

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on April 7, 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; Russ Cruise and Dennis Ostgren were present. Barb Malm 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; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, abstain; Gregg, abstain; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, met with the board to discuss the property appraisal contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC. The contractor shall complete its performance on or before March 19, 2027. This is a one-year payment plan in the amount of \$60,800. This includes review, values, defense of values and input of 400 commercial parcels within the County. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the contract between Phelps County Assessor and Central Plains Valuation, LLC. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Jim Clampitt, Hwy. Supt., met with the board with his road report. Jim reviewed the crack seal quotes he received for approximately 28 miles of asphalt roads in Phelps County. The quotes were from Bader Highway in the amount of \$49,958 and Figgins Construction in the amount of \$50,000. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to accept the quote from Bader's Highway because of their past work with the county. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Jim reviewed a quote from Figgins to armor coat 4 county road projects for a total of 1.4 miles in the amount of \$44,406.25. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Puls, to accept the quote from Figgins. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Jim received motor grader bids from Murphy Tractor and Nebraska Machinery. He will be replacing the 2016 CAT 12M3 for a new motor grader.

	<u>2026 CAT 140-15</u>	<u>2026 John Deere 770P</u>
Bid	\$362,700	\$327,500
Trade Allowance	\$70,000	\$50,000
Bid Less Trade	\$292,700	\$277,500

After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to go with John Deere 770P for \$327,500 without trade and auction the 2016 CAT 12M3. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

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

The board reviewed lease agreement addendum #7 with the state patrol for office space. This is for 2 years commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028, at \$800 per month. Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the 2-year lease agreement with the state patrol. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Malm absent. Motion carried.

Theresa, Matt and Tom discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner