

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. May 26, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 26, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on May 19, 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. Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve May payroll in the amount of \$279,867.91 for the general, \$72,011.91 for the road and \$974.05 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Justin Norris, buildings and ground, met with the board to give an update on courthouse building improvements and projects he would like done next fiscal year.

Larissa Davenport, Assessor, reviewed the 521's (real estate transfer statements) with the board.

Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve Region 3 Letter of Agreement renewal for period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve resolution 26-4 for approval of cash-in-lieu program for the employees and continue the benefits in the amount of \$500 for single and \$900 for family. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the appointment to the Phelps County Visitors Committee for McKenna Fahrenbruch to a 4-year term and Meredith Cable will be replacing Cassie Ehrenberg in June to finish her term. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Rick and Tom discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner