



Colfax County Board Minutes



January 11, 2022
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 11th day of January, 2022. 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 Wendt; second Mejstrik to re-organize for 2022 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as county board chair and authorize Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of county board chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Lisa Svehla and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Robert Dahlstedt. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/28/2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The general assistance clerk gave a report of the activities of her department, no need to enter into executive session.

Julie Kreikemeier/Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of her office. A candidate will be interviewed for the position of WICS Educator. The Commissioners are invited to attend the presentation and interview that will be held Friday, January 14th.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received. Correspondence from University of Nebraska Lincoln regarding Extension Assistant equity adjustment of salary to begin January 1, 2022 was read.

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

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

The board received a copy of the December public defender report and summary of hours worked for year 2021.

The vet service officer provided his December monthly report and claim reimbursements for December 21, 2021, January 4, 2022 and January 18, 2022.



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The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department. An outline on procedures for him to follow on problem areas was discussed. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Anthony Zakrzewski as weed superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the State Report will be on the January 25, 2022 agenda.

The board provided an opportunity for county employee's to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the meetings of the board as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's and have the county website: www.colfaxne.com as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2022. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-11-2022(1) that authorizes the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to appoint Mark Arps as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Lisa Svehla as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-11-2022(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-11-2022(3) setting the salaries for the term starting in 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the revised mileage rate of \$0.585 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees beginning January 1, 2022; further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the position of public defender with Jerod L. Trouba; a two-year agreement in the amount of \$75,000.00 (\$6,250.00) monthly installments; effective date January 1, 2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Colfax County for the continuing use of the case management software. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; DEE notices that were reviewed: Mike Dlouhy Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for NPDES General Permit, Dean Urban Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for a NPDES General Permit; Calvin Urban Livestock Concentrated Animal Feed Operation on a NPDES General Permit.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to appoint Nancy Marty as Zoning Administrator. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to appoint Mark Arps as Flood Plan Administrator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Emergency Manager gave a report of the activities of his department. Shortage of masks were discussed and his stockpile is for the first responders.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Manager. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road and bridge projects was given. February 22, 2022 the road employees will attend Traffic Control Training. The public meeting for comments of projects to be placed on the 1- & 6-Year Road Improvement plan will be held at the Clarkson Road shop on January 19, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to appoint Justin Laudenklos as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-11-2022(4) certifying proper completion of County Bridge Matching Program Agreement on structure number C001910850. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office. Discussion was held to allow the county attorney to pursue the application for a Samhsa Grant for substance abuse to help support our Problem-Solving Court Program.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:40 a.m. and to meet again January 25, 2022. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 12th day of January, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk