



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. October 24, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 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 Brenn, 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.

Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$183,822.52 for the general fund and \$57,941.48 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Tom, Jim and Theresa discussed a meeting they attended.

Bruce Sackett with the Platte River Recovery Program, met with the Board to request road closure of two roads on 1 mile of I Road, located between 747 and 748 Road and also 1 ½ miles on 748 Road. Bruce would like to have this minimum maintenance road closed to control the wildlife that comes onto this land. Dave Ford with Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District also spoke to the Board and they are in favor of closing these two roads. In February Bruce requested the closure of the 1 mile of I Road and since then they need the 1 ½ mile of 748 Road closed too. The Board will discuss this on November 7, 2017.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. Bobby reviewed the NDOT SSAR annual budget report with the Board and after discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the annual budget report. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Gene Samuelson, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss a contract agreement with Encartele Inc. Encartele is for jail inmate's telecommunication needs. This service allows the administration the ability to access audio and video recordings, visitations and emails from the inmates. This would be no cost to the county and is paid by the inmates buying prepaid phone cards. The jail's current contract is with Securus and will be canceled on March 8, 2018 and the new one will commence on that date. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to enter into this contract agreement with Encartele Inc. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

Dan Christensen, representing the Visitor's Committee, met with the Board on two grant approvals. The grants are for the Bertrand craft show for promoting advertising in the amount of \$750 and the other is for promoting advertising in the Winter Wonderland Small Business Saturday for the Holdrege Chamber in the amount of \$1,500. Puls moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the two promotions grants. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Gregg absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners