

March 12, 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 12th day of March 2024. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. 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 Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the minutes of 2/27/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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, STOP revenue and 2023 Fuel refund.

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

The Sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the Board, and it will be placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided his February monthly report/claim reimbursements for February 27, 2024, which will be placed on file.

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

The Weed Superintendent reported she will attend the Northeast District meeting March 15th and workshop/training March 26th. On April 4, 2024, she will take her weed licensing tests in Norfolk.

TJ Prochaska/Nebraska Extension Water & Cropping Systems Specialist reported on writing the USDA NIFA IPM Grant and area pesticide training that was held. On-Farm Research season will be starting soon and crop budgeting/livestock budgeting workshops are planned for the fall.

The Board reviewed two proposals for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, that were publicly opened February 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The Clerk contacted surrounding counties for information on the firms used for their audits. The firm of Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA (GBE, CPA) of Seward was mentioned several times. The Clerk contacted the firm who also sent a proposal.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to reject the two bids opened February 27, 2024, for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA (GBE, CPA) for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the three proposals for a phone system for the courthouse. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Applied Connective proposal for Managed Services, Hardware and Professional Services subject to adjustments for a phone system for the Colfax County Courthouse. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer provided a Certification of a Public Tax Sale held March 4, 2024, and two Resolutions authorizing the County Attorney to prosecute foreclosure of two tax sale certificates: 160 and 161.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 3-12-2024 (1) authorizing the County Attorney to prosecute foreclosure on Tax Sale Certificate 160. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 3-12-2024 (2) authorizing the County Attorney to prosecute foreclosure on Tax Sale Certificate 161. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

The Sheriff provided information on a state bid to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Work Truck with Karl Auto Group. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the state bid purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Work Truck with Karl Auto Group in the amount of \$49,682.20. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator reported on the zoning conference she attended in Kearney and zoning permits that were issued. A public hearing on Section 8.11 Adult Entertainment will be held on March 26, 2024.

The bids for the Wolfe Jetty Project C19(562) that were publicly opened and read by the 10:15 a.m. – February 13, 2024, deadline were reviewed. Thirteen companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to accept Cooney Fertilizer Inc. proposal in the amount of \$750,167.99 for Project C19(562) contingent to ROW negotiations and acquisitions. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of the road department; an update on road projects was given. March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. will be two bids letting; 1) Projects C19(567), C19(568) and C19(569) for box culverts; discuss, consider and/or take action will be April 9, 2024, and 2) Aggregate Hauling for Colfax County; discuss, consider and/or take action will follow. April 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. will be the bid letting date for gravel - discuss, consider and/or take action will follow.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again March 26, 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 12th day of March 2024. 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 Bill 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.

The Board acknowledged four tax list corrections submitted by the County Assessor:

Property ID: 1240685.00-RE, Statement number: 2345

Property ID: 1221545.00-RE, Statement number: 2346

Property ID: 1221380.00-RE, Statement number: 2347

Property ID: 1205760.00-RE, Statement number: 2348

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. 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 March 2024.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk