

April 11, 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 11th day of April 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 Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 3/28/2023 and 4/6/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The general assistance clerk gave a report on the activities of her department, no need to enter executive session.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received. The State Auditor provided the county's audit report and management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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 monthly report and claim reimbursements for March 28, 2023, which will be placed on file.

The board received a copy of the March public defender report which will be placed on file.

Roderick Boss introduced himself to the board. He reported on the weed conference he attended on March 28th through March 30th in Kearney. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the appointment of Roderick Boss as weed superintendent with an effective date of April 11, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney provided a January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023, quarterly report of the number of criminal filings which will be placed on file. He discussed being appointed special prosecutor for other counties with conflicts of interest. The commissioners authorized the county attorney to act as a special prosecutor and investigate the details for that arrangement.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 4-11-23 (1) to enter an Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County and Colfax County Agricultural Society regarding the operation and maintenance levy for the Ag Society. The agreement shall have an effective date of July 1, 2023. 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".

The clerk magistrate provided an estimate of carpet tiles/installation for the offices of County and District Court. Since the estimate exceeds ten thousand dollars but is less than fifty thousand dollars two more informal bids will need to be acquired. This item will be placed on April 25th agenda.

The board discussed the need to have adjusted office hours the week of May 8th to assist with audit response and office transitions in the Treasurer's office. The office window will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and closed in the afternoons. Notice of the adjusted hours will be publicized in the last week of April. NACO and four surrounding treasurers volunteered to help with the office transition. A list of recommendations to help with the office transition was provided. Authorization from the board to add a signatory to the Colfax County Treasurer's banks accounts was discussed.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to add the County Clerk as signatory to the Colfax County Treasurer's accounts with Pinnacle Bank and Homestead Bank from April 26, 2023, until the newly appointed treasurer appoints a deputy and removes Janis Kasik and Diane Vrba from the signature cards effective at the end of the business day of May 1, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the American Rescue Planning Act (ARPA) funding. Schuyler Fire Protection District has submitted receipt of \$320,000.00 for consideration of reimbursement of the fire truck they have purchased. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve \$100,000.00 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund to the Schuyler Fire Protection District. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning administrator reported on new permits issued. DEE notice on Rick Wendt Livestock Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for an Issued Permit-Construction and Operating was reviewed. The agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC) to review Colfax County's zoning regulations was presented and reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC) on the consultant contract for review of Colfax County's zoning regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comment on wind turbines was made.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

The highway superintendent was not present for the meeting.

One gravel bid was received by the 10:15 a.m. deadline and was publicly opened and read. The former highway superintendent recommended accepting the bid for the gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand & Gravel.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the bid for gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand and Gravel. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Bids for Projects C19(555) that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Four companies submitted bids. Discuss, consider or take action will be at our April 25th meeting.

Resolution 4-11-2023(2) was provided to the board that Platte County is to act for Colfax County and to program for construction of an armor coat for four roadways in Colfax County. Colfax County would be responsible for 100% of construction costs and 100% of any construction engineering costs for Colfax County 2023 Armor Coat project. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 4-11-2023(2) an interlocal agreement between Platte County and Colfax County for 2023 Amor Coat project. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to resume at 1:00 p.m. for interviews of the County Treasurer position. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 April 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, 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 contract 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 was presented to the board and reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the appraisal services contract with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for \$155,300.00. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Assessor reported that the flyover (pictometry) of the county was completed by Eagleview. Their office will make a comparison with the last flyover which was done three years ago. The comparison will help determine any change in land use and physical building.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Resuming Board of Commissioners of Colfax County, Nebraska at 1:00 p.m.

The board interviewed applicants for the County Treasurer position.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 3:25 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.


Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to exit executive session and resume regular session at 3:45 p.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Instructions were given to the clerk to contact the top candidate and offer the position. The appointment for the position will be at the April 25th meeting.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 3:55 p.m. to meet again April 25, 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 12th day of April 2023.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk