

October 24, 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 24th day of October 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.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of 10/10/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, August Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received, Receipt of reimbursement for Sheriff Deputy training cost and Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers. The NACO 2022-2023 fiscal year Audit has been accepted by the NACO Board with a paper copy available on request.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided October 10, 2023, claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The 3rd quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

Bailey Garretson was introduced to the board. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the appointment of Bailey Garretson as Weed Superintendent (part-time – not to exceed a 24-hour work week) with an effective date of October 23, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney gave a report on the activities of his office.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Planning Act (ARPA) funding. Leigh Fire District has submitted receipts of \$56,449.55 for consideration of reimbursement of fire and safety equipment they have purchased. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve \$56,449.55 from the COVID Rescue Plan fund to the Leigh Fire District. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on filling the position of Public Defender with the notice that our current Public Defender will not be renewing his contract in January 2024. The first step would be for the Board to appoint a three-member Policy Board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to appoint Larry Karel, Richard Seckman and Donald Tyser as the Policy Board for Public Defender. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	45,273.45
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	18,878.77
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	20,498.16
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,271.20
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	190.24
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy wage	3,346.61
<u>911 Wireless Service</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	231.16
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91

Leigh Fire District	<u>Covid American Rescue Plan Fund</u> Reimbursement	56,449.55
MIPS	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u> Microfilming/Deeds on Line	289.25
	<u>Road Fund</u>	
Salaries		61,613.66
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	12,826.21
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	56.00
All Makes	Overage	22.55
All Star Auto Glass	Equipment parts/labor	185.00
Anderson Ford	2023 Ford F150	45,989.00
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Dirt	570.00
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Hauling rip rap	3,821.34
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/grease/gloves	893.89
California Custom Products	LVC Conditioner	18.00
CenturyLink	Service	62.91
City of Clarkson	Services	72.70
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Clamps/connectors/screws	14.24
Colfax County Press	Ad	173.10
Colfax County Treasurer	Title/tire tax	15.00
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	216.58
Culligan	Cooler/water	101.50
Dept. of Utilities	Services	218.74
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/labor/supplies	254.57
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	95.87
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	127.25
The Fort	Safety boots	1,404.33
Frontier	Phones	82.47
Gene Steffy Ford	Equipment parts/labor	208.08
Mark Horejsi	Easement	50.00
Howells Journal	Ad	70.89
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	58.89
Kit Held Trucking LLC	Hauling	2,457.23
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	134,481.44
Leigh Motor Service	Mower rent	75.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Ad	53.42
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	405.81
Main Express, LLC	Fuel	74.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	63,264.05
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	4,922.42
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	81.25
Menards	Janitorial supplies	135.61
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/blades/signs	26,257.90
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil	5,952.29
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	993.91
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/mounting	1,561.60
Prusa Welding	Labor	140.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	547.95
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	6,050.97
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rip Rap C	1,324.46
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Building repair	1,947.51
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	366.54
Straight-Line Striping, Inc.	Pavement marking	11,889.60
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.85
Village of Howells	Service	94.09
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25
	<u>General Fund</u>	
Salaries		209,473.51
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Clancy Ahrens	Per diem/mileage	42.51
All Makes	Overage	0.29

Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,535.00
Mark Arps	Reimb/license	50.00
AT&T Mobility	Mobile internet	881.42
Bahn's Automotive Repair	Tire repair	23.39
Stephanie Bell	Mileage/conference	458.64
Black Hills Energy	Service	40.69
Aleisha Bohaboj	Paint/flowers	74.44
Bomgaars Supply	Fertilizer	119.97
Jamie Buck	Witness fee	20.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	3,400.00
Cedars	Electronic monitoring	575.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,528.60
CenturyLink	Long distance	71.72
CenturyLink	General	835.83
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	60.13
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	36.00
Colfax County Clerk	Postage	30.70
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	134.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings	927.45
Colfax County Treasurer	Road Transfer	331,379.15
Columbus Telegram	Notice	7.57
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	32.75
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	105.70
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	2,005.20
Culligan	Equipment/water	960.65
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv	2,668.29
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,168.40
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/laminator	797.53
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	558.05
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,529.00
Electronic Engineering	Radio repair	202.50
Fairfield Inn	Lodging	459.80
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	836.59
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change	57.74
First Concord Benefits	Participation fee	22.50
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell phone/meals	162.36
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	487.01
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	1,431.37
Great Plains Communications	Internet/telephone	422.15
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniform	305.16
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.72
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	90.00
	Beatrice	90.00
Kit Held	Per diem/mileage	45.13
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	990.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	767.96
Howells Journal	Notice	18.08
Indoff	Office/supplies/plates/spoons	553.71
J & B Auto Parts	Batteries	482.99
J Brian Wessling DDS PC	Medical expense	217.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	106.47
JEO Consulting Group	Survey	200.00
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	542.07
Danny W. Kluthe	Per diem/mileage	49.32
Charles Kudera	Per diem/mileage	30.33
Language Line Services	Interpreting	341.02
Alyssa Ledon	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notice/ads	110.87
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	104.47
Main Express LLC	Fuel	554.20
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Wolfe Jetti/engineering	13,361.27
Maximus Inc.	Cost allocation	1,300.00
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	170.30
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone/meals	235.19
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,251.65

Midwest Service & Sales Co.	No Trespassing sign	52.50
MIPS	Software support/website	2,970.91
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	750.00
Nebr. Real Property Appraiser Board	Appraiser credentials	320.00
Nebraska Assn. of County Officials	Post card reimbursement	2,871.14
Nebraska.Gov	Certified transcript	8.50
Katelynn Ness	Mileage/floral	172.55
NIRMA	Legal expense	5,845.16
Keith Novak	Mileage/per diem	18.80
O'Reilly First Call	Capsule	34.19
Occupational Health Services	Screening	1,582.00
Matthew Papa	Mileage	170.30
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	108.12
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	445.00
Scott Pieper	Per diem/mileage	36.09
Pinnacle Bank	Program/law enf./office supplies	1,309.96
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/reconyx	301.88
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	3,500.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	2,373.92
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	80.97
Platte County Valley Humane Society	Animal care	150.00
Polaris Law Group LLC	Atty's fees	579.50
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/mount/balance/oil change	1,765.24
Travis Prochaska	Mileage reimbursement	140.83
QC Supply LLC	Portable gen. tire	29.92
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	334.47
Jedzia Radke	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Relentless LLC -DBA Desert Snow	Workshop	1,427.80
Magali Sanchez	Notary	30.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel/fertilizer	1,831.18
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Screws	8.64
Sec. of State	Conference/ID cards	60.00
Sector	Radio equipment	10,713.24
Mark Shoultz	Mileage/per diem/Zollman Cem	278.49
Sidwell Company	GIS map maintenance	390.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	2,195.00
Sons of the American Legion SQD	Grove Hill Cemetery	500.00
Tonia Soukup	Reimb/training	100.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	34,510.00
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	607.00
Shane Titus	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Trouba Law Offices, LLC	Contract	6,250.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
University of NE-Lincoln	Employee reimbursement	12,306.09
US Cellular	Cell phone	47.92
Verizon	Cell phone	122.04
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.84
Brittany Warren	Uniforms/cell phone	200.00
Phillip Wendt	Mileage/per diem	37.40
Larry D. Wennekamp	Witness fee	20.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	617.28
William White	Meals	67.39

The Treasurer provided three informal bids for the installation of floor covering for her office. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the bid proposal with BK The Floor Store for the installation of floor coverings of the office of County Treasurer not to exceed \$9,461.33. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator gave a report on the activities of her department. A Conservation Easement Application has been presented to her office. The zoning board will review the application at their November 15th meeting. Two DEE notices were reviewed; 1) Dlouhy Feeding Company, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding

Operation for NPDES General Permit, 2) Breezy Point Animal Feeding Operation for Issued Permit – Modified Construction and Operating.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation to amend Article 4 Zoning Districts, Section 4.19.06 Flood Fringe Overlay District (including AO and AH Zones) to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Item H-(11) to read: The maximum size of an appurtenant structure cannot exceed 800 square feet. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Flood Plain Administrator reported that the Resolution is an amendment to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations - Article 4 Zoning Districts, Section 4.19.06 Flood Fringe Overlay District (including AO and AH Zones) to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Item H-(11) to read: The maximum size of an appurtenant structure cannot exceed 800 square feet (prior stated 400 square feet). This is a FEMA regulation that needs to be followed.

No opposition to amend to the Article 4 Zoning Districts, Section 4.19.06 Flood Fringe Overlay District (including AO and AH Zones) in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations was given.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve amended Resolution 4-25-2017 (1) Article 4 Zoning Districts, Section 4.19.06 Flood Fringe Overlay District (including AO and AH Zones) to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Item H-(11) to read: The maximum size of an appurtenant structure cannot exceed 800 square feet. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Administrative Lot Splits for Daniel Cerny, Joel Cerny and Eric Cerny who are wanting lot line adjustments and access to land locked property. No hearings are needed. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the Administrative Lot Splits for Daniel Cerny, Joel Cerny and Eric Cerny. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his office. An update on road and bridge projects was given. He attended the NIRMA conference in Kearney. The traffic counter will be placed on the following Roads: Road 3, Road U, Road V, Road 12 and Road Q.

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

Motion Mejstrik second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. to meet again November 14, 2023. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 24th day of October 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, and William 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.

No clerical errors were found in the levies previously adopted by the board.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 25th day of October 2023.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk