

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 25, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on August 18, 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; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. Russ Cruise 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 a copy is available in the Commissioners board room. Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Murray Jones, representing the Phelps County Ministerial Association, met with the board requesting use of the courthouse lawn for a prayer walk on Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 pm. Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve use of the courthouse lawn and hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Amber Imler, Deputy Assessor, presented the certification of taxable value and value to attributable growth. The total value of Phelps County is \$3,489,069,076 with \$13,010,498 attributable growth.

Justin Norris, buildings and ground, met with the board to discuss the quote he received from INT Alert for new equipment for the jail, including 8 new cameras, updated surveillance, intercom and control system, access control, lights and outlets. Jacob Strecker, owner of INT Alert, told the board the cost of the equipment would be \$371,326.19, which includes a 10% discount. This includes a 5-year warranty, the service contract is free for the first year, installation would begin in November and could take a month to complete the project. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the purchase of the jail and installation equipment from INT Alert, pending the execution contract that we wave payment until installation begins. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried. The board decided to take the payment out of the inheritance fund.

Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the August payroll claims in the amount of \$278,632.78 for the general, \$75,946.27 for the road and \$2,663.80 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 26-7 for the preliminary request for tax requirements for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for political subdivisions. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner