



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. March 24, 2020

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on March 24, 2020 as advertised, with Commissioners Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Dennis Ostgren; Matt Gregg; Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise and Tom Nutt present. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nutt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Tom announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Cruise moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Puls moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the March payroll claims in the amount of \$194,568.63 for the general, \$60,125.27 for the road and \$800 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Kelly Jensen, with CASA met with the Board requesting use of the courthouse lawn to line the sidewalks with pinwheels for child abuse prevention month from April 1 through April 30. Puls moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the use of the courthouse lawn and the hold harmless agreement. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried. Kelly gave an update on the CASA program.

The Board accepted the Young at Heart Senior Center of Bertrand budget in the amount of \$24,385. This was an increase of \$1500 from last year.

The Board accepted the Phelps County Senior Center budget in the amount of \$48,804. This is a decrease of \$322 from last year.

The Board reviewed a one day liquor permit from Juan Rene Lazo, representing El Tropico from Lexington for a wedding reception at Gardens on Q Venue for August 1, 2020. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the granting of the one day liquor permit. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Gary Steele, with Miller & Associates discussed two bridge projects located on V Road and J Road They will be replaced with a concrete box culvert. After discussion the Board decided on April 28 at 9:15 a.m. to open bids for these projects.

Mike Henry, County Attorney, had a telephone conference with the Board to discuss the legislation updates on the Coronavirus. He reviewed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and these provisions will take effect on April 2, 2020 and expire on December 31, 2020. Mike will update the county before this takes effect. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Tom Nutt, Chairman Board of Commissioner