

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 27, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on October 20, 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; Russ Cruise; Theresa Puls; Rick Streeter; Barb Malm and Dennis Ostgren were present. Matt Gregg 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 Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve October payroll claims in the amount of \$280,207.27 for the general, \$81,056.72 for the road and 42,820.22 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Paul Swearinger, IT Admin. met with the board to discuss an increase in the Microsoft license for the county. The county was going through Nimbus Logic and would like to go through Applied Connective since they take care of the county's technology services. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Nutt, to change from Nimbus and go with Applied Connective for our Microsoft office license in the amount of \$14,414.40. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Jim Clampitt, Highway Supt., met with the board to discuss the purchase of a 2027 Chevrolet 2500 pickup from the state bid in the amount of \$49,330. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve Jim to purchase the 2027 Chevy pickup from the state bid. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, no; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Jim discussed the surplus of a 2016 caterpillar 12M3 and go through Big Iron Auctions. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Malm, to give Jim authority to surplus the 2016 caterpillar. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to retain Contryman Associates, to do the county audit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028 in the amounts of \$17,000, \$17,800 and \$18,000. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve resolution 26-11 to approve the signing of the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent as Jim Clampitt. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Sally Fox presented the board with the NIRMA dividend distribution for \$6,535 which was received at the NIRMA Self Defense Conference in Kearney, October 22 & 23, 2026.

Barb and Rick discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Dennis Ostgren, Chairman Board of Commissioner