

Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. May 24, 2016

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 24, 2016 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Shelley Brenn; Rick Streeter; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg and Jim Ostgren present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jim announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Puls moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the May payroll claims in the amount of \$258,020.42 for the general and \$72,227.06 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., gave his recommendation to go with the low bid of Ramos Construction for the bridge replacement #C006913005 located on 735 & Q Rd. Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to accept the bid of Ramos Construction in the amount of \$109,756.25. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Tom Bokenkamp with Ace/Eaton Metal of Kearney met with the Board to discuss the culvert bid renewal. Tom told the Board the contract will be the same price as last year. Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the Ace/Eaton Metals contract. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

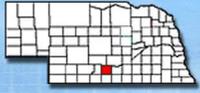
Doyle Morris met with the Board regarding the farmers market. The dates will be every Thursday from May 17 through September 29 with the hours from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the use of the courthouse lawn and to approve the hold harmless agreement between Phelps County and the Farmers Market. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the renewal of the Blue Cross Insurance. This year there is a 6% increase to the health insurance and no increase for the dental. Puls moved, seconded by Brenn, to stay with NACO Blue Cross Insurance, continue to pay 100% of employees insurance, keep the deductible at \$1,500 with a \$500 buy down by the employee, pay 40% of additional coverage and continue to have the dental PPO plan. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the bids Gene received on a new police car. Gene's recommendation is to go with the 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor for \$26,595, this would replace the 2007 Explorer with 130,000 miles. They will try and sell this vehicle on the Big Iron Auction Service. After discussion Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to go with Gene's recommendation and purchase the 2017 Ford Explorer. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jerad Reimers, Representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, met with the Board to discuss any concerns the Board may have and to give an update on the bills they are reviewing.

Brad Slaughter with Ameritas met with the Board to discuss the current highway allocation bonds that are callable. He gave refunding scenarios to look at. The Board would like to see the savings if they paid the last 2 years or \$830,000 on the back side or the savings if they paid \$420,000 from the last year. Brad will get that information and meet with the Board in June.



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The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners