



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. September 13, 2016

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 13, 2016 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Russ Cruise; Shelley Brenn; Theresa Puls; Rick Streeter; 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. Nutt moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the monthly reports of clerk, sheriff and clerk of district court. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the pledged bond report from The First State Bank of Holdrege. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Dan Christensen gave an update on the Nebraska Prairie Museum. Dan told the Board the museum received an award from TripAdvisor for being the top rated specialty museum in the United States. The Fall Festival at the museum will be September 24, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is the 50th anniversary this year and they will be unveiling the sculpture "Harvest Dreams" by George Lundeen. Dan did tell the board they are in need of a new chairlift for the museum.

At 9:30 a.m. as advertised, the budget hearing for 2016-2017 was held with Bob Dunaway, CPA. Dunaway covered relevant factors of the detailed budgets. According to Dunaway, the tax request is for \$5,053,360 which the Board decided not to increase and to keep the request the same as last budget year. The county levy is .212376 and the unused budget authority is \$775,154.38. The public hearing closed at 9:56 a.m. Brenn moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve resolution 16-10 to accept the proposed county budget. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The public hearing opened again at 9:57 a.m. Dunaway explained the levy has two components. The county levy and the library levy. He explained the mill levy decreased .002919 from last year. At 9:58 a.m. to public hearing was closed. Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 16-11 to accept the tax asking for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners