

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 22nd day of August 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Jim Mejsrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. Absent: County Commissioner Groteluschen. 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 acting 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: Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Absent: Groteluschen. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the regular minutes of 8/8/2023. Voting YES: Wendt and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Absent: Groteluschen. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from National Register of Historic Places sent notification that Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church & Cemetery in Colfax County was removed from the Register due to the church is no longer extant and the property no longer exhibits the characteristics that made it eligible for listing.

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

The Vet Service officer provided claim reimbursements for August 15, 2023, to be placed on file.

The County Attorney gave a report on the activities of his department.

Discussion was held for this year’s Colfax County employee appreciation. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve \$1200.00 for Colfax County’s employee appreciation meal hosted by the Attorney’s office. Voting YES: Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Absent: Groteluschen. Motion carried.

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

All Funds		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	45,300.74
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	18,624.39
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	20,950.51
Attorney Grant Fund		
Salaries		1,727.40
COR Therapeutic Services LLC.	Service	95.12
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	June reimbursement	3,080.03
E911 Fund		
CenturyLink	Service	231.16
Frontier	Service	464.91
ROD P & M Fund		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	289.25
Road Fund		
Salaries		61,425.59
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	7,947.28
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	56.00
All Makes	Copies	10.05
Bailey Ag Supply	Rye ditch mix	935.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts	1,169.69
Century Link	Service	62.91
City of Clarkson	Service	55.64
Colfax County Press	Notices	129.00
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel/chemicals	439.38
Culligan	Equipment/water	93.25
Dept. of Utilities	Services	199.46
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts	370.46

Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel/chemicals	420.60
Frontier	Phones	80.47
Hamernik Plumbing/Well/Drilling Inc.	Building repair	90.90
Howells Journal	Subscription	34.00
J & B Auto	Battery	336.96
J & L Automotive	Tire repair	55.00
J. P. Construction	Easement	450.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	58.25
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	67.70
Kit Held Trucking LLC	Hauling/rock	1,261.58
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	150,510.14
Leigh Motor Service	Mower rent	75.00
Loup Public Power District	Services	419.22
M & O Door Products	Building repair	2,735.00
Main Express LLC	Fuel	236.08
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc	Contract/engineering	51,323.37
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	2,062.58
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	83.56
Menards	Shop supplies/pothole patch	41.35
Midwest Storage Co.	Grader blades/posts/bolts	5,640.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	8,905.48
Occupational Health Services	Screening	67.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,258.40
Power Plan	Equipment parts	531.20
Prochaska Tire LLC	Equip. part/oil change/tire repair	190.83
Prusa Welding	Equipment parts/labor	224.74
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	396.39
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	5,760.28
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	352.78
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.77
Village of Howells	Service	71.77
Village of Leigh	Service	19.25
Warren Garage Door, Inc.	Building repair	629.00
Wietfeld Electric	Building repair	437.27

General Fund

Salaries		215,187.17
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
All Makes	toner/copies	139.03
Americom Communications Corp	Labor	187.50
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,000.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/fleet management	778.82
AT-Scene LLC	Subscription	4,850.00
Stephanie Bell	Mileage	235.80
Black Hills Energy	Service	40.53
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies/staple gun/staples	60.36
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	11,000.00
CASA Connection	Funding	10,000.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,859.87
Century Link	Long distance	74.07
Century Link	General	828.00
CiShirts	Polos	282.00
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	60.13
Clarkson Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	291.00
Colfax County Court	Court costs	413.74
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	1,807.60
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	18.50
Columbus Motor Company	Vehicle repair	160.95
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	399.75
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	106.67
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	38.00
Creative Product Source	Coloring Tote	787.28
Culligan	Equipment/water	308.65

DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	2,133.52
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	99.65
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,954.73
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Grocery	312.00
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	39.24
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/containers	273.93
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	806.03
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	163.24
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,275.00
Everbridge	Nixle 360	5,400.00
Mary Ellen Faltys	Vacuum/baskets	274.26
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	357.59
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change	84.35
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	17.50
Jonathan M. Frazer PC LLO	Atty fees	1,406.00
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	222.02
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	422.15
gWorks	GIS	11,172.00
Hampton Inn	Lodging	563.37
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	128.29
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty fees	876.25
Hilltop Drugs Etc.	Pharmacy	164.19
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,079.71
Howells Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Indoff	Office supplies	695.88
J & B Auto Parts	Battery/belt	276.18
J Brian Wessling DDS PC	Medical expense	470.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	105.39
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	742.86
Kodie Kracl	Drone training	149.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Paper service	18.69
Language Line Services	Interpreting	139.24
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Leigh Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Leigh World	Notice	23.10
Lincoln Journal Star	Notice	91.49
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	122.24
Main Express LLC	Fuel	377.00
Mebulbs	Building repair	622.63
Keith A. Marvin	Zoning updates	2,000.00
Menards	Building repair	24.70
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	2,446.60
Miller Funeral Home	Transport	525.00
Mills & Reiter	Atty fees	9,704.75
MIPS	Software support/website	2,970.91
Susan Muhsman	Meals/bond	62.79
NE Assn of County Clerks/ROD	Registrations	50.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations	210.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Train Ctr.	Training	244.80
Katelynn Ness	Mileage	150.65
O'Reilly First Call	Vehicle repair	11.99
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	467.99
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	33.00
Pinnacle Bank	Charger/camera/microphone/cable	310.08
Pinnacle Bank	Wagon/supplies/adobe/cord hider	903.88
Pip	Office supplies	404.40
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP/pharmacy	5,079.71
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,286.84
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	47.07
Postmaster	PO Box	244.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/mount/balance/oil change	3,655.23
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	366.80
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	403.12

Jedzia Radke	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Miranda Romero	Notary	75.00
Magali Sanchez	Notary	75.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	855.09
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Chain/hooks/key	9.69
Schuyler Public Library	Funding	15,000.00
Sec. of State Rules & Regulations	Certified copy	20.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	34,510.00
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Lisa Svehla	Mileage	11.14
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	607.00
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Maintenance contract	5,558.88
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract/Atty fees	6,250.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	48.11
Verizon	Vehicle tracking	208.45
Verizon	Cell phone	121.97
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	44.12

The Board reviewed the proposed FY23-24 county budget with the County Clerk. The certified valuation of the County was provided by the Assessor.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-22-2023(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the county board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

Voting YES: Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Absent: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to set Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. as the date and time for the FY23-24 county budget hearing and approximately 8:30 a.m. (following the county budget hearing) as the hearing for approval of the county’s tax request. Voting YES: Wendt and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Absent: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to increase restricted funds of the FY23-24 budget by an additional 1% over the allowable 2.5%. Voting YES: Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Absent: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator gave a report on the activities of her department. A review of permits issued, and a possible variance were discussed.

The County Treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the Sheriff.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. A lengthy discussion was held on the importance of ditch maintenance and mowing. The Board verified the fall general notice of “Noxious Weeds must be Controlled” was placed in all local newspapers (August 2,9, 16, 23, 2023). Directions were given to advertise the open position of the Weed Superintendent/Road vacancy.

The County Clerk summarized the day’s agenda and action taken.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 10:40 a.m. to meet again September 12, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Absent: Grotelueschen. 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 23rd day of August 2023.

Rita M. Mundil

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk