



Phelps County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS ROOM, HOLDREGE, NE
9:00 A.M. January 3, 2017

The Phelps County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2017 as advertised, with Commissioners Tom Nutt; Russ Cruise; Rick Streeter; Shelley Brenn; Matt Gregg; Theresa Puls and Jim Ostgren present. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ostgren. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jim announced the open meeting law would be in effect and that a copy is posted on the wall. Brenn moved, seconded by Gregg, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board went into session as a Board of Equalization with Sally Fox, county clerk present. The Board discussed the exempt motor vehicle list from the treasurer's office. Nutt moved, seconded by Cruise, to approve the 2017 tax exempt motor vehicle list. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session as a Board of commissioners at 9:03 a.m.

Gene Samuelson, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the SCALES Agreement and to add Clay County. Brenn moved, seconded by Streeter, to approve the signing and adding Clay County to SCALES Agreement. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Bobby Hamilton, Highway Supt., met with the Board to discuss replacing bridge #C006911310 which is a timber bridge with a corrugated metal pipe (CMP). The county will be responsible for the construction and Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District will be responsible for future maintenance and repair. The county will need to sign a letter of consent and a letter of understanding with Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District to go forward with this project. After discussion Cruise moved, seconded by Nutt, to approve the signing of the letter of consent and letter of understanding with Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

Brenn moved, seconded by Puls, to approve the reappointment of Shane Wohlgemuth and the appointment of Jeanette Lindstrom for a 3 year term to the Phelps County Extension Board as requested in a letter from Todd Whitney, Extension Educator. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed amending the zoning regulation on set back for new tree planting. It currently reads, planting of trees and planting of trees as shelter belts shall have a minimum set back of 40 feet measured from the rural or highway right-of-way and would like to amend it to reflect that the minimum set back is 25 feet. Cruise moved seconded by Streeter, to approve resolution 17-1 to amend the regulations to change the minimum set back to 25 feet of new tree planting. Roll call vote was Nutt, yes; Cruise, yes; Brenn, yes; Streeter, yes; Gregg, yes; Puls, yes; Ostgren, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Sally Fox, County Clerk

James Ostgren, Chm. Bd. of Commissioners