

March 14, 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 14th day of March 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsatrik 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 Mejsatrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsatrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsatrik to approve the minutes of 2/28/2023. Voting YES: Mejsatrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsatrik; second Grotelueschen to enter executive session at 8:35 a.m. for the general assistant clerk report. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsatrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsatrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 8:40 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsatrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The board directed the general assistance clerk to work with a client on a claim.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP revenue and National Opioids Settlement Funds received.

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

The sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the board, and it will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his February monthly report/claim reimbursements for February 28, 2023, which will be placed on file.

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

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

The county attorney helped create a memorandum from the commissioners to be sent to all county officials/department heads asking all offices to do an internal review of their costs with fees, subscriptions, computer systems and other services in anticipation of upcoming budget requests. He reported he is currently working on the paperwork for the 2024 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid program. Forms were submitted requesting reimbursement of funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for custody costs. The county attorney received communication from the state auditor on the Village of Rogers Treasurer for continued education.

Michaela L. Valentin /OPPD introduced Dustin Marvel to the board and provided the Spring Issue of Power with Purpose – Planning a Bright Future along with contact information to stay up to date with OPPD news, outage reporting, updates, products, and services.

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

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

Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. is requesting their members to support a proposed special assessment for a 5-year period of \$0.25 per capita, and for Colfax County it would be \$13,122.50. The special assessment would help with building renovations and wages. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsatrik to authorize Commissioner Wendt to vote for the approval of the special assessment with Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsatrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A letter of resignation from the county treasurer was presented to the board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to accept the written resignation of Janis Kasik, Colfax County Treasurer effective May 1, 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsatrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. The board directed the clerk to advertise the position in all the county’s newspapers the week of March 22nd and March 29th with a closing date of March 31st. The notice will also be placed on the county’s website, NEworks and NACO.

The zoning administrator reported on the Zoning Conference she attended in Kearny March 8th thru March 10th. Board of Adjustments and the Planning Commission will be meeting March 15, 2023. No public hearing will be held on March 28, 2023, commissioner's meeting.

An agreement between Colfax County and Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC) was reviewed. Colfax County's zoning regulations were last updated eight years ago. The agreement will be place on next meeting agenda.

The sheriff discussed the procedure of accident notification from dispatch to the road department.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the appointment of Samantha H. Barnes to deputy sheriff with an effective date of March 1, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report on the activities of the road department; an update on road projects was given. March 28, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. will be the bid letting date for hauling of aggregate for Colfax County; discuss, consider or take action will follow. Two bid lettings will be held April 11, 2023: 1) at 10:15 will be the bid letting date for gravel - discuss, consider or take action will follow; 2) at 10:30 will be the bid letting for Shell Creek Bridge Project C19 (555).

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to open a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving comments, objections or recommendations from the public on the proposed 2023 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan as prepared by the highway superintendent and road consultant. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent reviewed the projects in the one-year plan and the six-year plan.

No public was present for the hearing.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 3-14-2023(1) for the 2023 One- & Six-Year Plan for County Highway Improvements. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a special purchase by a change order on Project C19(532) of a concrete box culvert which is similar size and scope of other previous bid projects. Projects C19(544) and C19(560) were approved July 12, 2022, with A&R Construction. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve the special purchase by a change order on Project C19(532). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The weed superintendent/road employee position has been accepted. Appointment of the weed superintendent will be at the April 11th meeting.

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

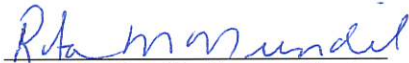
Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again March 28, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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 14th day of March 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Bill White, County Assessor and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. 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 reviewed the proposal with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. to provide appraisal services for the revalue of residential and commercial properties in Clarkson, Howells and Leigh for the amount of \$155,300.00. The board is requesting a contract to be submitted. This item will be placed on our March 28th agenda.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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 16th day of March 2023.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk