



# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. December 13, 2022

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 13, 2022, as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Barb Malm; Dennis Ostgren; Rick Streeter; Theresa Puls and Matt Gregg present. Russ Cruise 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. Ostgren moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board with his road report. He discussed the 1 & 6 year plan and will have a public hearing February 14, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

At 9:15 a.m. as advertised, Bruce Radditz with Miller & Associates opened bids for bridge projects located on J Rd between 746 Rd & 747 Rd and the other is located on 743 Rd & I Rd. This project will consist of removing the existing bridges and replacing them with a new concrete box culverts. Bruce opened the only bid received from Midlands Construction. Bid A is for J Road bridge in the amount of \$114,863.10 and bid B is for 743 & I Road bridge in the amount of \$375,828. Bruce will review the bid and give his recommendation next week.

Kristine Jacobson, representing the Visitors Committee met with the Board to give them an update on their committee. They are waiting for the 2023 brochures and working on a grant from Nebraska Tourism and will be reimbursed 75% if approved.

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

Streeter moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the planning & zoning regulations for the comprehensive plan. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the sick leave bank policy which modifications were made several years ago requiring donation of sick leave to participate. The bank has been successful and since there is an overabundance of hours in the bank, they discussed to set the number of hours to donate this year to 4 hours. After discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Nutt, to accept 4 hours of sick leave to participate in the sick leave bank for this year. Roll call vote was Malm, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes. Cruise absent. Motion carried.

Rick and Theresa discussed meetings they attended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Tom Nutt, Vice-Chairman Board of Commissioner