

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 22, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on September 15, 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 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.

Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the September payroll claims in the amount of \$310,038.04, for the general, \$85,346.58 for the road and \$2,924.72 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Justin Norris, buildings and grounds, met with the board to get approval to remodel and change offices with the veteran's office. After discussion the board gave Justin approval to go forward with the remodel.

The board reviewed the Network Administrator Interlocal Agreement with the City of Holdrege and Phelps County. This agreement is to provide a cooperative provision to allow the Phelps County Network Administration to provide information technology services to the city. The city shall reimburse the county at a new rate of \$80.00 per hour. This agreement shall commence on September 1, 2026, for a three-year term. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Holdrege. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Larissa discussed the contract for property appraisal with Central Plains Valuation, LLC. The contract shall complete its performance on or before March 19, 2027. The county agrees to pay \$130 per hour. This contract is only for pickup work. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the contract between Phelps County Assessor and Central Plains Valuation LLC. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Larissa discussed the EagleView proposal on aerial imagery and for a 2-inch proposal the yearly cost would be \$42,631 for 6 years and they would do a flyover of the county once every 3 years and the first flyover would be in the fall or spring. The board authorized Larissa to move forward with the contract.

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

Rick and Tom discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner