



Colfax County Board Minutes



January 24, 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 24th 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 Wendt; second Mejstrik 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 1/10/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and November Lodging Tax Revenue. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD stated they have two programs/applications available for local municipalities to solve natural resource problems and create recreational opportunities for citizens located within the boundaries of this NRD.

The November inmate log from Platte County was provided to the board and will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided claim reimbursements for January 17, 2023, which will be placed on file.

Brenda Dolezal/Extension provided a report of the activities of the Extension office, the after-school program starts today. Carrie Gottschalk/Engagement Zone Coordinator discussed filling the two vacancies within Colfax County. Two candidates will be interviewed February 2nd for the 4-H Educator position. Hopefully at the end of March or early April interviews will be held for the position of Water and Integrated Cropping Systems Extension Educator (WICS).

The county attorney gave a report on the activities of his department. A General Order was issued through the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District where the rate to pay court-appointed counsel will be \$125.00 an hour effective July 1, 2023.

Judd Allen/NACO addressed the board on any questions or comments concerning the county's health insurance. Information sheets from NACO Benefits Services on VSP Vision Care and Supplemental Life Insurance were distributed.

The District Court Clerk and County Court Clerk Magistrate presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the transfer of audio-visual components, equipment, or full systems (equipment) to be used in courtrooms located in the Colfax County courthouse. Proposals for each office upgrade were reviewed. The upgraded equipment, installation and five-year warranty and service plan will be at no cost to the county. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the MOU Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership between the Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation and Colfax County. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The courts also requested if they could get on the list for new carpet in their offices since their carpet has become worn. The board would like to review the estimates before granting any approval.

The Schuyler Senior Citizen Center, which is a non-profit organization that has experienced a negative economic impact due to COVID has submitted receipts of \$558.01 for consideration of reimbursement of supplies they have ordered. In October of 2022 the county approved a claim of \$790.89 to be paid from the COVID Rescue Plan fund. The board has agreed to approve \$558.01 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund stating this will be the final reimbursement allowed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve \$558.01 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund to the Schuyler Senior Citizen Center. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik 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	43,237.64
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	18,367.45
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	20,767.02
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,408.40
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	360.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
<u>Covid American Rescue Plan Fund</u>		
Schuyler Senior Citizen Center	Reimbursement	558.01
<u>911 Wireless Service Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	231.16
CenturyLink	Service	3,850.23
CenturyLink	Service	264.45
CenturyLink	Service	13.36
Frontier	Service	464.91
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	2,755.00
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	287.44
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Salaries		58,867.29
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	8,934.13
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	56.00
All Makes	Overage charge	6.63
All Star Auto Glass	Windshield/labor	175.00
Benes Service	Equipment parts	43.03
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/equip. parts/fuel/grease	581.39
Century Link	Buried cable damage	5,190.76
Century Link	Service	120.76
City of Clarkson	Service	65.70
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Heat bulb/mouse trap	14.28
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	155.62
Culligan	Water/equipment	88.95
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,282.85
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equipment parts/supplies/fuel	283.55
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	99.27
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	215.29
Frontier	Phones	136.42
Gene Steffy Ford	Equipment parts/labor	551.11
Howells Plumbing & Heating A/C	Building repair	339.45
J & B Auto Parts	Battery/supplies/filters	489.09
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	59.58



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John Deere Financial	Equipment parts/oil	2,123.83
John's Tire Sales	Mount tires	572.00
Kohl Construction Inc.	C19(558) and hauling	55,128.75
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	6,087.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	574.06
Main Express LLC	Fuel	189.71
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	70.54
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Grader blades/chains	8,720.38
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil	1,707.42
O'Reilly First Call	Battery	208.49
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,326.93
Pinnacle Bank	Camera	15.99
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	5,814.15
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	16.46
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Heating fuel	604.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.77
Village of Howells	Service	76.29
Village of Leigh	Service	19.25
Volkman Plumbing & Heating	Building repair	168.50
Warren Garage Door, Inc.	Building repair	603.00

General Fund

Salaries		213,919.00
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	8.45
Alegent Creighton Health	Medical expense	158.00
All Makes	Copier	209.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	1,975.00
AT&T Mobility	Mobile air cards	640.64
Viola Bender	Prior service	23.08
Black Hills Energy	Service	493.55
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Jean Blum	Prior service	192.00
Lynn Blum	Prior service	92.32
Bomgaars	Gun/staples/key	22.97
Burke Brown III	Atty's fees	503.50
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,558.01
Century Link	Long distance	77.32
	General	846.12
Cintas	First aid supplies	180.91
Colfax County Clerk	Postage	9.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	333.70
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	144.00
Colfax County Press	Subscriptions/notices/office supplies	2,145.46
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	46.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Cancel check/Tower Plastics	1,178.68
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	315,697.81
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical expense	2,145.66
Connecting Point	Headset	29.99
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	38.00

Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	505.65
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Therapy-Probation	745.00
Culligan	Equipment/water	402.73
DAS State - Central Finance	Network service	1,734.79
David City Discount Pharmacy	Prescriptions	39.64
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,968.75
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Programming supplies	37.67
Rodney E. Dostal	Key safe	152.06
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	508.82
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	1,027.12
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/compliance manager	11,561.80
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	2,270.50
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	257.62
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/rotate tires	124.29
Eugene Figgner	Prior service	180.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	17.50
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage machine	89.85
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	487.01
Clark Grant P.C.	Mental Health Board	190.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	458.47
Great Plains Communications	Internet/phone	437.04
Great Plains Reporting	Court reporter	75.00
Ronald Hanel	Prior service	46.16
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.71
Health and Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	1,008.65
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,422.93
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	1,310.10
J & B Auto Parts	Batteries	425.52
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Black name tape	26.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	161.47
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Surveys	247.50
John's Tire Sales	Mount/balance/oil changes	325.90
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	256.13
Larry J. Karel	Prior service	144.00
Janis Kasik	Prior service	92.32
Brian Kluck	Mental Health Board/mileage	108.75
Norman Kment	Prior service	80.78
Linda Ladwig	Prior service	23.08
Sheryl Langdon	CPR classes	20.00
Language Line Services	Interpretation	139.83
Alyssa Ledon	Uniform/cellphone	100.00
Lens Equipment	Law enforcement supplies	1,360.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices/proceedings	480.93
Madison County Sheriff Department	Paper service	58.28
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	97.95
Main Express	Fuel	527.93
Timothy Paul Matas	Mental Health Board	190.00
Minda McKitrick	Water/workshop fee	80.50
Menards	building repair/step stools	483.91
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Lori Micek	Mental Health Board/mileage	116.87
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service/rental	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,236.83



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MIPS	Software support/website	4,898.38
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NAEM	Registration/dues	160.00
National Assoc. of Court Management	Dues	150.00
NE District Court Clerks Assoc.	Dues	50.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Training/lunch	10.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc.	Membership	335.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Annual inspection	120.00
Nebraska Weed Control	Membership	210.00
Katelynn Ness	Program supplies	38.61
Lorene E. Oehrich	Reimbursement	10.35
One Office Solution	Office supplies	264.31
Eleanor Pacas	Prior service	300.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	53.51
Pinnacle Bank	E-Banking	700.00
Pinnacle Bank	Adobe/batteries/jars	456.55
Pinnacle Bank	Flags	95.38
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	6,650.00
Platte County/Eric Mullally	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,190.66
Psychological Resources	Evaluation	150.00
Quadient Inc.	Sure seal	37.05
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	237.80
Jedzia Radke	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Ray Allen Manufacturing	Dog collar	27.98
Richard T. Seckman	Prior service	34.62
Sipple, Hansen, Emerson Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,651.10
Sleuth Systems	Software move	1,175.00
Standard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	12,567.00
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Diann F. Svatora	Prior service	11.54
The Write Hand of Justice LTD	Atty's fees	1,064.00
Timeclock Plus	Annual license	1,088.80
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Public defender contract/atty fees	7,822.45
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	153.81
US Cellular	Service	47.87
Verizon	Cell phone	121.96
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	208.45
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.76
Wanek pharmacy	Pharmacy	142.02
Wayne's Repair	Oil change	84.34
Brittany Warren	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Sandy Zoubek	Mileage	110.08

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

The Zoning administrator gave a report on the activities of her department. The planning and zoning meeting of January 18th was cancelled due to weather, therefore the planning commission was unable to review the scheduled Conservation Easement Application for Daniel A. Wolfe Revocable Trust. The zoning administrator reported the Conservation Easement Application has met all requirements. The board expressed their interest in having the planning commission review the Conservation Easement Application and the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting. Motion

Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the Conservation Easement Application on Daniel A. Wolfe Revocable Trust. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department; projects in the one-year plan and six-year plan were reviewed. The public meeting for comments of projects to be placed on the One- & Six-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. The hearing date for 2023 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan will be February 28, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Matt Kroeger and several adjacent property owners addressed the Board regarding County Road 17. The board stated County Road 17 is a plotted county road to the Platte River. The Board discussed the gate presently across Road 17 and a cable car tower presently in the county right-of-way. The Roads Department and County Surveyor will be conducting work in the area in the next two weeks. Property owners and any others with an interest in property adjacent to County Road 17 were invited to appear again before the Board with formal requests related to the gate and the tower at the Board's next meeting.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:40 a.m. to meet again February 14, 2023. 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 25th day of January 2023.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk