

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on April 21, 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; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm; Russ Cruise and Dennis Ostgren were present. Rick Streeter was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter, absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve April payroll claims in the amount of \$311,586.46 for the general, \$73,395 for the road and \$3,290.98 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried. luer, representing the Ambassadors, met with the board to request use of the courthouse lawn for America's 250 celebration on July 2nd. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Puls, to approve use of the courthouse lawn and the hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter, absent. Motion carried.

Denise Smith, Administrator of the Phelps County Senior Center, appeared before the board with their proposal for the coming fiscal year's budget in the amount of \$97,716. The board accepted their budget.

Jim Claimpitt, Highway Supt., met with the board with his road report. He discussed bridge no. C006920705 located over the main canal on M Rd, between 736 Rd and 737 Rd. This bridge was previously submitted to Nebraska Dept. of Roads for the bridge match program and was not approved. Jim said this bridge is in poor condition. The board told Jim to go forward and have Oak Creek Engineering get a bid on replacing this bridge and a few of the smaller bridges that need repaired.

Barb discussed a committee meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner