

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 2, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on May 26, 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 and Dennis Ostgren were present. Rick Streeter and Russ Cruise were absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Tom Bokenkamp with Ace/Eaton Metal of Kearney met with the board to discuss the culvert bid renewal for June 2026 to June 2027. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the renewal of Ace/Eaton Metal contract. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Jim Claimpitt, Highway Supt., met with the board with his road report. He told the board the road dept. will start summer hours on June 1st, they will be working 10-hour days, 4 days a week and work from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in weeks with a holiday they will be working 5 days a week, 8-hour days. Jim is going to advertise gravel bids to be opened on June 16, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Jim discussed the bridge replacement project agreement with Oak Creek Engineering for engineering service to replace #C006902705 located on M Road, between 736 Road and 737 Road with a concrete box culvert. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Puls, to approve Oak Creek Engineering to be the professional engineer for this project. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Jim discussed the Interlocal Countyline Road Maintenance Agreement between Phelps County and Harlan County. This was first approved June 14, 2005, with the new agreement both Phelps and Harlan County agreed to switch maintenance responsibilities for two minimum maintenance roads near Highway 183. Under the proposed agreement, Phelps County would assume maintenance responsibility for the minimum maintenance road between O Road and P Road east of Highway 183. Harlan County would assume maintenance responsibility for the minimum maintenance road between Highway 183 and M Road west of Highway 183. This proposed change would allow each county to maintain roads that connect with their existing road systems better and improve overall maintenance efficiency. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the Interlocal Maintenance Agreement between Phelps County and Harlan County. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Patti Meguire, Treasurer, met with the board to review the distress warrant for 2024 in the amount of \$31,465.89 and the distress warrant unsatisfied amount is \$4,803.55. Patti also discussed the delinquent personal property taxes to be stricken from the tax roll in the amount of \$948.06. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the Treasurers list of personal property to be stricken from the tax roll. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to designate MIPS/NACO as the printing and mailing service for the LB644/JPH postcards. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter and Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Theresa discussed a committee meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner