



Colfax County Board Minutes



October 11, 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 11th day of October, 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 Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 9/27/2022 and 10/5/2022. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The general assistance clerk provided the guidelines to the board for their biennial review, no need to enter into executive session.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. County Government Day will be held November 14th. Correspondence read: 1) Lower Elkhorn NRD notifying local governments that they are accepting applications for their Community Forestry Incentive Program; 2) A thank you from the Sons of American Legion Squadron #155 (Howells); 3) Ron Vavrina requesting handicap chairs for the driver's license area and more handicap parking.

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

No monthly report from the sheriff.

The vet service officer provided his monthly report to be placed on file.

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

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Homestead Bank.

The board discussed filling the position of Colfax County Attorney; interviews were held October 5th. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to appoint Bruce J. Prenda to fill the vacancy of county attorney effective October 17, 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

A telephone conference was held with Mark DeDiana/consulting services to discuss eligible uses of the ARPA Funds. Colfax County has two senior centers which are non-profit organizations that has experienced a negative economic impact due to COVID. Receipts from the Schuyler Senior Citizen Center of a meat slicer, 3 shelf stainless steel utility cart, knife and frying pans were presented for consideration of reimbursement. It was determined this is an eligible reimbursement. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve \$790.84 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund to the Schuyler Senior Citizen Center. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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

The treasurer discussed the 2021 & prior delinquent tax list with the board. The treasurer’s recommendation is to have one County Sales Tax Certificate written. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the treasurer to write one County Tax Sale Certificate (parcel number: 0130010000). Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; an update of zoning permits issued was reviewed. A public hearing will be held at the October 25th meeting. The planning commission recommends Clancy Ahrens to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Clancy Ahrens to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee recommends John Bunner to fill the vacancy of Cecil Fields who moved out of Colfax County. Motion Mejstrik, second Wendt to approve the appointment of John Bunner to the veteran service committee. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Bids for Project C19 (558) that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Eight companies submitted bids. The highway superintendent and road consultant reviewed the bids. The highway superintendent’s recommendation was Kohl Construction Inc. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to award the bid of Project C19 (558) to Kohl Construction Inc. for \$69,137.80. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again October 25, 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 11th day of October, 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.

The board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county’s political subdivisions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the following tax request and adopt the following tax rates of the political subdivision of the county Pursuant to 77-1601(1). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2022-2023 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
5,681,682.77	General Fund.....	0.280353		2,026,618,963.00
	<u>City and Village Levies</u>			
659,760.90	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.275626		239,368,515.00



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103,890.00	City of Schuyler (Bond).....	0.043401	0.319027	239,368,515.00
160,069.32	City of Clarkson.....	0.5		32,013,864.00
73,653.90	Village of Howells (General).....	0.245696		29,977,595.00
109,449.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.365103	0.610799	29,977,595.00
124,817.00	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.5		24,963,380.00
12,325.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.049373	0.549373	24,963,380.00
18,462.80	Village of Rogers.....	0.449993		4,102,908.00
13,060.37	Village of Richland.....	0.248841		5,248,476.00
Fire District Levies				
153,335.93	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.013431		1,141,679,664.00
75,000.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.006569	0.020000	1,141,679,664.00
90,002.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.02		450,012,322.00
65,936.29	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.01366		482,681,452.00
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.00634		482,681,452.00
36,201.11	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.0075	0.027500	482,681,452.00
69,686.69	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.012913		539,683,458.00
38,250.00	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.007087	0.020000	539,683,458.00
	Dodge Fire District (Dodge sets)	0.023608		

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100 Actual Value</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
3,509,599.97	39	General.....	0.771013		455,193,330.00
326,188.00	39	Building.....	0.071659		455,193,330.00
691,893.86	39	Bond (K-12).....	0.152	0.994672	455,193,330.00
3,262,185.20	58	General.....	0.7717		422,727,122.00
42,272.71	58	Building.....	0.01	0.781700	422,727,122.00
4,099,696.34	70	General.....	0.52812		776,281,395.00
505,051.00	70	Building.....	0.06506	0.593180	776,281,395.00
14,070,239.00	123	General.....	0.953703		1,475,327,274.00
606,061.00	123	Special Building.....	0.04108		1,475,327,274.00
1,411,492.00	123	Bond	0.095673		1,475,223,083.00
404,040.00	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.027386	1.117842	1,475,327,274.00
	595	North Bend General.....	0.59452	0.719492	(set up by Dodge)



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595	North Bend Bond (3/12/13).....	0.033053	(set up by Dodge)
595	North Bend Building	0.071672	(set up by Dodge)
595	North Bend Capital Purpose.....	0.020247	(set up by Dodge)

Special Levies

2,250,354.00	Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)	0.015		15,002,358,373.00
236,782.80	Pathways 2 Tomorrow (Dodge sets)	0.004896		4,836,244,866.00
2,750,201.46	Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)	0.015		18,334,676,433.00
38,798,425.07	Central Comm. College- General (Hall sets).....	0.067262		57,682,220,414.00
10,567,607.74	Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets).....	0.01832		57,682,220,414.00
2,705,549.94	Central Comm. College-Haz Mat(Hall sets)	0.00469	0.090272	57,682,220,414.00
182,395.71	Colfax County Ag Society- General.....	0.009		2,026,618,963.00
60,798.57	Colfax County Ag Society- Capital.....	0.003	0.012000	2,026,618,963.00
3,234.53	Platte Valley Drainage District.....	0.004785		67,598,664.00
4,522,473.97	Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets).....	0.022968		19,690,697,089.00
3,480,714.52	Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets).....	0.031404		11,083,737,004.00
0	SID #1	0		5,361,349.00
0	Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC	0		1,323,185.00
0	Loves Travel Stop	0		2,809,500.00

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:05 a.m. 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 12th day of October, 2022.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk