



Colfax County Board Minutes



August 23, 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 23rd day of August 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of 8/9/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and a thank you note for continued support from Casa Connection, staff and Board of Directors.

The inmate logs from Butler and Platte County were provided to the board and will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided claim reimbursements for August 18, 2022 to be placed on file.

Julie Kreikemeier/Extension Educator gave a report of her office; a summary of the county fair was given and the office is currently preparing for the state fair. The University is reviewing applicants for her position.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department; she has been appointed by the Governor to the County Court, Fifth Judicial District. Her last day with Colfax County will be September 2, 2022. Discussion was held on filling the county attorney vacancy which will need to be completed withing 45 days after the vacancy occurs.

No need to enter into executive session.

Discussion was held for this year's Colfax County employee appreciation. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve \$1200.00 for Colfax County's employee appreciation meal hosted by the Assessor's office. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

At the August 9th meeting, Schuyler's Economic Development Coordinator addressed the board requesting Colfax County to cost share the writing of a Tire Recycling Grant and a county employee to help run the event. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt on approval to cost share the cost of writing the Tire Recycling grant with the City of Schuyler not to exceed \$400.00. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Egis Technologies provided information on migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution. The benefits of migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution is for security, cyber insurance and end of life on our current system. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the proposal with Egis Technologies on migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A written report by the county sheriff provided three informal bids for the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Charger. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Charger with Cornhusker Auto in the amount of \$38,150.00 Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Shane M. Titus to deputy sheriff with an effective date of July 20, 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Brittany D. White to deputy sheriff with an effective date of August 12, 2022. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

	<u>All Funds</u>	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	46,688.77
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	17,056.07
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	19,184.31
	<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>	
Salaries		1,191.20
COR Therapeutic Services LLC.	Service	900.00
Schuyler Community Schools	June reimbursement	4,856.77
	<u>911 Wireless Service Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	899.33
CenturyLink	Service	484.00
CenturyLink	Service	234.23
CenturyLink	Service	12.51
Frontier	Service	409.12
	<u>E911 Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	122.64
CenturyLink	Service	66.00
CenturyLink	Service	31.94
CenturyLink	Service	1.71
Frontier	Service	55.79
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	287.44
	<u>Road Fund</u>	
Salaries		58,534.45
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	8,181.98
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	56.00
All Makes	Copies	33.71
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Gravel/hauling	1,317.50
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Custom sign	274.57
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts	110.86
Century Link	Service	121.52
City of Clarkson	Service	61.87
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	40.81
Culligan	Equipment/water	96.94
Dept. of Utilities	Services	230.79
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equip. parts/bldg. repair/supplies	699.81
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	200.48



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Egis Technologies	Cable	30.00
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	86.44
Frontier	Phones	126.98
Howells Plumbing, Heating, A/C	Building repair	1,952.10
J & B Auto	Oil filters	218.88
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	52.16
Roger Jindra	Easements	1,556.00
John's Tire Sales	Tire repair	536.34
Mark Kabes	Easements	3,160.00
Kit Held Trucking LLC	Hauling/rock	5,291.52
Gerald & Joann Kratochvil	Easements	1,776.00
Mark D. Kratochvil	Temp Easement	50.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	110,577.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services/labor/transportation	1,189.95
Main Express LLC	Fuel	163.94
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	8,010.20
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	68.37
Menards	Shop tools	412.88
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/bolts	32,005.71
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	2,134.94
NNSWC Landfill	Demolition material	191.04
Occupational Health Services	Screening	325.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,004.14
Naoma F. Pencil	Easements	1,980.00
Pinnacle Bank	Spartan camera	15.99
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	3,926.33
QC Supply LLC	Wash bay hose	106.95
Road Builders	Equipment parts/labor	2,425.67
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	210.90
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	14,076.92
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.92
Village of Howells	Service	76.45
Village of Leigh	Service	19.25

General Fund

Salaries		193,579.89
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	22.43
Breanna D. Anderson-Flaherty	Atty fees	275.50
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP/Transport	480.00
Mark L. Arps	Meals	46.19
Viola Bender	Employee appreciation	1,200.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	117.50
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Bomgaars Supply	Dog food/totes/cabinet	344.94
Burke Brown III	Atty fees	1,320.50
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	8,050.00
Butler County Clinic PC	Medical expense	240.00
Butler County Sheriff	Canine 2nd payment	2,750.00

Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,890.49
Century Link	Long distance	90.76
Century Link	General	853.21
CHI Health	Medical expense	673.00
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	54.00
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	66.67
Clarkson Public School	Art exhibit	50.00
Clerk of Supreme Court	Court fees	356.00
CMRS-FP	Postage Machine	500.00
Colfax County Clerk	Petty cash/postage	39.65
Colfax County Court	Court costs	184.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/business cards/envelopes	1,542.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	52.50
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	106.74
Columbus Tire & Service Inc.	Alignment	89.95
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	296.63
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	168.13
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Probation/mileage	4,933.86
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	1,288.02
Culligan	Equipment/water	263.44
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	1,778.79
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	175.08
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,090.39
DetectaChem, Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	273.40
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage	268.22
Douglas County Court	Certified copy	3.25
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/printers	1,668.87
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	109.12
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/switch/UPS	4,310.24
Farm & Home Publishers, LTD	Plat books	945.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	844.81
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	17.50
First Impressions	Law enforcement supplies	1,280.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage Machine	89.85
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	135.32
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	438.71
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Polos/patches	103.00
Hampton Inn	Lodging	348.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.76
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Hein Auto Body	Vehicle repair	2,396.33
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty fees	671.65
Howells Community Catholic School	Art exhibit	50.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,023.54
Howells Journal	Notices/subscriptions	380.00
Howells-Dodge Consolidated	Art exhibit	50.00
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	628.39
J Brian Wessling DDS PC	Medical expense	262.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Badge	42.99
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	99.58
John's Tire Sales	Tires/oil change/vehicle repair	448.56



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Jones Automotive Inc,	Computer dock	1,197.78
Denise Kracl	Mileage	42.50
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage	288.13
Kroeger Body Shop Inc.	Vehicle repair	1,099.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Paper service	18.62
Leigh Community School	Art exhibit	50.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices/proceedings	944.64
Lynn Peavey Co.	Law enforcement supplies	585.22
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	76.27
Main Express LLC	Fuel	401.14
Menards	Janitorial supplies/equip/batteries	244.05
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	2,326.99
MIPS	Software support/website	3,400.62
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	1,178.00
NE Real Property Appraiser Board	Renewal	320.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations	90.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage	190.00
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	54.00
Pinnacle Bank	Cover/cuff/hooks/adobe/night sticks	707.26
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	8,500.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,486.51
Platte Valley Humane Society	Animal care	150.00
Police Officers' Association	Handbooks	232.50
Postmaster	PO Box	224.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	255.01
Jason Reed	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Reinecke Motor Co.	Vehicle repair	82.34
Schieffer Signs	Judicial signs	1,485.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Art exhibit	50.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	1,740.15
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	957.60
St. John Neumann	Art exhibit	50.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	12,567.00
State of NE-Probation Dist. #5	County share	21,152.56
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
The Write Hand of Justice LTD	Atty fees	1,235.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporter	Mental Health hearing	433.06
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	984.78
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Maintenance contract	5,558.88
Trane	Building repair	2,217.28
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract/Atty fees	6,915.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	153.76
US Cellular	Cell phone	94.03
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	189.50
Verizon	Cell phone	122.18
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	45.67
Wanek Pharmacy	Pharmacy	117.57

Wayne's Repair	Oil change	47.95
Sandy Zoubek	Mileage	416.24

The board reviewed the proposed FY22-23 county budget with the county clerk. The certified valuation of the county was provided from the assessor.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 8-23-2022(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the county board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to set Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. as the date and time for the FY22-23 county budget hearing and approximately 8:30 a.m. (following the county budget hearing) as the hearing for approval of the county's tax request. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to increase restricted funds of the FY22-23 budget by an additional 1% over the allowable 2.5%. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; the slide presentation from the Maple Creek Watershed Plan & Environmental Assessment Advisory Team meeting of August 16th was provided to the board.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation for Resolution 8-23-2022(2) to add Conservation/Preservation Easements to Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the Resolution is an amendment to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations to add Conservation/Preservation Easements. On August 17th the planning commission heard a presentation from the County Attorney on Conservation/Preservation Easements. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the Conservation/Preservation Easements to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations.

No opposition to add the Conservation/Preservation Easements in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations was given.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve Resolution 8-23-2022(2) to add the Conservation/Preservation Easements in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the sheriff.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The board reviewed the fall general notice of "Noxious Weeds must be Controlled" which needs to be placed in all local newspapers. The board directed the clerk to email the notice to the local newspapers due to the open position of Weed Superintendent. The board discussed the safety issues of proper footwear for road employees. The board agreed to contribute \$200 every other year toward the purchase of composite toe shoes/boots.

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



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Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. to meet again September 13, 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. 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 24th day of August, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk