

# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. June 23, 2020

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 23, 2020 as advertised, with Commissioners Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Dennis Ostgren; Matt Gregg; Russ Cruise; Theresa Puls; 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 Streeter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board went into Board of Equalization, Sally Fox, County Clerk, Melodie Marvin, County Assessor and Mike Henry, County Attorney were present.

Protest #11, parcel 7122, Michael Ryan met with the Board to protest the increase of his valuation. Melodie will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #14, parcel 3596, Brent Samuelson met with the Board to protest the increase of his valuation. Melodie will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #15, parcel 2098.10, Brent Samuelson met with the Board to protest the increase of his valuation. Melodie will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #16, parcel 1879, Thomas and Cindi Kidder met with the Board to protest the increase of their valuation. Melodie will review the property and get back to the Board with her recommendation.

Protest #7, City of Holdrege was discussed. Melodie recommended adjusting the property to \$0 since this is exempt property. Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve to exempt to \$0 based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Protest #8, Donald Streeter was discussed. Melodie recommended adjusting the property to \$534,707.00. Puls moved, seconded by Gregg, to reduce the value based on the Assessor's recommendation. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:25 a.m.

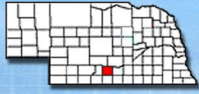
Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the June payroll claims in the amount of \$201,714.01 for the general, \$65,721.26 for the road and \$1,696.00 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes Motion carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve a vendor claim from the road escrow fund for \$28,033.29. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

## ROAD ESCROW

T&F Sand & Gravel	Gravel	\$28,033.29
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Streeter moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve resolution 20-6 transfer of funds from the general fund to the weed fund. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried. These funds are done monthly and will continue to be made monthly in the amount set up in the



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2020-2021 budget year.

Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to accept the budget for the coming year for Region 3. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Heather Hunt, Case Manager for STARS (Striving Towards Attendance Realizing Success) Truancy Program in Phelps County met with the Board to give them an update on their program. Heather is the case manager for Phelps, Franklin and Kearney Counties. This program is the last stop before the court system and they support children that don't want to go to school. Phelps County has 17 students that Heather is working with. She is asking for \$3,000 from the county for the 2020/2021 budget year to help with the program. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Ostgren, to accept their budget request. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt., gave his recommendation for the gravel bids. He recommended low bids from T & F Sand and Gravel on locations #1 for \$8.80 a ton, location #3 for \$9.90 a ton and location #5 for \$9.00 a ton. Overton Sand & Gravel location #2 for \$8.00 a ton and location #4 for 9.80 a ton and the loaded pit price to T & F Sand & Gravel, Overton Sand & Gravel and Broadfoot and Sons Sand & Gravel. Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to accept the low bids listed by Hamilton. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried. Bobby would like to take bids on 2 new motor graders and trade off a 2012 John Deere Motorgrader while keeping a 2010 12 M Caterpillar Motorgrader for a spare machine. The Board gave Bobby approve to get bids and will open them on July 28, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

Bobby gave an update on roadside spraying on weeds.

The Board reviewed three liquor permits from Gutterz Fun Center for wedding receptions at Gardens on Q for August 15, August 29 and September 4, 2020. After discussion Malm moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the on day liquor permits. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Cruise, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

Theresa discussed a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Tom Nutt, Chairman Board of Commissioner