

# Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE  
9:00 A.M. January 10, 2023

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 10, 2023, as advertised, with Commissioners Theresa Puls; Russ Cruise; Barb Malm; Matt Gregg; Rick Streeter; Dennis Ostgren and Tom Nutt present. The Meeting was called to order by Sally Fox, County Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sally announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Sally requested nominations for Chairman of the Board. Ostgren nominated Theresa Puls, seconded by Cruise. There being no other nominations Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, the nomination ceased. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Puls, abstained; Streeter, yes; Malm, yes; Gregg, yes; Ostgren, yes; Nutt yes. Motion carried. Nutt nominated Dennis Ostgren for Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Cruise. There being no other nominations Gregg moved, seconded by Malm, the nomination ceased. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Malm, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Ostgren, abstain; Puls yes. Motion carried. Newly elected Chairman Puls took over the meeting. Streeter moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Gregg, to designate NACO Phelps County website as one of the official means of publication. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the current meeting days and times for this year. Which will be the first four Tuesdays of the month and change all meetings to begin at 9:00 a.m. with no meeting held on July 4th due to Independence Day. Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the meeting days and time. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the primary official county newspaper with Holdrege Daily Citizen. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

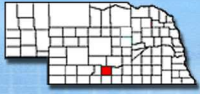
Cruise moved, seconded by Streeter, to retain the following appointments of Bobby Hamilton as Road Supt & part-time Weed Supt., Justin Norris as Emergency Management; Travis Horner as Veteran’s Service Officer and Ron Melbye as part-time Planning and Zoning. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Gregg, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

Nutt moved, seconded by Malm, to approve the legal holidays and close early dates for 2023. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

## LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2023:

Monday, Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Oct. 9	Columbus Day
Monday, Feb. 20	President’s Day	Friday, Nov. 10	Veterans Day
Friday, April 28	Arbor Day	Thursday, Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day	Friday Nov. 24	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth Day	Monday Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day	Monday, Jan. 1	New Year’s Day 2024
Monday, Sept. 4	Labor Day		

## COURTHOUSE EARLY CLOSE DATES:



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Friday, April 7, Good Friday at noon

Ostgren moved, seconded by Gregg, to set the mileage rate for 2023 at .655¢ and the sheriff fee for serving papers at .685¢ based on the information from the state auditor. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed procedures on citizens comments and after discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to have public comment limited to 5 minutes per citizen. Roll call vote was Cruise, no; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization. Larissa Davenport, Deputy Assessor, Sally Fox County Clerk, Pattie Meguire, County Treasurer and Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, County Attorney were present. Patti reviewed the 2023 exempt motor vehicle list and after discussion Streeter moved, seconded by Ostgren, to approve the 2023 tax exempt motor vehicle list. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried. Larissa reviewed the permissive exemption application from Phelps County Historical Society and after discussion Gregg moved, seconded by Streeter, to accept the permissive exemption application. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Nutt, yes; Gregg, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of Commissioners at 9:21 a.m.

Patti Meguire, County Treasurer, met with the Board to talk about an application for investment of funds from Nebraska CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System). The Board gave Patti approval to research the Nebraska CLASS Trust to see if she wants to invest in the company.

Malm moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve resolution 23-1 on bank deposits with banking institutions from First State Bank of Bertrand; First State Bank of Loomis; First Interstate Bank; First Tier Bank, Bruning State Bank; The First State Bank of Holdrege and NPAIT. Roll call vote was Cruise, yes; Ostgren, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Nutt, yes; Malm, yes; Puls, yes. Motion carried.

The Board approved the 2023 committee appointments.

Barb discussed a meeting she attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Sally Fox, County Clerk

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Theresa Puls, Chairman of the Board