



# Phelps County Board Minutes



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

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 9 2018 as advertised, with Commissioners Theresa Puls; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt 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 Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Brenn, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Ron Tillery and Doug Stevenson with PCDC and Jim Kaplinski with Allmand Bros. A Briggs & Stratton Company met with the Board to request a paving district between the county and city. The new paving district is located at Gustin Street from Gustin Street located 1 mile from the intersection of Nebraska Highway 23, near Allmand Bros. plant, traveling north to the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. The north ½ of the mile is a county road and the city owns the south ½ mile. Ron told the Board this paving project would cost around \$1,064,000 and through the State of Nebraska DOT Economic Opportunity Grants they were approved for a \$500,000 grant application for this paving project and the county and city would equally share the costs not covered by the grant. Jim Kaplinski told the Board Allmand Bros. is planning to expand and bring in more jobs. Currently they have 23 openings. For future employment they would like to have their employment level to 260-285. The street serves as the primary shipping and receiving entrance for the plant. Also, in its current state, an unpaved gravel road poses a dust contamination risk and with the dust on the product they have to wash all products before it comes into the plant. After discussion Brenn moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the request to establish a new paving district. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Brenn, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Puls, to go into closed session at 9:20 a.m. with Mike Henry, County Attorney, to discuss potential litigation and for purpose of protecting the public interest. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Brenn, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried. At 9:30 a.m. Brenn moved, seconded by Nutt, to go out of closed session. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Brenn, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Chance Harvey came to speak to the Board about prior employment

Melodie Marvin, Assessor, met with the Board with the 521's (real estate transfer statements) for their review.

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

Sally Fox presented the Board with the NIRMA dividend distribution check for \$14,183.00 which was received at the NIRMA Self-Defense Conference in Kearney October 4 & 5, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners