



Colfax County Board Minutes



April 12, 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 12th day of April, 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 amended agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 3/22/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 8:35 a.m. for the general assistant clerk report. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 8:40 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

Guidelines of our County Burial policy was reviewed; the board authorized a county burial per our County Burial policy.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received. The County Board workshop is June 8-10, in Kearney. City of Schuyler sent their annual report of the 2022 Annual Tax Increment Project Report for the Schuyler CDA.

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 monthly report and claim reimbursements for March 29, 2022 and April 12, 2022 which will be placed on file.

The board received a copy of the March public defender report which will be placed on file.

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

Discussion was held on possible projects to be funded by the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Funds). Three suggestions were talked about. 1) Provide a one-time funding to help senior centers offset their decrease of funding and



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rising cost of groceries; 2) To expand the availability of Broadband service to all areas and all consumers within Colfax County; 3) Bridge structure.

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

Susie Jarecki/CASA Connection Director gave a brief presentation of what CASA Connection is and how the funds she is requesting goes toward the volunteer program that helps children who are in the court system. CASA has expanded to Nance County. The CASA Connection Director asked for our continued support of \$10,000.00 per year for the CASA Program. 2021 full year and 1st quarter CASA reports were also provided to the board.

The Colfax County Personnel Committee met Monday, April 4th and discussed under Benefits “Meal Reimbursement”. The committee recommendation is to remove the “Yes, if not provided by conference/meeting” under One Day Trip for Lunch. Meal reimbursements will only be provided to employees who require an overnight stay. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the revisions presented by the Colfax County Personnel Committee under Benefits to the Colfax County Employee Handbook. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. A report of permits issued was given. DEE notices of NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle that were reviewed. 1) Double J Farm and Feedlot, Inc. 2) Todd Jedlicka Livestock 3) Lazy J Land & Cattle Co.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

The sheriff provided to the board a Memorandum of Understanding RE Columbus K-9 Unit Deployment as an agreement made between the City of Columbus and Colfax County where assistance maybe needed of a police dog with police officer/hander. The sheriff discussed the MOU with the county attorney and surrounding sheriff departments and his recommendation is for the board not to take any action on the MOU with the City of Columbus.

The highway superintendent was not present for the meeting.

One gravel bid was received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline and was publicly opened and read. The former highway superintendent recommended accepting the bid for the gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand & Gravel.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to accept the bid for gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand and Gravel. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 4-12-2022(1) was provided to the board to terminate the Interlocal Agreement between Platte County with the City of Columbus, Colfax County, Polk County and Butler County which appointed a committee of members to study the possibility of a corridor between Nebraska State Highways 30 and 64.

The committee members deem that the projected Average Daily Traffic and large project cost does not support moving forward with additional public funds for a Feasibility/Environment Study. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 4-12-2022(1) terminating the interlocal agreement between Platte County with the City of Columbus, Colfax County, Polk County and Butler County. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was made on Rawhide Creek.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; discussion was held on adding Washington County to the Lower Platte Weed Management Area Association. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve an Interlocal Agreement to create the Lower Platte Weed Management Area between the following counties: Butler, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Platte, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward and Washington. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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



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Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. and to meet again April 26, 2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 13th day of April, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk