



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. August 11, 2020

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 11, 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. Puls moved, seconded by Ostgren, 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.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board and gave his recommendation from the road committee on the motor grader bids. Bobby would like to go with option 2 which is to trade 1 machine, the 770 GP motor grader and buy 2 new machines from Nebraska Machinery which are the 2020 CAT 140. The bid less trade is \$449,490. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Ostgren, to go with Bobby's recommendation because of the \$33,000 price difference. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

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

Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve Board Chairman Nutt, to sign the letter of support for the Staggers Rail Act. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the budget.

Nate DeWald and Sherlyn Hunt met with the Board to discuss financing and expansion with Christian Homes. They are asking Phelps County to serve as the bond issuer for the refunding revenue bonds. The bonds would not exceed \$7,600,000. The county would act as the governmental issuer and Christian Homes will be responsible for these bonds. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the refinancing of the nursing home and retirement facilities by Christian Homes and the issuance of refunding revenue bonds by Phelps County. After discussion Puls moved, seconded by Malm, to approve resolution 20-8 to publish a notice on holding a public hearing on August 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. for the issuance of refunding revenue bonds for Christian Homes. Roll call vote was Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Cruise, yes; Puls, yes; Nutt, yes. Motion carried.

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

Barb, Rick and Tom discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

Tom Nutt, Chairman Board of Commissioner