

August 8, 2022
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 8th day of August 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 7/25/2023. 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 into executive session.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received.

The Board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the District Court Clerk.

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly report and claim reimbursements for August 1, 2023, to be placed on file.

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

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

The 2nd quarter CASA report was provided to the Board.

The inmate log from Butler County was provided to the Board and will be placed on file.

Travis Prochaska/Water and Cropping Systems Educator was introduced to the Board. Stephanie Bell/Extension Educator reported on the county fair and the office is currently preparing for the state fair.

Jon Cannon/NACO discussed the resources, training, and conferences available to member counties. An update on Legislative Bills passed and construction of a new office in Ogallala was given.

The County Clerk left the meeting.

The County Attorney gave a report of the activities of his office.

Discussion was held on the Treasurer's office request to hire a full-time employee instead of filling the position of a part-time employee. The Board stated if this was allowed, her office staff needs to follow the 35-hour work week (no comp time allowed). Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to allow the Treasurer to hire a full-time employee. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A letter of resignation from the Weed Superintendent/Road employee was presented to the board. Discussion was held on filling the vacancy, a road employee is interested in the position. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the written resignation of Weed Superintendent effective July 27, 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:30 a.m. to resume at 9:35 a.m.

Discussion was held on changing the dollar amount of personal property listed on the office inventories from \$150 to \$500. The Board reviewed Resolution 8-8-2023(1) that will establish a standardized inventory amount for the inventory statements submitted to the commissioners every July. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 8-8-2023(1) establishing \$500.00 the standardized inventory amount of equipment and furniture located in the respective office for the annual inventory statement. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The Board authorized the chairman to meet with the individual offices to review their submitted FY23-24 proposed county budgets. They also received tax requests from the political subdivisions that fall under the authority of the County Board. The Board has until September 1st to approve or deny the requests submitted. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to acknowledge the tax requests received from the political subdivision that fall under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A presentation of the benefits and cost study on Hwy 30/64 Corridor Bridge was given at the July 25th meeting. A Resolution from City of Columbus and motions from Platte and Butler Counties supporting their continued support of the Hwy 30/64 Corridor Bridge project were reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik for Colfax County to express support for the Platte County Board of Supervisors to continue its research and study of the Hwy 30/64 Corridor Bridge project, conditioned on the understanding that Colfax County is not obligated to provide any monetary support toward the project, and Colfax County will receive periodic updates on the progress of the project. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator gave a report on the activities of her department. DEE notice on Breezy Point Animal Feeding Operation to Notified County of Application Received – Major Modification was reviewed.

The Veteran Service Officer addressed the board about closing the bank accounts with Clarkson Bank, Homestead of Howells and Citizens State Bank of Leigh and to deposit all the funds to the Veteran Aid account with Pinnacle Bank. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the closing of the bank accounts with Clarkson Bank, Homestead of Howells and Citizens State Bank of Leigh and to deposit the funds in the Veteran Aid account with Pinnacle Bank. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee recommends Michael Benesch to be appointed for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2023, ending in June 2028. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Michael Benesch to the Veteran Service Committee. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent reported he received notification of Railroad Gate Crossing Arms to be installed on County Road 4. He will complete the Annual Certification Form of the 2023 Federal Fund Purchase Program with NDOR. September 12, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. will be the bid opening date for Project C19(570).

The board reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form and Resolution 8-8-2023(2) authorizing the chairman to sign the certification. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-8-2023 (2) authorizing the chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again August 22, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 8th day of August 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy County Clerk and Bill White, County Assessor. 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 conducted a valuation protest hearing with the property owners.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the valuation protest filed with the county clerk on James/Natasha Collins. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Lisa R. Svehla, 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 9th day of August 2023.


Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy County Clerk