

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

At 9:00 a.m. the board went into session as a Board of Equalization, Larissa Davenport, County Assessor, Sally Fox, County Clerk and Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, were present. Rick Streeter was absent. Larissa discussed tax list correction resolution/exhibit #1. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution/exhibit #1. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

The board resumed its regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:05 a.m.

Travis Horner, Veterans Service Officer, met with the board and gave a quarterly report. He discussed the reappointment for Tom Rust for another five-year term starting July 1, 2026, and expires June 30, 2031. He also discussed the appointment of Sara Graham to finish the remaining term for Gary Samuelson which started July 1, 2022, and expires June 30, 2027. Sarah will begin her term July 1, 2026. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, to reappoint Tom Rust and appoint Sara Graham to the Veteran's Service Committee. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Streeter absent. Motion carried.

Gene Samuelson, Sheriff, met with the board and discussed his petty cash resolution and would like to increase the amount from \$3,000 to \$5,000. After discussion the board was in favor of the increase and will do a resolution next week to increase the petty cash amount.

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

The board discussed the budget and decided to allow a 4% wage increase for employees as a guideline for their budget.

Tom discussed a committee meeting he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner