



Colfax County Board Minutes



December 14, 2021
Commissioners Meeting
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 14th day of December, 2021. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice. Availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the board. Copies of the Open Meetings Act were posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The chairman stated a copy of the Open Meeting Act statute is posted and available to the public.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 11/23/2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the general assistance clerk.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. The board reviewed January 2022 items – (meeting dates, wages, and board chairman).

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the district court clerk.

The sheriff's November monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his November monthly report and claim reimbursements for December 7, 2021.

The board received a copy of the November public defender report.

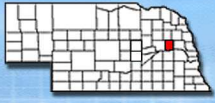
Julia Kreikemeier /Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of her office. The University of Nebraska received four applications for the position of Extension Educator for Agriculture; she will keep us updated on filling the open position for Colfax County.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office.

The county attorney reviewed the 2023 Community-Based Juvenile Service Aid CB application with the board. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the chairman to sign the 2023 Juvenile Service Aid CB Grant application with the crime commission for the Community-based Grant for the amount of \$54,797.00. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held if the county should participate in the proposed Opioids Settlement Agreement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc, Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (collectively "Janssen"). The clerk contacted the state auditor and was advised that restrictions are on these settlement funds and a separate fund will need to be created. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to authorize the chairman to sign the Opioids Settlement Participation Form. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The public defender informed the commissioners that the two-year term of his contract will be lapsing in the month of January, 2022. He would like to continue his position under contract but has some suggestions regarding the public defender contract (wage and revision of section 1 and 2). The board agrees with his recommendations to the contract which will be placed on January 11, 2022 agenda.

The Colfax County Personnel Committee met Friday, December 3rd and discussed adding Juneteenth National Independence Day commemorating the end of slavery in the United States to the list of Holidays to be observed by the County. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve adding Juneteenth National Independence Day to the list of Holidays observed by the County and to be included in the Colfax County Employee Handbook. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an “Agenda-less meeting”.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The new hire for Zoning gave a report of the NACO convention she attended last week; a public hearing will be held at the December 28th meeting.

The highway superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects; correspondence was read from Nebraska Department of Transportation that the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is available to review online. An open house for the 1- & 6-Year Road Improvement plan will be held in Clarkson during the month of January. December 23, 2021 a safety meeting will be held at the Schuyler Road Shop.

The clerk summarized the day’s agenda and action taken.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to meet again December 28, 2021. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen, and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, duly elected and qualified County Clerk of said county, do hereby state that the above minutes were recorded by me, are true and correct to my knowledge, are recorded in the Commissioners Records and were completed for public inspection and publication on the 15th day of December, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk