

December 26, 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 26th day of December 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 12/12/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue and October Lodging Tax Revenue.

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

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Homestead Bank.

The Vet Service Officer provided December 19, 2023, claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The County Attorney reported on the activities of his office.

Doug Elting/Independent Technical Consultant with Berggren Architects discussed the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit program with the Commissioners. This program would provide reimbursement for investments in the Colfax County Courthouse or other eligible structures in Colfax County.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the position of Public Defender with Ryan J. Stover; a five-year agreement in the amount of \$100,000.00 (\$8,333.33) monthly installments; effective date January 1, 2024. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

	<u>All Funds</u>	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	45,273.45
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	19,646.60
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	21,294.74
	<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>	
Salaries		1,271.20
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	214.02
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	6,693.22
	<u>Covid American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	
Clarkson Fire & Rescue	Reimbursement	54,472.50
Cornhusker PPD	C19 (570)	39,390.88
	<u>E911 Fund</u>	
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer	6,840.24
	<u>Wireless Service Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	1,026.62
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	289.25

Road Fund

Salaries		58,942.11
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	9,841.99
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	56.00
All Makes	Copier overage	26.09
Bailey Ag Supply	Rye/ditch mix	1,791.25
Bomgaars Supply	Shop/janitorial supplies/bolts	358.19
CenturyLink	Service	26.37
City of Clarkson	Service	85.93
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	21.99
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	61.07
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Equipment parts/labor	316.07
Culligan	Equipment/water	89.25
Dept. of Utilities	Service	575.44
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/labor/bldg. repair	2,729.41
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	275.43
The Fort	Boots	200.00
Frontier	Phones	83.68
Gene Steffy Ford	Oil change	64.87
Patrick Graybill	Trapping	550.00
Howells Plumbing & Heating & A/C Inc.	Building repair	575.91
J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts	46.28
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	62.08
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	1,373.85
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	22,094.38
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	449.94
Main Express LLC	Fuel	309.26
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	32,045.19
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	81.25
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Grader blades/signs/culverts/equip. parts	36,618.75
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts	1,714.72
O'Reilly First Call	Equipment parts	224.48
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	859.78
Premier Glassworks LLC	Windshield replacement	759.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire repair	20.00
Sapp Bros. Inc.	Fuel	156.00
Schutt Construction Inc.	Clean ditch/install 2 culverts	6,435.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	6,229.35
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	752.04
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	348.90
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	165.73
Village of Howells	Service	82.33
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		222,543.61
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Clancy Ahrens	Per diem/mileage	85.02
All Makes	Copies	0.29
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	1,200.00
Mark Arps	Meals	122.12
AT&T Mobility	Wireless internet	830.23
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Stephanie Bell	Mileage	201.09
BK The Floor Store of Nebraska	Treasurer flooring	9,513.24
Black Hills Energy	Service	291.95
Jordan A. Brichacek	Uniform/cell	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	8,550.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,655.33
CenturyLink	General	896.16
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Law enforcement supplies	164.37
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	238.00
CMRS-FP	Postage	500.00
Colfax County	Postage	10.40

Colfax County Clerk	Deposit books	90.28
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	238.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	1,404.20
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	27.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Road Transfer	331,379.15
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	606.34
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	271.07
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair/towing	808.91
Culligan	Equipment/water	487.65
DAS State Central Finance	Network serv	2,239.82
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	41.03
Dell	Computer	3,836.92
Department of Utilities	Service	2,866.86
Detectachem	Law enforcement supplies	498.60
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Supplies	63.32
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	7.37
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/chair mats/copies	1,978.59
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	281.80
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,780.00
Electronic Engineering	Batteries/mounting/connector	2,196.55
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	1,465.06
First Concord Benefits Group	Participation fee	22.50
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Great American Financial Services	Copiers/copies	1,092.21
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	424.32
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniforms	1,141.45
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	170.30
Paula Grotelueschen	Mileage	48.25
Hampton Inn	Lodging	2,279.05
Jennifer Hanna	Mileage	107.63
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.79
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	90.00
Health & Human Services	Beatrice	90.00
Kit Held	Per diem/mileage	45.13
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	503.75
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	767.96
Sara Hopkins	Mileage	103.26
Indoff	Office supplies	1,137.58
Jackson Service Inc.	Janitorial supplies	167.20
Amanda Jedlicka	Mileage	45.80
Jones Automotive Inc.	Vehicle equipment	16,196.00
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	521.42
Galen Kehrl	Mileage	53.22
Danny W. Kluthe	Per diem/mileage	98.64
Keif C. Kratochvil	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Kyle Krula	Per diem/mileage	34.78
Charles Kudera	Per diem/mileage	30.33
Kevin Kudera	Mileage	109.20
William M. Kurtenbach	Atty's fees	1,076.98
Language Line Services	Interpreting	336.30
Laser Labs	Stop Program	546.00
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lincoln Star Journal	Public Defender position	1,086.89
Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker	Lodging	125.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	99.05
Main Express	Fuel	203.06
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Wolfe dikes	38,545.00
Nancy J. Marty	Meals	15.00
James J. Mejstrik	Mileage	171.61
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone/meals	146.58
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,991.86
MIPS	Software support/website/computer	2,751.49
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	750.00
Motorola Solutions Inc.	Radio equipment	6,767.98
Rita Mundil	Mileage	171.61

National Assoc. of Counties	Dues	450.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Sales tax	89.78
NE Assoc. of Emergency Managers	Membership	50.00
NE County Assessor Assoc.	Meal	25.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center	Material fees	284.00
Nebraska Public Health Serv System	Service	105.00
Nebraska.gov	eFile	1.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage	365.49
Keith Novak	Per diem/mileage	18.80
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	370.78
Scott Pieper	Per diem/mileage	36.09
Pinnacle Bank	Deposit books	108.00
Pinnacle Bank	Patches	35.18
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/cabinet/Adobe/Reconyx	1,094.69
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	4,000.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	2,921.57
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	58.14
Police Officers' Association	Handbooks	175.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Service/mount/balance/tire repair	519.45
Travis Prochaska	Mileage/lodging	214.33
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quill	Office supplies	166.29
Radar Shop Inc.	Certifications	878.00
Jedzia Radke	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	3rd quarter	6,883.00
Marlene Rohde	Mileage	125.66
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	1,246.21
Sayler Screenprinting	Uniforms	137.00
Mark Shoultz	Per diem/mileage	56.99
Sidwell Company	GIS Map	1,040.00
Eugene Sindelar	Mileage/hours	540.10
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,377.40
Megan Slonecker	Mileage	46.64
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	17,255.00
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone/meal	109.37
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	607.00
TimeClock Plus	Annual license	1,182.85
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract/Atty fees	6,681.25
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	47.73
US Postal Service	PO Box renew	244.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.11
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	416.90
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.87
Waynes Repair Service	Oil change/vehicle repair	277.59
Phillip Wendt	Per diem/mileage	74.80
Wex Bank	Fuel	258.11

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Aaron Bos/Director of Investment Services with Nebraska CLASS is requesting to have Nebraska CLASS as an official depository for 2024. The board stated this action was already completed at our November 28th meeting. The board approved Colfax County local banks and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) per recommendation from our County Treasurer.

The Zoning Administrator gave a report on the activities of her department. DEE notice on Rick Wendt Livestock, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on Approval to Operate LWCF was reviewed.

Randy Gates/Treasurer of Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition addressed the board on Colfax County becoming a member and to answer any questions or concerns of Colfax County joining the Coalition. Nonmembers waste will no longer be allowed at the landfill. The Agreement to join the Coalition will be on the January 9th agenda.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department. The John Deere motor grader was sold at auction last week. An update of road/bridge projects was given.

The Highway Superintendent reviewed the latest Colfax County Urban Area Map. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the Chairman to sign the Colfax County Urban Area Map. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the Hall Route Agreement between Colfax County and General Excavating. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. to meet again January 9, 2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 26th day of December 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:10 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, William White, County Assessor and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. 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 reviewed the applications for exemption on Form 457 (from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations). Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the following Form 457 requests for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the County Treasurer. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Applicant Name	Vehicle Make	Year	Vehicle ID Number
Benedictine Mission House	Ford	2012	3FAHP0JA0CR344637
	Toyota	2015	JTMRFREV6FD116772
	RAV4	2021	4T3B6RFV0MU051241
	Toyota	2015	4T4BF1FK3FR458284
	Chevy	2013	1GCNKSE09DZ352631
	Ford	1998	1FDXF80C8WVA21501
	RAV4 SV	2022	4T3E6RFV2NU090749
	F 250 PK	1991	1FTHX26G1MKA61219
Camp Luther of Nebraska, Inc.	Ford	2013	1FTFW1EF6DKE56493
	Chevy	2017	3G1BE6SM8HS530498
	Bus	2010	1BAKGCPH2AF271720
CHI Health Schuyler	Ford	2008	1FTNF215X8ED77850
	Heartland	2008	430FD18218M024581
Divine Mercy Parish/St. Mary's Parish	Trlr	1980	NET1036788
	Chevy	1995	2GCEK19Z7S1177353
Ministerio Evangelico Pentecostes	Chevy	2002	1GNFK16Z82J307050
Cristo Viene	Ford	2015	1FBZX2ZM6FKA31601
	GMC	2010	1GTSKVE35AZ104001
Schuyler Cemetery Association	Ford	1989	1FTHF25H4KKA67347
St. Benedict Center	Silverado PK	2011	1GCNKPE08BZ176052
	Fusion SE 4D	2017	3FA6P0HD3HR157357
SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church	GMC	2001	1GDHG31R111124976

The Board acknowledged one tax list correction submitted by the County Assessor – Property ID: 012422001-PP, Statement number: 9061.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejschik. 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 27th day of December 2023.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk