

Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. June 26, 2018

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 26, 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, Cruise moved, seconded by Brenn, 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.

At 9:01 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Melodie Marvin, County Assessor, Mike Henry, county Attorney and Sally Fox, County Clerk also present.

Protest #4, parcel 1474, Diane Balcom was discussed. Melodie recommended adjusting the property to \$80,955. Brenn moved, seconded by Puls, to reduce the value based the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #5, parcel 1926, Jason & Kelli Hale was discussed. Melodie recommended adjusting the property to \$198,215. Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to reduce the value based the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:05 a.m.

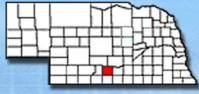
Brenn moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the June payroll claims in the amount of \$211,359.04 for the general fund and \$63,451.28 for the road fund. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Justin Norris, Emergency Manager discussed with the Board moving the radio repeater from the South Central NE Amateur Radio Club which is now located on the courthouse roof to a different tower located on 18th and Gustin which the county also uses. Dale Herrington and Jim Johnson discussed this with the Board last week. The State Patrol still owns the tower and would like to give it to the county. If the county takes it over Justin said they would like to do some maintenance and painting to the tower. Justin told the Board the City of Holdrege, Southern Power and the Hospital also use this tower.

John William met with the Board to discuss his valuation from 2017 on a building he built. John told the Board he was taxed on the inside of the building being all concrete and he told the Board it's only 1/3 concrete and he feels he was over taxed. Melodie Marvin, County Assessor, told the Board he was not getting charged for concrete flooring. The Board told John he should of protested in 2017 if he felt something was wrong because you can't go back a year to protest your valuation.

Nat Munter, Weed Supt., and Tim Stortz the NE Dept. of Agriculture Inspector gave a report on the county and gave a very good evaluation on the weed dept.

Phil Piper, representing Mugs requested a one day liquor permit for a concert at Patriot Gardens on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 7:00p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Brenn moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the granting of the one day liquor permit. Roll call vote was Brenn, yes; Nutt, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.



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Clark Nelson, representing the Phelps County Ag Society met with the Board to give them an update of the repairs and improvements from the Ag Center which was completed. In August, 2017 the Board approved to give the Phelps County Ag Society \$25,000 towards improvements to the Ag Center and the funds will come from the inheritance fund.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners