



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. NOVEMBER 28, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 28, 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 Puls, 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

Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve November payroll claims in the amount of \$194,345.66 for the general fund and \$64,588.31 for the road fund. 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 reviewed the results of his study on vacating approximately 2.5 miles of dirt/minimum maintenance road. Which is located on 1 mile of I Road and 1 ½ miles on 748 Road. The 1 ½ miles on 748 Road is a dirt/grass trail classified minimum maintenance road that provides through access to traffic traveling down 748 Road. The second one mile of road in question is located on I Road. This 1 mile is classified minimum maintenance road. Bobby contacted several of the landowners in the immediate are where these roads are located and the general consensus of these landowners is not to close the roads in question. The landowners said people use these roads for nature viewing, hiking, biking and property access among other things. The roads in question do however present a liability issue for Phelps County and present added cost to maintain the roads even as minimum maintenance roads. 748 Road will possibly need mowed and some roadway repairs which can be complete by county forces. I Road will need some future tree work completed which can also be done by county forces. Also, I Road has several small drainage structures that require occasional maintenance also by county forces. Upon completion of this study, his recommendation is to have the county surveyor complete an official survey of the 2.5 miles of Right of Way and then hold a public hearing to decide whether or not to vacate these roads. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to deny the request to close the 1 mile of I road and the 1 ½ miles on 748 Road based on Bobby's road study. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Brenn, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried

Bobby told the Board that Midlands Contracting has finished the 2 bridge replacements with new concrete box culverts located on S Road and 744 & P Road.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners