

January 9, 2024
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 9th day of January 2024. The County Board of Commissioners met at 10:35 a.m. (late start due to inclement weather). 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 Grotelueschen; second Wendt to re-organize for 2024 and appoint Jim Mejstrik to serve as County Board Chair and authorize Carl Grotelueschen and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of County Board Chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Matthew Papa and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Robert Dahlstedt. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 12/26/2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk gave a report on the activities of her department, no need to enter 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 Sheriff's December monthly report was provided to the Board and placed on file.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided his December monthly report and claim reimbursements for January 2, 2024.

No report from the Extension Office.

No report from the Weed Superintendent. The annual State Report will be placed on the January 23rd meeting agenda.

The County Attorney provided his 2023 Annual Report on the number of criminal cases filed.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the meetings of the Board as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's and have the county website: www.colfaxcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2024 with the exceptions in the month of October it will be the 3rd and 5th Tuesday and December 24, 2024, meeting will be Monday, December 23, 2024. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-9-2024(1) that authorizes the County Treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-9-2024(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the County Board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Wendt to renew the appointment of Cristal Melgar as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the revised mileage rate of \$0.67 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by County employees beginning January 1, 2024; further providing that the Sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has completed their Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with our 911 Wireless Fund; a net adjustment of \$196.48 will need to be made from to our (2913) Wireless Fund to our (2910) E911 Fund to correct a calculation error of the audit transfer. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-9-2024 (3) authorizing the transfer of \$196.48 from (2913) Wireless fund to (2910) E911 Fund. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the Zoning Administrator.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Nancy Marty as Zoning Administrator. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the Emergency Manager.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Manager. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed whether Colfax County should apply for membership to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition. Commissioners recently became aware that the solid waste of NNSWC nonmembers will no longer be allowed at the landfill. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of membership, including the options and costs to continue or discontinue solid waste disposal at the NNSWC landfill and the possible future liability costs to the County, as well as issues affecting individual county residents and the County as a whole. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign a letter requesting membership to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition. A Motion by Mejstrik to table the motion to authorize the chairman to sign a letter requesting membership to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition failed for lack of a second. Voting YES: Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of the road department. The public meeting for comments of projects to be placed on the 1- & 6-Year Road Improvement plan and a Grant application will be held in Howells on January 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Justin Laudenklos as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The proposal on a phone system for the courthouse with Josiah Poole/Americom will be placed on the January 23rd meeting agenda.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 12:25 p.m. and to meet again January 23, 2024. 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 10th day of January 2024.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk