

May 14, 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 14th day of May 2024. 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 Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 4/23/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided an update on her department activities, stating there was no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging stated the County's share for 2025 Fiscal Year will be \$5,052.00.

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

The Sheriff submitted a copy of his monthly report which will go on file.

The Vet Service Officer submitted the monthly report for April, along with the claim reimbursements for services rendered to Colfax County Veterans on April 23, 2024, and May 7, 2024, all of which will go on file.

The Board has received a copy of the April Public Defender report, which will go on file.

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

Katelynn Ness/Assistant 4-H Educator provided an update on the office's recent activities. Her last day with Colfax County is scheduled for June 19th, and the office is still actively advertising her position.

The Weed Superintendent submitted a written letter of resignation. The Board intends to advertise the vacant part-time position in all County newspapers.

The County Attorney provided a report on the activities of his office. The approval of the 2025 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid grant will be included on the agenda for May 28th.

Recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

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

The 2024/2025 renewal for the health and dental benefits offered to NACO members will have a 3.5% rate increase in health benefits (dental rates remain the same). The Board reviewed Colfax County's benefits/options for employees of Colfax County who may need to have more health coverage than their single plan and how to make it more affordable. The following are the options to our 2024-2025 NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield endorsed program.

- 1) Cash in Lieu of \$500.00 (for employees who opt out of County's health coverage) will be available to employees who can prove - coverage through Medicare, TRICARE, Medicaid or other employer-sponsored coverage.
- 2) The County will pay \$800.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family
- 3) The counties deductible is \$2600; once the employee has \$500 applied toward their individual \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid at 100% by the County (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the 2024 NACO Subgroup Application Form which shall provide eligible County employees health and dental coverage through the NACO endorsed program provided by BCBS. Coverage will provide a PPO-\$2600 deductible on Health and a Dental PPO Plan. Once the employee has \$500 applied toward their \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid at 100% by the County (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service. The County pays 100% of the employees' insurance and an additional \$800.00 toward Child/Spouse/Family coverage with the employee responsible for the rest of the premium. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Board Nomination Form to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for the East Central Region. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to vote for Tim Hofbauer for the Board of Directors on the NRIN Governance Board for the East Central Region. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee is recommending the re-appointment of Duane Schlautman for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2024, to the Veteran Service Committee. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to re-appoint Duane Schlautman for a five-year term to the Veteran Service Committee. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A discussion took place about revising the Interlocal Agreement with Platte County to increase the allocation for Personal Services within its budget. Platte County is proposing to raise the allocation to \$30,000.00 for the current budget year, with an annual increment of \$1,500 per subsequent budget year.

A Professional Service Agreement between Schneider Geospatial, LLC, and Colfax County for the development of a Beacon Portal was reviewed. This service aims to replace gWorks, the current vendor utilized by Colfax County. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to approve a three-year Professional Service Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator reported on new permits issued.

The Sheriff provided a letter that the Village of Rogers intends to terminate their Law Enforcement contract with the County by June 30, 2024. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to terminate the Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Rogers effective June 30, 2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave an update on road/bridge projects.

Bids for the Shell Creek Benching Project that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Nine companies submitted bids. Discuss, consider and/or take action will be at our May 28th meeting.

The County Attorney informed the Board of pending litigation concerning the ownership of the cable car.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 10:45 to discuss pending litigation. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 10:50 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman stated no action was taken during executive session.

No action will be taken on permits related to County Road 17 due to litigation regarding the ownership of the cable car.

Curt Becker/Lower Elkhorn NRD and Jenae Jindra/Clarkson Mayor shared information on obtaining accreditation for the Clarkson dike and raising the levee to meet FEMA's requirements. Inquiries were also made regarding the possibility of the County providing funding assistance for the project.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:20 a.m. and to meet again May 28, 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 15th day of May 2024.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk