

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on February 24, 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; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. 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; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Janell Anderson Ehrke, a candidate running for Legislative District 38, met with the Commissioners to introduce herself.

At 9:15 a.m. the commissioners went into session as a Board of Equalization. Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, were present. Larissa reviewed tax list correction #54. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the tax list correction #54. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

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

Fabian Pena, with F & A Concrete Finish, LLC, met with the board to discuss the concrete box culvert they are replacing on 744 Rd between H & I Rd, which is structure # C006901205. The start date for this structure was established as December 17, 2025. The contractor is allowed 10 weeks to complete the construction, which was February 25, 2026, after that date, F & A Concrete Finish will become subject to liquidate damages assessment that is established at \$1,000 per day. As of today, the structure is not finished. The substantial completion date is April 1, 2026, which Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District intends to recharge the Phelps County Canal. Fabian talked to the board about his delay which was due to the ground water. He told the board the bridge would be completed by April 1st. The board told Fabian to complete the bridge project by April 1st as they are not in favor of charging him \$1,000 per day for not completing the project.

Jamie Tilson, a candidate running for Phelps County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners to discuss his candidacy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner