

COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. September 15, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met on September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rick Streeter; Russ Cruise; Barb Malm; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt; Theresa Puls and Dennis Ostgren present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Ostgren.

At 9:00 a.m. as advertised, a public hearing was open for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, or suggestions relating to the proposed 2026-2027 county budget. Bob Dunaway, CPA, covered relevant factors of the detailed budget. According to Bob the tax request is for \$4,971,228 and the general tax request is for 4,755,728. The property tax increase was 375,368. The unused budget authority is \$236,509.51 and the valuation increased by 9.8%. There were no citizens present.

At 9:16 a.m. the public hearing was closed.

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met immediately following the budget hearing on September 15, 2026, as advertised, Commissioners Tom Nutt; Matt Gregg; Barb Malm; Rick Streeter; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise 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 available in the Commissioners room. Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve resolution 26-8 to adopt the proposed county budget. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Patti Meguire, County Treasurer, presented the list of delinquent and unsold parcels to the board for their review. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve resolution 26-9 to direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certifications. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Claimpitt, Highway Supt., met with the board with his road report. Jim discussed a bid opening date with Oak Creek Engineering to replace the bridge with a concrete box culvert located on M Road between 736 Road and 737 Road. Oak Creek will open bids on October 13, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

Ryan Poots, with EagleView met with the board and gave a presentation about an aerial imagery software package for the assessor to show images of buildings that have been built, modified or demolished in Phelps County. This would also benefit E911 calls and Phelps County residents could also use the program. The board will discuss this later.

Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve vendor claims for the month of September. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

	General	
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$5,740.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	\$1,862.16
CASEY ANDERSON	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	Subscription	\$1,537.20
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$812.43
BOB BARKER CO, INC	Supplies	\$397.70
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	Supplies	\$10.85
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$925.06
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$30.64
BURLINGTON CAR WASH LLC	Car Washes	\$144.00
BUSINESS WORLD PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$150.11
DILLON CARMICHAEL	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	Commercial Work	\$3,174.00
CENTURYLINK	Phone Service	\$573.00
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$102.00
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$5,702.15
CITY OF HOLDREGE E 911	Interlocal	\$49,680.62
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	August Fees	\$72.00
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	\$3,183.28
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC		\$220.00
CUSTER CO SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$42.34
DAAKE LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$4,726.50

DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	\$1,342.11
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINC	Fees	\$196.00
LARISSA DAVENPORT	Mileage	\$182.40
DEWALD DEAVER L'HEUREUX PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$3,820.00
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	Medical	\$1,587.74
DIER,OSBORN & COX	Court App Atty	\$172.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$2,838.36
ECOLAB INC	Rental	\$115.08
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	Repairs	\$1,484.00
E38 SURVEY EQUIPMENT	Supplies	\$3,508.99
F JOHNSON BUILDING,LLC	September Rent	\$1,050.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	\$841.42
FGH LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	\$278.26
NANCY S FREBURG	September Fees	\$1,959.17
FULMER U-SAVE PHARMACY	Medical	\$26.25
GALLS LLC	Supplies	\$389.49
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY INC	Medical	\$11.00
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$2,606.68
SARA JO GRAHAM	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
GRAPHIC ARTS SHOP	Supplies	\$240.00
GRAY LAW FIRM LLC	Court App Atty	\$3,144.50
HALL COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$2.50
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Sheriff Fees	\$6.50
HARLAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Sheriff Fees	\$40.80
HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN	Legals & Notices	\$435.38
HOLDREGE SOFT WATER SERVICE	Supplies	\$829.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$2,367.99
HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	\$18.79
HYDRO TECH FIRE EXT SALES & SERVICE	Supplies	\$380.00
K&D MOTOR & ELECTRIC	Repairs	\$1,688.82
KLEIN,BREWSTER,BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	Court App Atty	\$8,485.21
TYLER KROLL	Mileage	\$117.04
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$59.93
LIESKE,LIESKE & ENSZ PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$785.50
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	\$3,675.00
	Cell Phone	
RON MELBYE	Allowance	\$16.00
HANNAH N MEYER	Cleaning	\$140.00
	Cell Phone	
JACOB MEYER	Allowance	\$16.00
MIDWEST CONNECT LLC	Supplies	\$65.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$3,574.69
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Registration	\$405.00
JARED NEDRIG	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
NELSON LAW PC LLO	Court App Atty	\$6,853.38
NELSON-BAUER FUNERAL HOME	Professional Fees	\$2,000.00
	Cell Phone	
COREY O'BRIEN	Allowance	\$16.00
DENNIS OBRIEN	Professional Fees	\$401.45
OMAHA CREMATION SERVICES	Professional Fees	\$1,227.00
PHELPS COUNTY COURT	September Fees	\$355.00
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	September Fees	\$4,057.91
PI VARIABLES INC	Supplies	\$5,766.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE INC	Supplies	\$475.31
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	Postage	\$2,000.00
KOBY QUINTANA	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	\$80.00
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$52.00
GENE SAMUELSON	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
SCULPTURE SERVICES OF COLORADO	Clean Sculptures	\$700.00
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$125.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$73.00
STRYKER SALES,LLC	Supplies	\$610.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	Meals	\$14,620.71

JAMIE TILSON	Uniform Allowance	\$45.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	Maintenance	\$448.03
VERITEXT LLC	Depositions	\$782.95
VERIZON BUSINESS	Phone Service	\$39.20
VESTIS	Mats Cleaned	\$157.35
WOODWARD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	Shredding	\$135.00
General Fund Total		\$169,280.18
	Road	
BRETT ANDERSON	Shoes	\$75.00
AURORA COOPERATIVE	Fuel	\$35,587.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	\$122.39
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$1,426.96
CDL,INC	Fuel	\$92.25
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$319.15
FAMILY MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	Medical	\$35.00
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	\$175.09
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	\$133.12
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	\$401.70
KULLY PIPE & STEEL CORP	Supplies	\$386.26
LACAL EQUIPMENT INC	Supplies	\$519.21
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$96.64
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	\$200.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	Medical	\$77.00
MIPS INC	Support	\$138.99
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Registration	\$50.00
NKC TIRE GROUP	Repairs	\$288.49
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	Engineering	\$17,100.00
OVERTON SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$13,873.84
PAULSEN INC	Gravel	\$9,011.50
PLATTE VALLEY COMM OF KEARNEY	Repairs	\$564.16
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	\$1,794.64
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$820.94
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	\$43.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	\$113.69
SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCTS LLC	Gravel	\$28,147.74
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	\$79.86
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND	Utilities	\$85.61
VILLAGE OF LOOMIS	Utilities	\$54.98
Road Fund Total		\$111,815.11
	Visitors Promotion	
ARMSTRONG SOFTWARE	Subscription	\$5,000.00
BERTRAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Advertising	\$670.00
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	September Fees	\$500.00
KRISTINE JACOBSON	Reimbursement	\$23.81
NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	Dues	\$400.00
PHELPS COUNTY AG SOCIETY	Advertising	\$1,500.00
Visitors Promotion Fund Total		\$8,093.81
	Visitors Improvement	
KRJPR	Professional Fees	\$1,400.00
PHELPS COUNTY AG SOCIETY	Arena Lights	\$6,512.50
Visitors Improvement Fund Total		\$7,912.50
	Rod P&M	
MIPS INC	Support	\$314.99
Rod P&M Fund Total		\$314.99
	Health	
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	Fees	\$12,535.00
SALLY FOX	Reimbursement	\$25.00
TRAVIS HORNER	Reimbursement	\$25.00
TOM NUTT	Reimbursement	\$25.00
Health Fund Total		\$12,610.00
	Library	
	September Allotment	
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM		\$26,734.09

Library Fund Total		\$26,734.09
	Inheritance	
YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CENTER	Budget Request	\$31,885.00
Inheritance Fund Total		\$31,885.00
	Commissary	
BOB BARKER CO, INC	Supplies	\$548.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	Supplies	\$1,490.43
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	\$700.00
CIDNET	Subscription	\$5,469.24
PHELPS COUNTY CORRECTIONS	August Fees	\$3,240.51
Commissary Fund Total		\$11,448.18
	Weed	
BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	\$665.04
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	\$41.46
Weed Fund Total		\$706.50

Matt discussed a committee meeting he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner