



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. May 22, 2018

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 22, 2018 as advertised, with Commissioners Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt; Russ Cruise; Theresa Puls 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 Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Brenn, to approve the May payroll claims in the amount of \$199,889.74 for the general fund and \$60,263.67 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Sharon Hueftle, of South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), met with the Board. She reviewed her SCEDD report and gave an update on the services they offer. SCEDD covers 13 counties.

Jawna Kuck, Executive Director of the Chamber met with the Board to discuss Swedish Days on June 16, 2018 and is requesting use of the courthouse lawn, parking lot, sidewalks and bathrooms. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the Chamber using the courthouse lawn, sidewalk, parking lot and bathrooms and the Harmless Agreement between Phelps County and Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy Supt., met with the Board with his road report. Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve Bobby to advertise for gravel bids to be opened on June 12, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. Bobby told the Board starting Monday, June 4 through Thursday, September 27 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.

Bobby received paint striping bids for 23 miles of county roads. He received the following bids are from: D.P. Sawyer Barricades had a bid of \$23.00 a gallon; Straight Line Striping (Midwest Striping) gave a bid of \$16.20 a gallon; Burmester Inc. \$15.15 a gallon and Contractor Services \$23.50 a gallon. Cruise moved, seconded by Gregg, to accept the bid from Straight Line Striping because of the quality of their work, paint and the timing of when they can start the project. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, no; Ostgren, no. Motion carried.

Todd Whitney and Michelle High, with the Phelps County Extension met with the Board to request a new copier and a new Extension sign. They told the Board they still have money in their budget to purchase these items. After discussion the Board gave approval to purchase a new copier and Extension sign.

The Board directed Sally Fox, County Clerk, to send a letter to the elected and appointed officials stating they need their preliminary budget sheets turned in by July 16 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners