

July 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 July 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 Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 6/27/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance clerk gave a report of the activities of her department, no need to enter into executive session.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of the monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Clarkson, Howells and Schuyler Public Library submitted their annual report stating how each Library is contributing to their communities along with their budget request.

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 July 3, 2023 to be placed on file.

The Board received a copy of the June Public Defender report.

The officials/department heads provided a report of vacation/necessary/comp time of their employees.

Colfax County's audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, will be done by the state; the chairman signed the audit engagement letter.

Brenda Dolezal/Extension reported their office is working on county fair preparation. The open position of WCS has been filled.

The Weed Superintendent was not present. The board discussed the responsibilities and job description of the Weed Superintendent position.

The County Attorney provided an April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, quarterly report of the number of criminal filings which will be placed on file. He discussed the litigation cost to Colfax County as a result of recent court filings by Kroger's Korner LLC related to County Road 17. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve NIRMA to represent Colfax County in the lawsuit CI 23 24 filed by Kroeger's Korner LLC. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

The County Treasurer reported that her 6-month report is completed and will be published this week. She discussed the number of accounts held with local Banks and envelopes of cash found in her office. The board gave the treasurer directions to deposit the \$430.25 in General Miscellaneous fund due to not knowing if the funds were from private or public collection.

The Board reviewed the budgets submitted from the officials and department heads. The Board gave directions for the officials to follow Resolution 1-11-22(3) for their wage increase. The Board is allowing up to a \$1.50/hour increase for the hourly employees (\$2.00 for Sheriff Deputies) and a starting wage of \$20.00 per hour for new hires. The Board commented that this is what they will allow for the budget but does not guarantee that will be the amount of increase given in January.

The County Treasurer provided the supporting schedule-comparison statement of uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2022, to the board and it will be placed on file.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to allow CASA Connection the amount of \$10,000.00 for budget year 2023-2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to allow Colfax County Library Association the amount of \$30,000.00 for budget year 2023-2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator reported on permits issued.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. to resume at 10:10 a.m.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to K&L Brass Rail LLC for an event held August 19, 2023, at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has completed their Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 with our 911 Wireless Fund; a net adjustment of \$11,881.02 (2020-2021 \$5,842.50 and 2021-2022 \$6,038.52) will need to be made from our (2910) E911 Fund to our (2913) Wireless Fund to be in compliance. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 7-11-2023 (1) authorizing the transfer of \$11,881.02 from (2910) E911 Fund to (2913) Wireless fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department. Discussion was held with the recent rains the need of gravel on the roads. Road projects to be included for the budget year 2023-2024 were reviewed.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. and to meet again July 25, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, 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 12th day of July 2023.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk

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 July 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 1:00 p.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy 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.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the BOE minutes of 7/6/2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No Under/Over Valued Property list was submitted by the assessor.

The board reviewed protests and conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 4:49 p.m. and to meet again July 13, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Lisa R. Svehla, duly elected and qualified Deputy 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 July 2023.



Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy County Clerk