



Colfax County Board Minutes



September 13, 2022
Budget Hearing
Minutes

The Budget Hearing for Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 13, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. in the in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Schuyler Sun on September 7, 2022.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The board chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One county official appeared for the hearing.

The clerk presented the final FY22-23 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers and the property tax request.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to close the Budget Hearing at 8:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:25 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One county official appeared for the hearing.

The clerk informed the board that this year's tax request of \$5,681,682.77 will require a levy of .280353 which is lower than last year's levy of .284883.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 8:35 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

September 13, 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 13th day of September, 2022. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. following the Budget Hearing in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. 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: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 8/23/2022. 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.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-13-2022(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY22-23 county budget. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the Resolution 9-13-2022(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .280353. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-13-2022(3) that provides a transfer of \$2,841,280.29 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the resolution 9-13-2022(4) that provides a transfer of \$6,258.44 from the 911 Wireless Fund to the E911 Holding Fund. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-13-2022(5) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-13-2022(6) that provides a transfer of \$6,546.05 from the General Fund to the Drug Court Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 21, 2022 at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials. Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members form needs to be returned to the NIRMA office by September 26, 2022. A Law Enforcement and Safety specialist was also hired by NIRMA. Correspondence from Jueswi Person Specul was read.

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

The vet service officer provided his August Veteran Service Office report and claim reimbursements for August 30, 2022 to be placed on file.

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

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

A letter of resignation from the county attorney was presented to the board. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the written resignation of county attorney effective September 2, 2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to Timberwolf Lounge and Grill for an event on October 22, 2022 to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; a report of zoning permits issued was given. This week she will be attending a three-day zoning conference in Kearney.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The bid letting date for Project C19(558) will be October 11, 2022 at 10:30a.m.; discuss, consider or take action will follow. Discussion was held to purchase a motor grader by the bid letting process in the month of October.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the Schuyler Cooperative Proposed Construction Project over Colfax County Road D located in Richland was reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the MOU between Schuyler Coop and Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Chriss and Nancy Kroeger addressed the board on the final decision of the easement on County Road 17 South of Road D. General discussion followed.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to enter into executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss pending ligation on County Road 17 South of Road D. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 11:25 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:35 a.m. and to meet again September 27, 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 14th day of September, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk