

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 5, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on April 28, 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; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Russ Cruise and Dennis Ostgren were present. 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; Streeter, abstain; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Sharon Hueftle, representing South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), met with the board. She reviewed her annual SCEDD report and gave an update on the services they offer. SCEDD covers 13 counties.

Warren Breinig, representing the Eagle Riders, met with the board to request use of the courthouse parking lot to place their motorcycles on for the Midsummer Festival on June 20th. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve use of the courthouse parking lot and hold harmless agreement on June 20th. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve a 1-day liquor permit for Gutterz Fun Center on May 30, 2026, at Gardens on Q. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The board discussed and accepted the budget for Region 3 for the coming year in the amount of \$23,477.77.

The board discussed the renewal of Blue Cross Insurance and will discuss it again on May 19th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner