



# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. September 12, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 12, 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. Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. as advertised, the budget hearing for 2017-2018 was held with Bob Dunaway, CPA. Dunaway covered relevant factors of the detailed budget. According to Dunaway, the tax request is for \$5,053,360 which the Board decided not to increase and to keep the same as the last 3 budgeted years. The county levy is .220387 and the unused budget authority is 1,531,508.23. The public hearing closed at 9:20 a.m. Brenn moved, seconded by Puls, to approve resolution 17-16 to accept the proposed county budget. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

The public hearing opened again at 9:21 a.m. Dunaway explained the levy has two components. The county levy and the library levy. He explained the mill levy increased by .008011 or 3.8%. At 9:24 a.m. the public hearing was closed. Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve resolution 17-17 to accept the tax asking for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

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

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

Nutt moved seconded by Streeter, to approve the distress warrant list submitted by the Sheriff. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried

Carol Rapstine and Dan Christensen, representing the Visitors Committee, met with the Board on a grant approval for the Performing Arts Series at the Tassel in the amount of \$1,500. After discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the grant application request presented by Carol and Dan. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Russ and Jim discussed a meeting they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners