COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. November 17, 2026

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. as per public notice given in the Holdrege Citizen on November 10, 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; Matt Gregg; 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 room. Puls moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes**;** Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, abstain; Ostgren, abstain. Motion carried.

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

	General	
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Health Care	$11,481.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	$4,644.90
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	Subscription	$1,538.90
BALDWIN COOKE	Supplies	$266.18
LADONNA BENNETT	Poll Worker	$234.32
MAXINE BERRY	Poll Worker	$222.16
SHEILA BIEKER	Poll Worker	$210.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	$1,131.99
BOB BARKER CO, INC	Supplies	$280.00
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	$595.40
SHERYL BRENN	Canvassing Worker	$300.00
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	$9.25
BURLINGTON CAR WASH LLC	Car Washes	$115.95
BUSINESS WORLD PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	$247.19
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	Commercial Work	$2,251.00
CENTURYLINK	Phone Service	$581.01
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	$51.00
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	$6,351.21
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	October Fees	$222.00
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	$7,667.83
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	Lodging	$137.95
DAAKE LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	$2,656.50
DANNULL ENGINE SERVICE & AUTO	Repairs	$833.32
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINC	Fees	$196.00
DATAPILOT INC	Subscription	$1,995.00
LARISSA DAVENPORT	Mileage	$127.68
TRISHA DAVID	Poll Worker	$300.00
DONALD D DEALEY	Poll Worker	$210.00
JEANNETTE L DEALEY	Poll Worker	$226.08
CALVIN DEVRIES	Meals	$55.38
DEWALD DEAVER L'HEUREUX PC LLO	Court App Atty	$6,089.50
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	Medical	$321.13
DIER,OSBORN & COX	Court App Atty	$1,198.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	$1,916.55
ECOLAB INC	Rental	$115.08
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Supplies	$4,152.29
CAROLINE ERICKSON	Poll Worker	$220.00
JANET EXSTROM	Poll Worker	$210.00
F JOHNSON BUILDING,LLC	November Rent	$1,050.00
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT	Lodging	$275.70
FGH LAW OFFICE LLC	Court App Atty	$609.50
FIRST STATE BANK	Supplies	$231.21
SALLY FOX	Mileage	$145.79
NANCY S FREBURG	November Fees	$1,959.17
DEETTE FREITAG	Poll Worker	$210.00
GALLS LLC	Supplies	$229.50

GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	$2,058.53
MARSHA GRAF	Poll Worker	$210.00
GRAY LAW FIRM LLC	Court App Atty	$1,587.00
MIKE HARTZOG	Poll Worker	$210.00
MISTY HERBEK	Witness Fee	$31.40
TIMOTHY E HOEFT	Supplies	$37.61
HOLDREGE AUTO PARTS INC	Supplies	$28.80
HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN	Legals & Notices	$925.61
HOLDREGE SOFT WATER SERVICE	Supplies	$52.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	$2,113.38
HORNER LIESKE MCBRIDE & KUHL	Professional Fees	$462.00
IAAO	Dues	$255.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	Supplies	$20.94
KEARNEY COUNTY CLERK	Budget Request	$23,261.67
KLEIN,BREWSTER,BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	Court App Atty	$6,376.75
TERESA KROLL	Poll Worker	$210.00
TYLER KROLL	Meals	$128.99
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	$56.63
NANCY LEBEAU	Poll Worker	$210.00
LEXIPOL LLC	Training	$1,652.06
LIESKE,LIESKE & ENSZ PC LLO	Court App Atty	$128.00
SHARON LINDER	Poll Worker	$222.16
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	$3,650.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	Subscription	$2,893.69
RON MELBYE	Cell Phone Allowance	$16.00
MERRICK COUNTY SHERIFF	Sheriff Fees	$19.40
HANNAH N MEYER	Cleaning	$175.00
JACOB MEYER	Cell Phone Allowance	$16.00
ROSANNA MEYER	Poll Worker	$232.80
MIPS INC	Support	$3,732.39
SUSAN NATION	Poll Worker	$210.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION CO OFFICIALS	Dues	$2,806.65
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Professional Fees	$406.60
NEBRASKA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	Dues	$440.00
NELSON LAW PC LLO	Court App Atty	$1,577.50
BECKY NELSON	Poll Worker	$263.98
CONNIE NELSON	Poll Worker	$300.00
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICE	Professional Fees	$17,305.75
COREY O'BRIEN	Cell Phone Allowance	$16.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	Supplies	$45.88
DENNIS OBRIEN	Professional Fees	$392.20
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF	November Fees	$3,760.27
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Professional Fees	$3,175.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE INC	Supplies	$150.88
JEANA POPPLE	Poll Worker	$138.90
POSTMASTER	Presort Fees	$390.00
ANNE PTACNIK	Poll Worker	$210.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	Postage	$2,000.00
ALAN RAGER	Poll Worker	$220.00
BONNIE REED	Poll Worker	$210.00
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	$80.00
RUDY'S TIRE HOLDREGE	Repairs	$2,928.74
RUN-N-IRON	Supplies	$590.00
CARLENE A SCHEMPER	Poll Worker	$195.00
TRICIA SCHEMPER	Poll Worker	$210.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	Supplies	$39.00
IVALENE SIMMONS	Poll Worker	$210.00
PATTI SIMPSON	Poll Worker	$220.00
MARLENE SMITH	Canvassing Worker	$300.00
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	$125.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	$70.00
SARA STEVENS-STEHL	Poll Worker	$299.80
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	Meals	$15,481.23
LORI SWANSON	Meals/Lodging	$511.47

THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	Supplies	$670.00
THE LOCKMOBILE	Repairs	$65.00
STEPHANIE THOMPSON	Poll Worker	$221.40
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	Subscription	$2,898.00
SANDY TILSON	Poll Worker	$210.00
UNL E NE RESEARCH,EXTENSION & EDUC	Salaries	$50,259.65
VERIZON BUSINESS	Phone Service	$40.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	$1,403.28
VESTIS	Mats Cleaned	$105.76
EUNA VOSBURG	Poll Worker	$310.00
WAGGONER PLUMBING & HEATING	Repairs	$1,081.64
JEFFREY WERNER	Witness Fee	$20.00
WJE CONSULTING LLC	Indirect Cost	$1,460.00
WOODWARD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	Shredding	$135.00
4 STATES TOWING LLC	Towing	$377.00
911 CUSTOM LLC	Supplies	$1,509.01
General Fund Total		$231,092.70
	Road	
AURORA COOPERATIVE	Fuel	$34,588.46
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Utilities	$122.45
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	$1,216.18
CDL,INC	Fuel	$153.43
CHS-AGRI COOP	Fuel	$183.83
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	$365.17
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC	Fuel	$4,056.23
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS (US BANK)	Supplies	$150.31
DURABLE SERVICE INC	Repairs	$80.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	$60.90
GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Phone Service	$174.71
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	$133.12
J & M WELDING INC	Repairs	$25.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	$203.96
LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	$12.99
LCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	Supplies	$155.85
AMY LOHMEYER	Cleaning	$200.00
MIPS INC	Support	$138.99
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	Supplies	$364.27
OVERTON SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	$3,772.27
PAULSEN INC	Gravel	$16,651.83
PRO BUILDING SUPPLY,INC	Supplies	$123.80
RELIABLE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	$40.00
S & W AUTO PARTS	Supplies	$1,239.06
SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION LLC	Trash Service	$43.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	Utilities	$125.61
SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCTS LLC	Gravel	$4,437.74
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone Service	$79.78
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND	Utilities	$85.61
VILLAGE OF FUNK	Utilities	$62.20
VILLAGE OF LOOMIS	Utilities	$54.98
WHITE'S AUTO GLASS INC	Repairs	$768.23
Road Fund Total		$69,869.96
	Visitors Promotion	
BERTRAND CRAFT SHOW	Advertising	$961.80
HOLDREGE AREA CHAMBER-COMMERCE	November Fees	$500.00
Visitors Promotion Fund Total		$1,461.80
	Visitors Improvement	
KRJPR	Professional Fees	$1,400.00
Visitors Improvement Fund Total		$1,400.00
	Rod P&M	
MIPS INC	Support	$314.99
Rod P&M Fund Total		$314.99
	Health	
DILLON CARMICHAEL	Reimbursement	$50.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	Fees	$6,200.50

SALLY FOX	Reimbursement	$25.00
TRAVIS HORNER	Reimbursement	$25.00
BLADEN JASNOCH	Reimbursement	$25.00
TOM NUTT	Reimbursement	$25.00
Health Fund Total		$6,350.50
	Library	
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	November Allotment	$1,823.47
Library Fund Total		$1,823.47
	Inheritance	
PHELPS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER	Budget Request	$6,242.00
Inheritance Fund Total		$6,242.00
	Commissary	
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	Supplies	$1,242.75
CHESTERMAN CO	Supplies	$1,276.00
CIDNET	Subscription	$5,196.35
PHELPS COUNTY CORRECTIONS	October Fees	$2,863.64
REASSURANCE SOLUTIONS	Equipment	$11,000.00
Commissary Fund Total		$21,578.74
	Weed	
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	Fuel	$528.06
CITY OF HOLDREGE	Utilities	$46.75
Weed Fund Total		$574.81

Kristine Jacobson, representing the Phelps County Visitors Committee, met with the board to give a quarterly report. She told the board her monthly salary is all paid through the visitor's improvement fund and would like to split it up between the visitor's promotion and visitor's improvement fund. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Puls to approve Kristine's salary being split between the visitor's improvement and visitor's promotion fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes**;** Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Kristine told the board the visitor's center would like to relocate from the Chamber Office to the Nebraska Prairie Museum. The cost would go from $500 to $250 a month. The county will give 60-day notice to the Chamber and will sign a new contract with the museum at the next meeting.

Corey O'Brien, County Attorney, gave an update on the Holdrege Public Library. They are considering merging completely with the City of Holdrege which would help them operate and save the library money. They will keep the continuance of the county levy. The county will sign a MOU between the library board and the city of Holdrege.

Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve resolution 26-12 Interlocal Agreement with NIRMA/NIRMA II for a 3-year period starting July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. NIRMA will send the county a recommitment dividend of $5,256 which will supplement the regular dividend of $6,535 we previously received for a combined total of $11,791.

Matt and Rick discussed committee meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk Dennis Ostgren Chairman Board of Commissioner