

Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. May 23, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 23, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg 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 Brenn, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, abstain; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$169,406.62 for the general fund and \$54,808.02 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., told the Board starting June 5 through October 2, the road department will be working 10 hour days, 4 days a week and work from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On weeks with a holiday they will work 5 days a week, 8 hour days. Nutt moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve Bobby to advertise for gravel bids to be opened on June 13, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. for the fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Vickie Klein with the Phelps County Community Foundation and Ryan Puls with the Speakeasy discussed with the Board closing the road in front of the Speakeasy for a fund raiser for the Give to Grow Future Fund Group. The date would be Saturday, August 5, 2017. Ryan said they will be setting up a tent out front of the Speakeasy and will have food, drinks and a band. Bobby Hamilton told the Board he could set out barricades to close S Road. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the closing of S Road in front of the Speakeasy on August 5, 2017. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, abstain; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

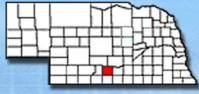
Charlie Brooks, Weed Supt., and Tim Stortz, the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture Inspector gave a report on the county and a very good evaluation on the weed dept.

Jean Issler, representing the Visitors Committee, met with the Board on a grant approval for Bertrand Days in the amount of \$1,500. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the grant application request presented by Jean. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to appoint Amy McMurty, from Roadway Inn for the Phelps County Visitors Committee for a term of 2 years starting July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to reappoint Dan Christensen for another 4 year term on the Phelps County Visitors Committee starting July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Clark Nelson, representing the Phelps County Ag Society, told the Board they would like to reside the Ag Center and is asking for help from the county. Clark told the Board they are looking into getting grants to help cover some of the cost. The Board is interested in helping with cost of the Ag Center but would like Clark to come back when they have a final bid amount.



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The Board directed Sally Fox, County Clerk, to send a letter to the elected and appointed official's stating they need their preliminary budget sheets by July 13 so they can start working on the budget The Board discussed to allow a 3% wage increase to employees as a guideline for their budget.

Bobby Hamilton and Justin Norris, discussed with the Board building a 3 sided storage building at the road dept. for equipment and salt storage. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve advertising for storage building bids to be opened on June 20, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners