

September 12, 2023
Budget Hearing
Minutes

The Budget Hearing for Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 12, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Leigh World on September 6, 2023.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The Board Chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. No public was present.

The Clerk presented the final FY23-24 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers and the property tax request.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to close the Budget Hearing at 8:20 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:20 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One county official appeared for the hearing.

The Clerk informed the Board that this year's tax request of \$5,839,787.18 will require a levy of .254451 which is lower than last year's levy of .280353.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 8:25 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

September 12, 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 12th day of September 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. following the Budget Hearing in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. 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 Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the minutes of 8/22/2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY23-24 county budget. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the Resolution 9-12-2023(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .254451. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(3) that provides a transfer of \$2,982,412.36 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the resolution 9-12-2023(4) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Stephanie Bell/Extension Educator reported the state fair had good representation from the County, and the school enrichment program has been advertised with numerous teacher requests received.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 20, 2023, at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials. Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members form needs to be returned to the NIRMA office by September 25, 2023.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided his August Veteran Service Office report and claim reimbursements for August 29, 2023, to be placed on file.

The Sheriff's August monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The board received a copy of the August Public Defender report.

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

The County Attorney reported on reimbursement from Washington County for NLETC sheriff deputy training costs paid by Colfax County toward a recently resigned Colfax County trainee.

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

A letter of resignation from the General Assistance Clerk was presented to the board. Motion Mejsrik second Grotelueschen to accept the written resignation of Lisa Svehla, General Assistance Clerk effective September 6, 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk introduced Cristal Melgar to the board who will fill the Deputy vacancy in her office. She has placed an ad for full-time and part-time positions. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(5) for the appointment of Cristal N. Melgar as Deputy Clerk as of September 7, 2023. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Wendt to appoint Cristal N. Melgar as GA Clerk effective September 7, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer introduced Michele M. Root to the board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(6) for the appointment of Michele M. Root as Deputy Treasurer as of June 5, 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to K & L Brass Rail LLC for an event on October 14, 2023, to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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.

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. DEE notice on Chile Flats, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on NPDES General Permit for CAFOs was reviewed.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given.

Resolution 9-12-2023(7) which would add Project C19(570) to the One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan was reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(7) that adds Project C19(570) to the One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Resolution 9-12-2023(8) authorizing the Chairman to sign the Project Program Agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Statewide Stop Sign Program. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-12-2023(8) authorizing the Chairmen to sign the Project Program Agreement between Colfax County and NDOT. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C19 (570) that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Five companies submitted bids. Discuss, consider and/or take action will be at the September 26th meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held on hard surfacing County Road 3.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again September 26, 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 13th day of September 2023.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk