

August 27, 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 27th day of August 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, publication in the Howells Journal on August 14, 2024, and the Colfax County's website. 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 Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of 8/13/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Annual Report 2023-2024.

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

The Vet Service officer provided claim reimbursements for August 13, 2024, to be placed on file.

Discussion was held for this year's Colfax County employee appreciation. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve \$1200.00 for Colfax County's employee appreciation meal hosted by the Clerk of District Court's office. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt 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	50,228.95
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	20,132.54
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	21,778.45
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Schuyler Community Schools	June reimbursement	3,346.61
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,028.71
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	3,634.00
<u>ROD P &amp; M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Salaries		61,536.82
Affordable Overhead Doors	Richland shop	7,490.62
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	8,321.66
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Copies	11.37
Bailey Ag Supply	Rye ditch mix	1,005.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	1,776.48
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Hauled trees/cement ties	1,237.50
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/bolts/flags	512.22
City of Clarkson	Service	58.17
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Scraper	14.99
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	65.55
Culligan	Equipment/water	108.50
Dept. of Utilities	Services	281.40
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts	5.18
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	217.67
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	256.63

Frontier	Phones	92.18
Gene Steffy Ford	Vehicle repair	164.75
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	61.37
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	175,086.66
Loup Public Power District	Services	476.60
Main Express LLC	Fuel	246.91
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	2,294.20
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	392.42
Menards	Shop & janitorial supplies	260.37
Midwest Storage Co.	Grader blades/culverts/sander	11,785.24
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	11,056.20
NNSWC Landfill	Waste	685.76
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	534.67
Pinnacle Bank	Hydr Jack	79.06
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	5,532.58
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/repair/mounting	3,746.11
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	496.80
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/chemical	7,345.80
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	550.68
Straight-line Striping, Inc.	Striping	15,733.66
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.91
Village of Howells	Service	89.55
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		229,401.21
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	7,200.00
Anytime Fitness	Usage	120.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/GPS	1,749.80
AT-Scene LLC	Subscription/support	5,095.00
Samantha H. Barnes	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Stephanie Bell	Mileage	191.62
Black Hills Energy	Service	131.37
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial/law enf. supplies/chemicals/equip. repair	344.81
Jordon A. Brichacek	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	19,150.00
Roberto Calderon-Perez	Cell phone replacement	287.93
Cedars	Electronic monitoring	661.37
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,059.39
CHI Health	Medical expense	3,565.00
Ciox Health	Medical expense	20.00
Clarkson Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Clarkson Public Schools	Art exhibits	50.00
Clearly	Phone service	854.64
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	184.00
CMRS-FP	Postage	500.00
Colfax County Clerk	Postage-petitions	86.92
Colfax County Court	Court costs	180.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/ads/business cards	923.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	113.32
Colfax County Title & Abstract	Title search	400.00
Columbus Area United Way	Funding for Transit services	5,000.00
Columns Software PBC	Weed ad	21.46
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	104.26
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair/oil change	2,440.54
Culligan	Equipment/water	390.65
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	1,378.27
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	325.72
Dell Marketing LP	Monitors/wireless keyboards/mouse	2,220.00
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,796.32
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeper	2,893.43
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage	280.22
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	1,459.19

Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	188.76
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/warranty	7,295.40
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty fees	4,037.50
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	196.50
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
Janelle M. Foltz LLC	Atty fees	531.25
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage machine	107.85
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Frye, Frazey & Assoc	Security services	1,575.00
Gabriel, Burger & Else CPA	Audit cost	2,500.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	814.53
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	424.41
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniforms	474.20
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	199.89
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	34.25
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty fees	2,355.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	404.85
Homestead Bank	Checks	75.88
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	770.64
Howells Community Catholic School	Art exhibits	50.00
Howells Journal	Notices/proceedings	1,220.24
Howells Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Howells-Dodge Consolidated	Art exhibits	50.00
Indoff	Office supplies	880.88
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Badges	215.99
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	112.77
John Kohl Law Firm	Atty fees	3,278.30
Eric C. Klutman	Atty fees	281.25
Kroeger Body Shop Inc.	Vehicle repair	716.75
Language Line Services	Interpreting	214.17
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lee Enterprises/Financial Services	Notices	981.04
Leigh Community Schools	Art exhibits	50.00
Leigh Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	114.21
Minda McKitrick	Employee appreciation	1,200.00
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,596.54
MIPS	Software support/website	4,556.46
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	825.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations/poster	217.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Train Ctr.	Basic training session	142.00
Nebraska Public Health Service System	Service	105.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified copies	18.00
Northeast NE Juvenile Services	JBOP	8,225.50
Occupational Health Services	Screening	78.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	498.54
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	110.00
Pinnacle Bank	Candy/law enforcement supplies	662.02
Pinnacle Bank	Desk converters/airfare/supplies	1,357.91
Pip	Registration envelopes	215.76
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	3,450.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,517.52
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	19.40
Positive Concepts	Law enforcement supplies	210.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil changes/tire repair/rotation	549.27
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage/supplies	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	365.08
Radio Time Billing	Back to school safety	267.00
Reinecke Motor Co.	Service	83.95
Sayler Screen-printing	Clothing	162.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Art exhibits	50.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	1,649.70

Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Door handle	65.99
Schuyler Public Library	Funding	15,000.00
Sector	Camera/accessories	7,782.44
Mark Shultz	Zollman Cemetery	250.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	842.20
St. John Neumann	Art exhibits	50.00
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Justin Stutzman	Meals	42.10
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	637.35
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Maintenance contract	5,558.88
Trane	Courthouse repair	1,200.29
Trouba Law Office LLC	Atty fees	3,179.82
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
U-Save Pharmacy	Pharmacy	90.52
UNMC	Toxicology testing	609.00
US Postal Service	PO Box	246.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.14

First Concord Benefits Group, the provider of the Colfax County Cafeteria Plan, has submitted the Colfax County FSA Plan – Plan Document – Amended and Restated as of July 1, 2024, for approval and signatures. The only modification is that First Concord now has the authority to update the annual Maximum FSA election and Rollover amounts for Colfax County each year. Motion Groteluschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the appropriate documents for Colfax County Cafeteria Plan. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Groteluschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The County Attorney stated that he reviewed the Sheriff's Flock Safety proposal and clarified the two Nebraska Supreme Court opinions regarding the tax sale certificate process that counties use to collect delinquent real property taxes.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY24-25 county budget with the County Clerk (final draft). The Assessor provided the certified valuation of the County.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-27-2024(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the County Board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

Voting YES: Wendt, Groteluschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to set Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:15 a.m. as the date and time for the FY24-25 county budget hearing and approximately 8:30 a.m. (following the county budget hearing) as the hearing for approval of the county's tax request. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to increase restricted funds of the FY24-25 budget by an additional 1% over the allowable 2.5%. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Groteluschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the Sheriff.

The Board reviewed the Delinquent Tax Listing on Personal Property for the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2011, and 2012, as well as the procedure for removing taxes from the tax list. Before requesting the Board's authorization to remove uncollected taxes, the Treasurer will notify the taxpayers by certified mail to pursue collection.

The Zoning Administrator received a Lot Split application and reported on the Planning and Zoning meeting held on August 21st, where wind energy was discussed.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Curt Becker from Lower Elkhorn NRD presented the cost of the Clarkson Levee and requested the County's assistance with the City of Clarkson's portion. The Board stated the County will not make any commitment toward the Clarkson Levee.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The Wolfe Jetty project should be completed in two weeks. October 29, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. will be the bid letting date for Project C19(542). Revising the ad for Highway Superintendent was discussed along with purchasing a motor grader.

Public comment was made if a substation can be built in the flood plain.

Public comment was made on fiber optic being installed in the County Road right of way

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. to meet again September 10, 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 27th day of August 2024. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:05 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Jackie Sayers, Deputy 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, publication in the Howells Journal on August 14, 2024, and the Colfax County's website. 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 one tax list correction submitted by the Deputy County Assessor: Property ID: 033123001-PP, Statement number: 2352.

Motion Wendt; 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 28th day of August 2024.

  
Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk