

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. September 8, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on September 1, 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 a copy is available in the Commissioners board room. Malm moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bob Dunaway met with the Board to review the county’s budget. He gave preliminary amounts and told the board the mill levy decreased from last year by 1.56% The valuation increased by 311,398,856 or 9.8%. The property tax request is \$4,971,228. This is an increase of \$375,368 from last year. Puls moved, seconded by Gregg, to set the public hearing for the budget on September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve one payroll claim in the amount of \$1,823.87 for the general fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner