

February 28, 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 28th day of February 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik 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 Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the regular minutes of 2/14/2023. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balances, December Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received, 2022 fuel refund, National Opioids Settlement Funds received and NIRMA's 2022 Annual report.

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

The 4th quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

The county attorney reported there are new national opioid settlements which have been reached with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Colfax County will need to submit a participation form for each settlement on or before April 18, 2023.

The commissioners discussed the American Rescue Planning Act (ARPA) funding. Howells Rural Fire Protection District has submitted receipts of \$56,116.85 for consideration of reimbursement of fire and safety equipment they have purchased. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve \$56,116.85 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund to the Howells Rural Fire Protection District. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the information sheets on LegalShield, IDShield, VSP Vision Care and Supplemental Life Insurance for optional benefits available for Colfax County employees. These optional benefits will be at the employee's expense. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve VSP Vision Care as an optional benefit for Colfax County employees with an effective date of July 1, 2023; this optional benefit will be at the employee's own expense. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

LegalShield, IDShield, and Supplemental Life Insurance are services that will not be made available to Colfax County employees.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve the following claims and issue checks for them with the exception of Department of Corrections in the amount of \$2,800.85. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	42,981.42
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	17,699.36
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	19,932.85
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,271.80
Columbus Area United Way	Repayment of Grant	2,700.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	6,160.04
<u>911 Wireless Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	2,041.44
CenturyLink	Support	12,009.25
CenturyLink	Service	1,100.00

CenturyLink	Service	265.23
CenturyLink	Service	2.21
Frontier	Service	464.99

E911 Fund

CenturyLink	Service	11.48
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E911 Holding Fund

CenturyLink	Equipment/installation	19,529.44
Motorola Solutions Inc.	Equipment/installation	30,339.92

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	287.44
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Drug Court Fund

Morgan Campbell	Reimbursement	34.91
Jill Pokorny	Reimbursement	20.20

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

Herbst Construction Inc.	C19(559)	238,944.00
Howells Rural Fire Protection District	Reimbursement	56,116.85

Road Fund

Salaries		57,715.76
A&R Construction Co.	C19(560)	171,603.67
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	6,054.44
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	56.00
All Makes	Copies	16.33
Bahn's Automotive Repair	Tire repair/labor	23.45
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts/grease	274.34
California Custom Products	LVC Conditioner	16.00
CenturyLink	Services	121.44
City of Clarkson	Utilities	60.35
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop & janitorial supplies	53.34
Colfax County Press	Notices	64.50
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel/chemicals	246.45
Culligan	Water/cooler	96.94
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,580.10
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equip. parts/shop supplies/fuel	147.82
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	107.05
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	284.31
Frontier	Phones	137.47
Gene Steffy Ford	Equipment parts/labor	3,005.81
J & B Auto Parts	Lamp	23.80
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	58.94
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel/hauling	535.63
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	19,162.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	573.62
Main Express LLC	Fuel	314.64
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	69,470.63
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen/shop tool	216.38
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Blades/equipment parts	8,357.41
Murphy Tractor	Motor grader	238,500.00
NE Assoc. of County Hwy Supt.	Dues/registration	160.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts	1,256.32
Nebraska Salt and Grain Co.	Ice control salt	2,019.05
Occupational Health Services	Annual fee	75.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,605.22
Pinnacle Bank	Spartan Camera	15.99
Power Plan	Equipment parts	324.22
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire/repair/service call	496.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/propane	11,465.83
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	EMT lights	599.14
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.79
Village of Howells	Service	82.13

Village of Leigh	Service	19.25
3E	Building repair	27.04
<u>General Fund</u>		
Salaries		204,544.03
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	8.45
Albers All Around	Building repair	145.00
Mark Arps	Meals	22.89
AT&T Mobility	Aircards	640.64
Black Hills Energy	Service	593.66
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Blue To Gold LLC	Training	450.00
Bomgaars Supply	Keys	13.96
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	10,700.00
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical expense	5,870.57
Calibre Press	Training	1,077.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,352.91
Century Link	General	846.12
Century Link	Long distance	79.60
CHI Health	Medical expense	584.00
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	108.99
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	59.06
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	363.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/envelopes/proceedings	3,872.50
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	140.27
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	315,697.81
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	131.90
Comfort Inn	Lodging	129.95
Connecting Point	Headset	29.99
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	568.75
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	4,437.98
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Probation/therapy	298.00
Corral Auto repair & Towing	Oil change	97.50
Culligan	Water/equipment	313.33
DAS State Account - Central Finance	Network service	1,778.79
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,253.60
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeper	2,800.85
Detectachem	Law Enforcement supplies	96.84
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Programming supplies	102.67
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	31.88
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage/pizza	204.01
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	14.55
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	1,272.44
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	533.17
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/port switch	6,859.60
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	3,192.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	495.53
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee/audit	217.50
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Global Public Safety	Maintenance agreement	2,755.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier agreement	171.43
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	423.54
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	170.30
Hampton Inn	Lodging	318.00
Hampton Inn South	Lodging	294.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone/mileage	89.43
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	174.80
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	799.43
Howells Journal	6-month report/notices	1,531.57
Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC	STOP Funds	1,875.00
Indoff	Office supplies	1,190.90
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law Enforcement supplies	62.44
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	52.39
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Surveys	540.00

Jones Automotive Inc.	Vehicle repair	259.77
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	631.15
Language Line Services	Interpretation	189.39
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices/proceedings	597.84
Lynn Peavey Co.	Law Enforcement supplies	118.02
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	82.88
Main Express LLC	Fuel	429.71
Minda McKittrick	Mileage	110.04
Menards	Janitorial supplies/building repair	108.42
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone/meal	142.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,698.82
Mills & Reiter	Atty's fees	741.00
MIPS	Software support/website	3,247.07
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	1,643.50
Mullenhoff Sales	Snow bucket	2,200.00
NACT Treasurer	Dues	50.00
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Registration	200.00
Nebr. Assoc. of County Clerks	Dues	50.00
Nebr. Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations	150.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Ctr.	Lodging/training	425.00
Katelynn Ness	Program supplies	46.98
Cody Parker	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Pinnacle Bank	Program supplies/adobe/bags	100.91
Pinnacle Bank	Program supplies/ribbons/stool	458.68
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	5,850.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,433.64
Platte Valley Communications	Radio repair	264.63
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil changes/tire rotation	287.80
QC Supply LLC	Safety equipment	25.23
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease on postage machine	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	32.82
Jedzia Radke	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel/propane bottle	2,158.16
Schuyler Home & Building	Janitorial supplies	73.69
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	12,567.00
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	1,993.56
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maintenance	243.75
Trouba Law Offices LLC.	Contract	6,250.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
University of NE-Lincoln	Payroll reimbursement	10,557.94
University of NE-Lincoln	ShoWorks license	225.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	48.11
Verizon	Cell phone	122.01
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.78
Brittany Warren	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
William White	Mileage/meals	155.52

Recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning administrator reported that she will be meeting with Keith Marvin/Zoning Consultant to review the zoning regulations that were last updated eight years ago. The Board of Adjustments will have its yearly meeting on March 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Planning and Zoning meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. with a public hearing to be held. The Planning and Zoning board members spoke in support of a longer work week for their zoning administrator, instead of a 35-hour work week to be allowed a 40-hour work week. The board directed the zoning administrator that she is allowed to work up to a 40-hour work week when necessary. After the completion of reviewing the zoning regulation her scheduled hours will go back to the 35-hour work week.

A letter of support for the grant application of Stealth Broadband to receive the Public Service Commission, Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Capital Projects Fund (CPF) grant was reviewed.

The public hearing for the proposed One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement for Colfax County for 2023 was moved to March 14, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

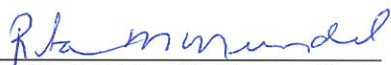
Lucas Luckey/Big Iron Auctions was present to answer any questions regarding placing a motor grader at their auction.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update of road/bridge projects was given. Two bid lettings will be held on March 28, 2023: 1) at 10:15 a.m. will be the bid letting for "Colfax County Aggregate Hauling" 2) at 10:30 will be the bid letting for Shell Creek Bridge Project C19 (555). Nebraska Department of Transportation provided information on how to review transportation projects in the STIP and Nebraska Surface Transport Book online.

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

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:25 a.m. to meet again March 14, 2023. 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 1st day of March 2023.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk