



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. February 7, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 7, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Matt Gregg; Theresa Puls 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; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Sally Fox, County Clerk, Melodie Marvin, County Assessor and Mike Henry, County Attorney were present. Melodie discussed the permissive exemption list and after discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to accept the 2017 permissive exemption list presented by Melodie. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:06 a.m.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., reviewed the results of his night-time reflectivity sign inspection. Phelps County has approximately 4,000 signs and after the inspection they have 179 non-reflective signs that need repaired, replaced or cleaned up.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised a public hearing was opened for the 1 & 6 year road plan. Hamilton went over his 1 & 6 year plan with the Board. At 9:26 a.m. the public hearing was closed. Gregg moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the 1 & 6 year plan presented by Hamilton. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

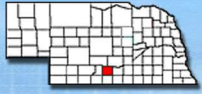
Dan Christen gave an update on the Nebraska Prairie Museum. He listed events that will be happening at the museum in the future and gave an update on the previous events they have hosted. Dan told the Board there are 7,000 to 10,000 people that visit the museum yearly.

Nutt moved, seconded by Puls, to accept the resignation letter from Art Johnsen, Veteran Service Officer on March 1, 2017. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the mowing proposal from Russ Cruise for 2017. Last year he mowed 2 cemeteries and this year he plans to do 5 cemeteries. For a fee of \$950 he would maintain them by mowing, trimming, spraying fence lines, tree limb removal, spray road ditches if need and place flowers around monuments. Brenn moved, seconded by Gregg, to accept the cemetery mowing proposal in the amount of \$950 presented from Russ Cruise. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Cruise abstained. Motion carried.

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

Sally Fox, made a correction to the minutes from the January 24, 2017 meeting. Rick Follmer was approved for a recreational RV Park with 126 electrical and water hookup spots, not 21 spots as stated in the previous minutes.



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Theresa gave a report on a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners