



Colfax County Board Minutes



March 8, 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 8th day of March, 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 Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 2/22/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; he plans on attending a Lower Platte Weed Management meeting in Wahoo later this morning.

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

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP revenue received and NIRMA's 2021 Annual report. Correspondence from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice states that the Colfax County Jail facility was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of the inspection.

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

The sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the board and it will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his February monthly report/claim reimbursements for March 1, 2022 and March 15, 2022 which will be placed on file.

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

Julie Kreikemeier/Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of her department; the position of Water and Integrated Cropping Systems Extension Educator (WICS) is still open for Colfax County.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department; all the paperwork for the 2023 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid program has been submitted.

The county sheriff gave a report of the activities of his department; discussion was held on filling the open positions in his office.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has completed the audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for our 911 Wireless fund; a net adjustment of \$8,686.00 will need to be made from our (2910) E911 fund to our (2914) E911 Holding fund to be in compliance. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 3-8-2022 (1) authorizing the transfer of \$8,686.00 from (2910) E911 fund to (2914) E911 Holding fund. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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

Recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

The Colfax County Personnel Committee met Monday, March 7th and discussed adding under Benefits (Health/Dental Insurance) to add language of: 1) Cash in Lieu of \$400 (for employees who opt out of County’s health coverage), 2) The county will pay \$400.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family. The county attorney has contacted Butler County for their Payment in Lieu of Medical Insurance policy. Once she has the drafted version completed, it will be sent to the committee members by email for their approval. The clerk will place this item on March 22, 2022 agenda for the Board of Commissioners approval.

The zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. Board of Adjustments and the Planning Commission will be meeting March 16, 2022. A public hearing will be held at the March 22, 2022 commissioner meeting.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation to amend Resolution 11-23-2021(2) correcting the language to Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the amended Resolution is a correction to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations in Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit by removing the wording “the lesser of”. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the amendment of Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations.

No opposition to correct the language of Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations was given.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve amended Resolution 11-23-2021(2) to correct the language in Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The planning commission recommends Phillip Wendt to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Phillip Wendt to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The emergency manager gave a report of the activities of his office. Correspondence from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency provided the Monitoring Memorandum for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Colfax County is in compliance with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and NEMA grant regulations and requirements.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road projects was given. March 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. will be the bid letting date for hauling of aggregate for Colfax County; discuss, consider or take action will follow. The bid letting date for gravel will be on April 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.; discuss, consider or take action will follow.

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



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Motion Mejstrik ; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to meet again March 22, 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 8th day of March, 2022. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Viola Bender, County Assessor. Notice of this meeting was given in advance 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. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on real and personal property exemptions by qualifying organizations (Form 451). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county assessor provided the board with the application requesting for Tax Exemption of Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations.

The applicant was present to answer any questions.

No opposition was given.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the following application on Form 451 for real and personal properties that request tax exempt status. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Exemption Type*	Organization Owning Exempt Property	City/Township	Parcel #	Legal Description
Religious	El Lirio Entre Los Espinos, Inc	Schuyler	120-8140	Lots 5, 6, & 7 Blk 5 North Schuyler

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. 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 9th day of March, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk