



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. May 26, 2020

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 26, 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. Gregg moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Cruise moved, seconded by Malm, to approve May payroll claims in the amount of \$209,311.37 for the general fund, \$67,748.39 for the road fund and \$800.00 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby received paint striping quotes on 11.6 miles of county roads. The quotes were from Burmester Inc. for \$18.00 a gallon for 6 lbs. beads and Straight Line Striping for \$17.17 a gallon for 6 lbs. or \$17.94 a gallon for 8 lbs. Bobby's recommendation is to go with the quote from Straight Line Striping and accept the quote with the added 2 lbs. of glass beads per gallon. The cost would be \$975 per mile. Because of the quality of their good work Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to accept Bobby's recommendation and go with Straight Line Striping. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried. Starting Monday, June 1, through October 2 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 be working 5 days a week, 8 hour days.

Justin Norris and Mike Henry met with the Board to discuss plans for reopening up the courthouse doors. The plan is to reopen on Monday, June 1. They are getting plexiglass for each office to use as a barrier between the employees and the public. The north entrance will be the only entrance to the courthouse and the Phelps County Sheriff's Dept. will staff the entrance to control the number of people in an office at a time. They will staff the north entrance for the month of June and possibly July.

The Board directed Sally Fox, County Clerk, to send a letter to the elected and appointed official's stating they need their preliminary budget sheets turned in by July 17, 2020 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.

Theresa discussed a meeting she attended.

Starting June 2, 2020 the Board will go back to their weekly meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Tom Nutt, Chairman Board of Commissioner