

Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. March 28, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 28, 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. Streeter moved, seconded by Nutt, 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.

Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the March payroll claims in the amount of \$171,627.04 for the general and \$53,783.44 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy Supt., met with the Board to discuss replacing his 1993 Kenworth Semi truck and belly-dump trailer with a newer year. After discussion the Board approved Bobby's request to advertise for bids on a different truck and trailer.

Carol Rapstine, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Allison Fritsche met with Board to discuss the agreement between the Visitors Committee and the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has been receiving 25% of the monthly lodging tax from the Visitors Committee. On March 17, the Visitors Committee sent a letter to the Chamber that the Phelps County Visitors Committee has decided to discontinue the agreement between them for services and will no longer pay the Chamber 25% of the monthly lodging tax. Mike Henry stated per statute 81-3705 and 81-3717 the Visitors Committee is an Advisory Board and has no authority to what money can be spent. The County will continue to pay the 25% of the monthly lodging tax to the Chamber. Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to redo the agreement and make it between Phelps County and the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

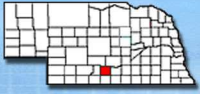
Puls moved, seconded by Cruise, to accept the resignation letter from Robert Slater, Planning & Zoning Administrator as of March 31, 2017. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Due to the resignation of Robert Slater, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to appoint Travis Horner as the new part-time Planning and Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. The Board talked to Travis about his job requirements on this position.

Melodie Marvin, County Assessor, met with the Board with the 521's (Real Estate Transfer Statements) for their review

Nate Porter, representing CASA, met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn to line the sidewalks with pinwheels for child abuse prevention month from April 1 through April 28. Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the use of the courthouse lawn and the hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners