$440.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	\$789.13
FGH LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$92.00
FIRST STATE BANK	Fees	\$100.00
NANCY S FREBURG	February Fees	\$1,959.17
FULMER U-SAVE PHARMACY	Medical	\$140.30
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$2,726.63
GRAY LAW FIRM LLC	Court App Atty	\$2,081.50
HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN	Legals & Notices	\$788.39
HOLDREGE SOFT WATER SERVICE	Supplies	\$794.00
HOLMES PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY CO	Supplies	\$20.63

HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$1,211.87
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	Supplies	\$188.82
KLEIN,BREWSTER,BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	Court App Atty	\$13,929.60
TYLER KROLL	Mileage	\$21.75
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$273.31
LIESKE,LIESKE & ENSZ PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$696.00
AMY LOHMEYER	CLEANING	\$3,825.00
LT PEDLEY DRUG	Medical	\$35.88
RON MELBYE	Cell Phone Allowance	\$16.00
MENARDS	Supplies	\$200.89
HANNAH N MEYER	Cleaning	\$175.00
JACOB MEYER	Cell Phone Allowance	\$16.00
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL-MARC MIPS	Supplies	\$190.34
INC	Support	\$3,637.59
MOORE'S IRRIGATION	Law Care	\$800.00
MOSTEK ELECTRIC INC	Repairs	\$750.00
NE ASSN COUNTY CLKS,ROD,ELEC COMM	Dues	\$50.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHALL/BOILER DIV	Certificate	\$144.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Registration	\$400.00
NEBRASKA GENERATOR SERVICE	Repairs	\$18,024.55
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Professional Fees	\$93.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	Fees	\$16.00
NATALIE NELSEN-PACEY	Reimbursement	\$425.00
COREY O'BRIEN	Cell Phone Allowance	\$89.50
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$92.41
OTOWN PLUMBING SERVICES	Repairs	\$4,581.83
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	February Fees	\$2,031.20
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Professional Fees	\$6,050.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMM OF KEARNEY	Repairs	\$408.06
PRO BUILDING SUPPLY,INC	Supplies	\$335.28
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$80.00
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$288.21
S.A.F.E. CENTER	Budget Request	\$2,500.00
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$125.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$69.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	Meals	\$16,060.80
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	Dues	\$1,000.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	Subscription	\$507.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	Supplies	\$149.95
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	Salary	\$24,061.93
VERIZON BUSINESS	Phone Service	\$38.31
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$444.77
VESTIS	Mats Cleaned	\$156.34
WOODWARD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	Shredder	\$135.00
General Fund Total		\$181,923.04
	Road	
AURORA COOPERATIVE	Fuel	\$6,827.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$130.02
BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$1,142.79
CDL,INC	Fuel	\$323.46
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	\$2,296.78
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$420.20
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC	Fuel	\$227.62
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	\$804.11
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Fax Line	\$25.95
FAMILY MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	Medical	\$105.00
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$175.11
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$159.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$133.12
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	Supplies	\$4,562.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	\$259.00
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$269.48
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	\$200.00
MIPS	Support	\$138.99

INC		
NATIONAL SIGN COMPANY LLC	Supplies	\$479.31
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Registration	\$50.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	Supplies	\$92.30
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	Supplies	\$2,420.56
NKC TIRE GROUP	Repairs	\$1,368.26
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	Engineering	\$3,870.00
PAULSEN INC	Gravel	\$7,934.11
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	Supplies	\$4,211.56
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$40.00
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$264.97
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$43.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$231.49
TITAN MACHINERY	Mower Equipment	\$12,300.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	Supplies	\$111.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$79.88
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND	Utilities	\$84.03
VILLAGE OF FUNK	Utilities	\$62.20
Road Fund Total		\$51,843.76
	Road Escrow	
F & A CONCRETE FINISH LLC	Engineering	\$32,715.00
Road Escrow Fund Total		\$32,715.00
	Visitors Promotion	
BERTRAND CRAFT SHOW	Advertising	\$937.50
AARON HENDERSON	Photography	\$100.00
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	February Fees	\$500.00
HOLDREGE OPTIMIST CLUB	Advertising	\$37.50
NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS	Advertising	\$400.00
TRAVEL BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION	Advertising	\$600.00
Visitors Promotion Fund Total		\$2,575.00
	Visitors Improvement	
KRJPR	Professional Fees	\$1,200.00
Visitors Improvement Fund Total		\$1,200.00
	Rod P&M	
MIPS		
INC	Support	\$310.18
Rod P&M Fund Total		\$310.18
	Health	
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	Fees	\$9,942.79
SALLY FOX	Reimbursement	\$25.00
TRAVIS HORNER	Reimbursement	\$25.00
TOM NUTT	Reimbursement	\$25.00
Health Fund Total		\$10,017.79
	Library	
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	February Allotment	\$5,864.58
Library Fund Total		\$5,864.58
	Inheritance	
PHELPS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER	Budget Request	\$2,211.00
Inheritance Fund Total		\$2,211.00
	Commissary	
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	Supplies	\$1,996.95
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$478.00
CIDNET	Subscription	\$5,007.00
PHELPS COUNTY CORRECTIONS	January Fees	\$3,294.84
SMART VENDING SERVICES	Supplies	\$1,445.19
TIMEKEEPING SYSTEMS INC	Supplies	\$110.35
Commissary Fund Total		\$12,332.33
	Weed	
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$42.33
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	\$36.84
Weed Fund Total		\$79.17

At 9:15 a.m. the board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, were present. Matt Gregg was absent. Larissa reviewed the permissive exemption list for 2026.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:17 a.m.

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

Justin Norris, Emergency Manager, met with the board to discuss policy and procedures for the county drone. Justin and Tori are both licensed to operate the drone. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the Federal Law policy and procedures with the Phelps County Mutual Air Agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Barb, Tom and Rick discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner