



Colfax County Board Minutes



July 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 July, 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 Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 6/28/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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.

The deputy clerk provided the board with a copy of the monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. The State Auditor provided the county's audit report and management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

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 June 21, 2022 and July 5, 2022 to be placed on file.

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

The officials/department heads provided a report of vacation/necessary/comp time of their employees.

Colfax County's audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 will be done by the state; the chairman signed the audit engagement letter.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; his last day with the county will be July 14th. Discussion was held on filling the open position.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office. Correspondence from League of Nebraska Municipalities was reviewed providing an update regarding payments from the national opioid distributors' settlement. A separate fund will need to be created in the budget: Fund number of 2320 – Opioid Settlement Fund with a Function number of 654.



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The board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an “Agenda-less meeting”. Sheriff Messerlie addressed the Board about the purchase of two new vehicles.

The 2020 & prior delinquent tax list and delinquent personal property was reviewed by the board and the treasurer.

The board reviewed the budgets submitted from the officials and department heads. The board gave direction for the officials to follow Resolution 1-11-22(3) for their wage increase. The Board is allowing up to a \$1.25/hour increase for the hourly employees. The board commented this is what they will allow for the budget but does not guarantee that will be the amount of increase given in January.

The county treasurer provided the supporting schedule-comparison statement of uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2022 to the board and it will be placed on file.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; a report of permits issued was reviewed.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. to resume at 10:15 a.m.

Discussion was held on ARPA Funds projects. It was suggested to allot \$50,000 for the Leigh, Clarkson and Howells Fire Dept. and \$100,000 for the Schuyler Fire Dept.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given.

Bids for Projects C19(544) and C19(560) that were publicly opened and read by the June 28th - 10:30 a.m. deadline was reviewed. Eight companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to award the bid to A & R Construction for Projects C19(544) and C19(560) for \$415,729.64. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Matt Kroeger addressed the board regarding a letter he had previously received from the Colfax County Attorney’s office. The board acknowledged on the record that Mr. Kroeger responded to that letter.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to meet again July 26, 2022. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 12th day of July, 2022. The County Board of Equalization met at 1:00 p.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy County Clerk, Viola Bender, County Assessor and June Racely, County Appraiser. 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 approve the BOE minutes of 7/11/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The board added July 18, 2022, to conduct any hearings on form 422 completed by taxpayer as filed with the clerk. July 25th is the final day for equalization hearings.

The board reviewed protests and conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 3:03 p.m. and to meet again July 18, 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Lisa R. Svehla, 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 July, 2022.

Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy County Clerk