

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. June 23, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 23, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on June 16, 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; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. 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. Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Clampitt, Hwy. Supt., met with the board to discuss the gravel bids and Jim's recommendation is to accept all bids and award the low bids from Paulsen Inc. location #1 for \$13.27 a ton. Overton Sand & Gravel location #2 for \$12.00 a ton, Location #4 for \$13.95 a ton. Southwest Sand & Gravel location #3 for \$14.40 a ton and location #5 for \$12.99 a ton. The loaded pit price to Southwest Sand & Gravel, Overton Sand & Gravel, Paulsen Inc, Sand & Gravel, Ed Broadfoot Sand & Gravel and Mid Neb. Ag. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to accept the bids listed by Clampitt. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jim discussed the bridge replacement project agreement with Oak Creek Engineering for their engineering service to design, bidding, permitting and construction observation services necessary to complete the project. The structure C727K.26 is located at 727 Road, .26 miles east of K Road. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve Oak Creek Engineering to be the professional engineer for this project. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve June payroll claims in the amount of \$310,940.40 for the general, \$78,294.24 for the road and \$974.05 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the contract with Kristine Jacobson/KRJPR for the Phelps County Visitors Committee. Her contract is a 2-year contract instead of a one-year contract and the proposal is from July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2028. She is proposing to increase her monthly fee amount by \$200 which would be \$1,400 a month. After discussion, Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the contract with Kristine Jacobson for a 2-year contract and agreed to pay \$1,400 monthly. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to appoint Nancy Morse to the Holdrege Area Public Library Board. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Nancy will replace Rosanna Meyer and will serve a 3-year term which will expire in June 2029.

Bill Yochum and Sierra Burrows, representing the library, gave an annual report and submitted their proposed budget for the county portion of this coming year in the amount of \$155,000.

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

Micah Huyser gave an update on the Nebraska Prairie Museum, submitted their proposed budget for the county portion of the coming year in the amount of \$15,000.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner