



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE

9:00 A.M. March 7, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Matt Gregg; Shelley Brenn; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise 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. Gregg moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., told the Board the F Rd bridges replacement project #C006911310 has been completed and they are now working on bridge project #C006902225 on 739 Rd between U Rd and V Rd.

Bobby and Randy Deans, with Miller & Associates, discussed the two bridge projects located on S Rd project C-69(0009) and project C-69(0877) located on 744 & P Rd. They will be replaced with a concrete box culvert. After discussion the Board decided on April 4 at 9:15a.m. to open bids for these bridge projects.

Ron Tillery, with PCDC, gave the Board updates on projects going on in the county. He told the Board the Prosperity Project has 109 investors and has \$1 million in pledges. He explained that the LB840 sales tax was used to purchase property and they are working on a workforce housing issue for affordable housing in the county.

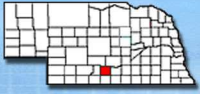
Jim Daubert, with First Concord Benefits Group, met with the Board to discuss insurance options to senior employees of age (65+). This would be a Medicare Insurance option which would be a monthly cash option for Phelps County. This would also be offered to all other employees under 65 if they would choose to go on another insurance program and not stay on the counties insurance. The Board will discuss this again on March 21.

The Board discussed the abandonment on 1 mile of I Road between 747 and 748 Road which Bruce Sackett with the Platte River Recovery Program was requesting for the wildlife, after discussion the Board decided to leave this road as is and not vacate it.

Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the written request from Penny Gregg, Jail Administrator, to have 16.5 hours withdrawn from the sick leave bank for Will Frasdilla. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

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

Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to go into closed session at 10:25 a.m. for legal advice and for the purpose of protecting the public interest. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. At 10:34 a.m. Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to go out of closed session. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.



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The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners