

# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
8:30 A.M. September 27, 2022

The Phelps County board of Commissioners met on September 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. with commissioners Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt and Theresa Puls present. Dennis Ostgren was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Theresa Puls.

At 8:30 a.m. as advertised, a public hearing was open for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or suggestions relating to the proposed 2022-2023 County Budget. Bob Dunaway, CPA, covered relevant factors of detailed budget. According to Bob the tax request is for \$4,480,860 which has been the same for the last several years and the general tax request is for \$4,265,360. The counties unused budget authority is \$2,384,248.98. The valuation increased by 2.58% and the county mill levy decreased by 2.47%. There were no citizen's present. At 8:46 a.m. public hearing was closed.

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met immediately following the budget hearing on September 27, 2022, as advertised, with Commissioners Rick Streeter; Barb Malm; Russ Cruise; Matt Gregg; Tom Nutt and Theresa Puls present. Dennis Ostgren was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Puls. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Theresa announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Puls, yes. Ostgren absent. Motion carried.

Gregg moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve resolution 22-14 to adopt the proposed county budget. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Puls, yes. Ostgren absent. Motion carried.

At 8:48 a.m. the public hearing opened for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, or suggestions relating to setting the final tax request. Bob Dunaway explained the mill levy is .193486 and the final tax request is \$4,480,860. At 8:50 a.m. the public hearing was closed. Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve resolution 22-15 to accept the tax asking for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Puls, yes. Ostgren absent. Motion carried.

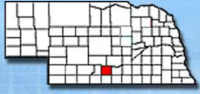
Erin Benal, with Americo Connection Core who works with SCEDD, met with the Board to discuss the plan for State Broadband.

Bobby Hamilton, Hwy. Supt. met with the Board with his road report. Bobby discussed micro-surfacing 16 miles on G Rd. The Board gave Bobby approval to get bids for the micro-surfacing project. The Board talked about paying for this micro-surfacing through the inheritance fund.

Jared Reimers, Representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, met with the Board to discuss any concerns the board may have and give an update on the bills they are reviewing.

Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the September payroll claims in the amount of \$233,994.81 for the general, \$87,100.10 for the road and \$2,732.03 for the weed fund. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Cruise, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Puls, yes. Ostgren absent. Motion carried.

Barb, Theresa and Rick discussed meetings they attended.



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The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Theresa Puls, Chairman Board of Commissioner