

# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. April 25, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 25, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Theresa Puls; Matt Gregg; 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 Brenn, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$266,079.38 for the general fund and \$79,893.37 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy Supt., reviewed with the Board resolution 17-9 which is for project HRRR-69(9) the installation of advanced railroad pavement markings on 3 different rural county roads. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 17-9. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised, Bobby opened bids for a new belly-dump trailer. He received bids from Nebraska Machinery, Murphy Tractor and RDO Truck Center. Bobby will review the bids with the road committee and give his recommendation next week.

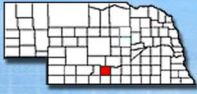
Laurie Hill, representing The First State Bank of Holdrege, met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn for Swedish Days on June 16, 2017 for kid's games from 1:30-3:00. Puls moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve use of the courthouse lawn and hold harmless agreement between Phelps County and The First State Bank. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Mike Sisson, representing the Holdrege Eagle Riders, met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse sidewalk for Swedish Days on June 17, 2017. They would like to place their motorcycles on the sidewalk. Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the use of the courthouse sidewalk and hold harmless agreement between Phelps County and Holdrege Eagle Riders. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Jean Issler, representing the Phelps County Visitors Committee, met with the Board on two grant approvals. One grant is for the Chamber in promoting Swedish Days in the amount of \$1,500 and the other is an improvement fund grant for \$5,000 to add YEP (Youth Empowered by Play) playground equipment for special needs children located at the North Park. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the grant request presented by Jean for \$5,000 for YEP. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Puls moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the promotion grant in the amount \$1,500 for the Holdrege Chamber. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the Loan of Personal Property Agreement between Phelps County and Phelps County Historical Society to display historic items at the Nebraska Prairie Museum. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Travis Horner, Wes Nelson and Terry Nelson met with the Board about the Planning & Zoning Administrators



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position. Travis was appointed to this position in March along with being appointed as the Veterans Service Officer. Travis feels he needs to spend his time with the veterans and would like to give up his position as Planning & Zoning Administrator. After discussion the Board accepted his resignation and will run an ad in the paper for this position.

The Board did their quarterly inspection of the jail.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners