



Colfax County Board Minutes



January 10, 2023
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 10th day of January 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. 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. The 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 re-organize for 2023 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as county board chair and authorize Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of county board chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Lisa Svehla and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Robert Dahlstedt. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/27/2022. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the general assistance clerk.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report and the yearly report of Local Drug Court from the district court clerk.

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

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

The vet service officer provided his December monthly report and claim reimbursements for December 20, 2022, and January 3, 2023.

The weed superintendent position is still vacant. Interviews were held and the position was offered. The board asked a former weed superintendent if he could complete the annual State Report which is due at the end of the month. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the chairman to sign the annual Weed Reports submitted to the state. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of his department; a report of the number of criminal cases filed was given.



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A letter of resignation from Denise Kracl, county attorney, was presented to the board. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the written resignation of county attorney for her to continue to serve as County Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial District. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to appoint Bruce J. Prenda to fill the vacancy of county attorney full-time position which is a four-year term with his salary to be set by the board. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the meetings of the board as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday’s and have the county website: www.colfaxcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-10-2023(1) that authorizes the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 1-10-2023(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Wendt to renew the appointment of Lisa Svehla as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the revised mileage rate of \$0.655 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees beginning January 1, 2023; further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; their planning commission meeting for this month will be held January 18, 2023.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Nancy Marty as Zoning Administrator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Emergency Manager gave a report of the activities of his department. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Manager. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road and bridge projects was given. The public meeting for comments of projects to be placed on the 1- & 6-Year Road Improvement plan will be held at the Colfax County courthouse in the commissioner’s room on January 31, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Justin Laudenklos as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Bids for a 2023 manufactured rear articulated all-wheel drive Motor Grader that were publicly opened and read by the December 13th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Two companies submitted bids. A lengthy discussion was held on the trade-in value. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to reject all bids for a 2023 manufactured rear articulated all-wheel drive Motor Grader due to being dissatisfied with the trade-in value. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again January 24, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 10th day of January 2023. 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, Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney and Bill White, 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. The 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 approved three tax list corrections submitted by the assessor - #2333, #2334 and #2335.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 11th day of January 2023.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk