



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 7, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Matt Gregg; Theresa Puls; 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; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. Bobby discussed the county bridge match program from the Nebraska Department of Roads. Bobby would like to consider signing up 2 bridges from his 6 year project number (C006002405) an old concrete/steel bridge located at 738 Rd and L Rd and (C006902110) which is an old wooden bridge on J Rd south of 741 Rd. These bridges are over the main canal and are structurally deficient. The county bridge match program (CBMP) will fund 55% of eligible bridge construction and the county must provide 45% match. Bobby told the Board he will move forward on this program. Bobby told the Board that Ted Schrock has requested fencing off 745 Rd on the west side of R Rd to winter cows. This will be a temporary permit. The Board tabled this until next week.

The Board discussed the 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. This is from the request of Bruce Sackett with the Platte River Recovery Program. After discussion they will do a resolution next week, to appoint Bobby to do a study on closing of these roads.

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

The official salaries were discussed for the 2019-2022 terms, by Section 23-1114 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska the salaries of elected officials shall be established by the County Board on or before January 15, 2018 of each respective elective office. The Board feels they need to stay at states recommendations. The Board's recommendation is for the Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and Commissioners receive a 5% increase for their 2019 salary and 4% increase for years 2020, 2021 and 2022. For the Attorney, Public Defender and Surveyor a 3% increase for 2019-2022. The Board will approve a resolution on the salaries at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners