

June 27, 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 27th day of June 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 Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve the regular minutes of 6/13/2023. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and April Lodging Tax Revenue.

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

The vet service officer provided claim reimbursements for June 6, 2023 and June 20, 2023 to be placed on file.

Stephanie Bell/4-H Youth Educator reported their office is working on county fair preparation. The open position of WCS has been offered.

Harlen Held addressed the board with concerns about the Mental Health Commitment Act and Protection Order procedures.

No report was given by the County Attorney.

Audra Jedlicka/Schuyler Chamber addressed the board on different methods of advertisement for organizations utilizing the Visitor Promo Fund and her interest of becoming a committee member once a position becomes available.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	46,398.99
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	18,738.24
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	21,117.33
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,344.20
COR Therapeutic Services	Service	235.54
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Bruce Prenda	Resource Guide	228.44
Q-Graphix	Layout	45.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	6,160.04
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
Century Link	Service	1,787.94
Century Link	Service	1,100.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
<u>ROD P &amp; M Fund</u>		
MIPS Inc.	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	287.44
<u>Visitor Promo Fund</u>		
City of Clarkson	Visitor Promo	115.53
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<u>Road Fund</u>		

Salaries		63,817.96
Advanced Fire & Safety	Fire extinguishers/ inspections	851.45
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	9,517.82
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	56.00
All Makes	Copies	32.67
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	1,477.34
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies	142.24
Century Link	Service	125.80
City of Clarkson	Service	85.75
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Janitorial supplies	16.79
Clarkson Wireless	Internet	179.95
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	200.80
Culligan	Water cooler/water	101.50
Dept. of Utilities	Services	242.31
Eakes Office Solutions	Office & janitorial supplies	312.46
Egis Technologies	Web cam	135.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel/chemicals	228.65
Frontier	Service	137.92
Hamernik Plumbing & Well Drilling	Building repair	262.39
J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts	430.03
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	58.47
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	125,169.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	380.61
Main Express LLC	Fuel	424.45
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/Engineering	29,548.76
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	198.80
Menards	Office & janitorial supplies	32.54
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Grader blades/culverts/bolts	25,381.50
Nebraska Machinery	Equipment parts/labor	1,959.67
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	196.00
NIRMA	Insurance	64,056.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	944.84
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	1,861.72
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/mount/balance/rotation	1,230.86
QC Supply LLC	Safety/shop supplies	64.32
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	197.10
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	8,200.21
Ron Tippery	Tree work	1,000.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	GPS	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.76
Village of Howells	Service	82.09
Village of Leigh	Service	19.25

General Fund

Salaries		214,827.86
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone/meals	241.30
All Makes	Copier/copies	134.41
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	3,712.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Tablet/CH camera agreement	4,911.00
Mark L. Arps	Meals/fuel/USB	65.64
AT&T Mobility	Internet/car computers	778.82
Axon Enterprise Inc.	Battery pack	480.00
B-K The Floor Store of Nebraska	Carpet/flooring/installation	8,227.00
Bear Graphics Inc.	Binders/recording paper	502.35
Stephanie Bell	Mileage	109.39
Best Western Plus	Lodging	294.00
Big Red Printing	Office supplies	1,204.90
BK The Floor Store of Nebraska	Carpet/flooring/installation	8,227.61
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	194.05
Aleisha Bohaboj	Mileage/meals	624.97
Bomgaars Supply	Lawn care/program supplies	435.62
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	14,600.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,500.45
CenturyLink	Long distance	77.41
	General	866.45

Cintas	Safety supplies	253.36
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change/tire repair	111.18
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Refrigerators	1,465.41
Clerk of District Court	Court Costs	252.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	173.00
Colfax County Press	Ads/proceedings	982.50
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	101.00
Colfax County Treasurer	NADA Title Book	265.00
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	246.99
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical expense	30,362.33
Comfort Inn	Lodging	239.90
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	472.25
Constellation NewEnergy Gas	Service	572.96
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	559.80
Culligan	Water cooler/water	382.65
DAS State - Central Finance	Network Service	1,756.79
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	654.30
Defensive Solutions LLC	Registrations	350.00
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,980.47
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeper	5,511.35
Des Moines Stamp MFG Co.	Office supplies	169.90
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Program supplies/candy	344.55
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	174.23
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	40.54
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copier repair	3,637.85
Egan Supply Co.	Janitorial supplies	153.51
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/computers	8,473.25
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	703.00
Fairfield by Marriott	Lodging	294.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	915.88
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	15.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage machine	54.41
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/uniforms/meals	100.00
Clark Grant	MH Board	190.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	952.65
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	844.30
Great Plains Reporting	MH Hearing	103.00
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniforms	1,388.92
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	176.33
gWorks	Clerk tab subscription	4,500.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.72
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins LLC	Atty's fees	95.00
Hilltop Drugs ETC	Pharmacy	387.53
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,175.60
Howells Journal	Notice	16.90
Indoff	Office supplies	788.41
J & B Auto Parts	Bracket/adhesive	32.66
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment	Name tags	38.50
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	158.87
Mackenzie Johnson	Witness	20.00
Jorge's Carpet Clean & Auto Detail	Detailing	450.00
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	447.76
Brian Kluck	MH Board	113.60
Kroeger Body Shop Inc.	Windshield repair	30.00
Language Line Services	Interpretation	118.00
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lens Equipment	Law enforcement supplies	742.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices/ads	418.47
Madison County Sheriff's Depart	Paper service	59.30
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	99.68
Main Express LLC	Fuel	315.95
Monty McCord	Patches	420.00
Patty McEvoy	MH Board	147.13
Menards	Janitorial supplies/storage cabinets	2,061.74
Menards	Janitorial supplies	127.72



Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	5,120.66
MIPS	Software support	4,506.61
MPH Industries Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	6,951.00
Mueller sprinklers	Backflow Inspection	450.00
Rita Mundil	Mileage	171.48
NE Public Health Service System	Service	105.00
NE State Fire Marshal Agency	Annual Inspection	120.00
Nebraska.gov	eFile	1.00
Katelynn Ness	Supplies	136.12
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	216.00
NIRMA	Insurance	78,542.00
NSA & POAN Conference Fund	Registrations	525.00
O'Reilly First Call	Seat cover	64.99
Off Grid Preparedness Supply	Law enforcement supplies	109.90
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	382.37
Pinnacle Bank	Incubator/scanner/detector/meals	2,293.79
Pinnacle Bank	Lodging/supplies/power strips/adobe	1,301.16
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP/tuition	11,036.29
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	2,521.03
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	49.14
Platte Valley Humane Society	Animal care	75.00
Premier Glassworks LLC	Windshield replacement	1,783.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil change/tire repair	357.67
QC Supply LLC	Battery/windshield wash	18.14
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	4,000.00
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	486.11
June Racely	Microsoft work	27.69
Radio Time billing	Summer auto safety	267.00
Jedzia Radke	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Ray Allen Manufacturing	K9 supplies	319.91
Reinecke Motor Co.	Vehicle repair	264.56
Jacqueline A. Sayers	Mileage/Assessors test	248.25
School Specialty Select	Robot	2,990.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	554.65
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	205.97
Sherwin Williams Co.	Paint	61.08
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	11,952.90
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	5,250.00
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone/meals	204.04
Thomson Reuters-West	West Law	1,034.02
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trane	Courthouse repair	749.99
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract/attorney fees	7,233.25
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
United States Treasury	PCORI Fees	117.18
US Cellular	Cell phone	47.43
Verizon	Cell phone	208.45
Verizon	Cell phone	121.96
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	44.11
Brittany Warren	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Wayne's Repair Service	Oil change/vehicle repair	179.35
Terry Wendt	Mileage	174.37
Woodbury County Sheriff	K9 Seminar	425.00
Anna K. Yopez	Meals	44.18

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to Rick Charipar Memorial Club 91 Golf Course Inc. for an event held August 5, 2023 at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the FY23-24 proposed county budgets was held; the CPI for May was 4 percent. Directions to the officials and department heads for allowable increases for wages will be given at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on who would print the postcards if any school, city or county are over the 2% allowance with their budget. Nebraska Department of Administrative Services have an agreement with MIPS and NACO.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Nebraska Department of Administrative Services to print Colfax County post cards. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m. to resume at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning administrator gave a report on new permits issued.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to open a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation to amend Resolution 11-23-2021(2) adding language to Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the amended Resolution is to add “except a person who is working in Colfax County or an adjoining county on a temporary or emergency basis. An ADU rented to a temporary or emergency worker under this section shall be limited to a three-month lease term, only renewable for one additional three-month lease term within a twelve-month time-period” to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations in Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the amendment of Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations.

A lengthy discussion was held on the regulations of Accessory Dwelling Unit.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to close the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve amended Resolution 11-23-2021(2) to add the language in Article 3 General Regulations, Section 3.40 Accessory Dwelling Unit in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to open a public hearing at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation for a Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit for Rose Jacobs in the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of S30-T17-R2E. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicant would like to renovate her existing building to a dwelling unit for traveling nurses. Notice has been posted and published and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the conditional use permit.

The applicant was present to answer any questions. No opposition to the to the conditional use permit was given.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve the conditional use permit for Rose Jacobs. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer addressed the board for their consideration for her office to hire another full-time employee.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road projects was given.

Public comment was made on the width of some county roads.

The signage on the Railroad Crossing on County Road 2 was discussed. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejsrik to give Union Pacific Railroad permission to change the Yield sign to a Stop sign on the Railroad Crossings on County Road 2. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to enter executive session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss pending ligation on County Road 17. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to exit executive session and resume regular session at 11:25 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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



No action was taken on granting permission to adjoining landowner Matt Kroeger to continue to maintain a gate that presently exists across County Road 17, under the same or similar terms and conditions outlined by the Board and reflected in its minutes on February 14, 2023.

No action was taken on the applications to grant access and use of a tower cable car presently located in the county right-of-way on or at the south end of County Road 17 near the north riverbank of the Platte River, under certain terms and conditions.

Resolution 6-27-2023(1) certifying proper completion of Projects C001902705, C001902905 and C001903535 which were "County Bridge Matching Program Agreement" was reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 6-27-2023 (1) Certifying Proper Completion of County Bridge Matching Program Agreement on Projects C001902705, C001902905 and C001903535. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:40 a.m. to meet again July 11, 2023. 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 27th day of June 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 1:00 p.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Bill White, County Assessor and June Racely, County Appraiser. 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 practice and procedures of the county assessor's office were made available for all hearings.

The board approved three tax list corrections submitted by the assessor - #2339, #2340 and #2341.

The board reviewed the lists of Under/Over Valued Property/Omitted Property submitted by the assessor. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the Under Values & Over Valued Property/Omitted Property submitted by the assessor (and send board notices). Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 3:15 p.m. to meet again July 6, 2023. 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 28th day of June 2023.



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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk