



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. April 11, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 11, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise and Jim Ostgren present. Matt Gregg was absent. 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; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Todd Whitney with the Phelps County Extension met with the Board to give them an update on the extension office.

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

Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the bank deposit from First State Bank of Loomis. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

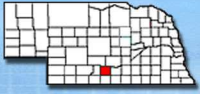
At 9:15 a.m. as advertised, Bobby Hamilton opened armor coat bids for approximately 13 miles, which would be 10.2 miles of the Polyline Rd and 2.6 of the Highway on project #PCDOR-2017-1. The bids were as follows: Figgins Construction, .87¢ sq. yd. or \$144,851.52 and Sta-bilt Construction, \$1.45 sq. yd. or \$241,419.20. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Puls, to go with the low bid of Figgins in the amount of \$144,851.52. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Bobby gave his recommendation to go with the low bid of \$137,984.70 from Midlands Contracting, Inc. of Kearney. This is for bridge replacement on the 2 bridge projects located on S RD project C-69(0009) and project C-69(0877) located on 744 & P Rd. The project will consist of removing the wooden canal bridges and replacing them with new concrete box culverts. Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to accept Bobby's recommendation and go with Midlands Contracting Inc. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Jim Daubert, with First Concord Benefits Group and Dennis Maggart, with NACO Benefits, met with the Board again to discuss the options to senior employees of age (65+). This would be a Medicare Insurance option for Phelps County employees. This would also be offered to all other employees under 65. The county would give a cash-in-lieu plan to the employees that go with Medicare Insurance or another group plan. The Board will decide on this next week

Justin Norris, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss our CodeRED NEXT Services Agreement. This agreement was signed June 26, 2015 and is a 3 year agreement which Justin would like to discontinue. Since we are no longer in the Region with Frontier County, Harlan County, Hitchcock County and Dundy County Justin said the cost of \$4,000 was too high for what they offer us. The Board advised Mike to write a letter to CodeRED the Emergency Communications Network to drop our agreement with them.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



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Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners