

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 28, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on July 21, 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 Puls, 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.

Malm moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve July payroll claims in the amount of \$275,376.43 for the general, \$84,152.03 for the road and \$2,129.05 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jeremy Eschliman with Two Rivers Public Health Dept. met with the board and gave a quarterly update on their program.

Josh Moening the director of energy group New Power Nebraska, met with the board and gave updates on how the solar facility has helped other communities in Nebraska. Patrick Moore, project developer with energyRe met with the board and gave an update on the Platt Solar Project. He told the board the annual county revenue could be \$1,125,760 over the projects projected 30-year operational life. They plan on leasing 1,500 acres and construction would start in 2027 with production beginning in 2029.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director of NACO, met with the board and gave NACO and legislative updates.

Sally Fox, County Clerk, presented the budget sheets to the board.

The board discussed the budget.

Tom discussed a committee meeting he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner