

September 10, 2024
Budget Hearing
Minutes

The Budget Hearing for Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 10, 2024, at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Howells Journal on September 4, 2024.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Mejstrik for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The Board Chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. No public was present.

The Clerk presented the final FY24-25 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers, and the property tax request.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to close the Budget Hearing at 8:20 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:20 a.m. by Chairman Mejstrik for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One county official appeared for the hearing.

The Clerk informed the Board that this year's tax request of \$5,978,576.07 will require a levy of .239137 which is lower than last year's levy of .254451.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 8:25 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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Commissioners Meeting
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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 10th day of September 2024. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. following the Budget Hearing in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. 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, publication in the Howells Journal on August 28, 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: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 8/27/2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-10-2024(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY24-25 county budget. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the Resolution 9-10-2024(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .239137. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-10-2024(3) that provides a transfer of \$2,451,083.60 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-10-2024(4) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent reported that he is compiling a spreadsheet of landowners who have been notified about spraying on their properties where phragmites have been detected. He is scheduled for testing on Thursday and will attend the NACO Northeast District meeting in Norfolk on Friday.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 25, 2024, at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials. Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members form needs to be returned to the NIRMA office by September 23, 2024.

The Board received the District Court Clerk monthly report.

The Vet Service Officer submitted his July monthly report and claim reimbursements for August 27, 2024, to be filed.

The Sheriff submitted his monthly report to the Board, which will be filed.

The Board received the August Public Defender monthly report.

The General Assistance Clerk reported on her department's activities, stating that an executive session was not necessary.

Recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

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

The Sheriff informed the Board that he had received two awards; Lexipol's Excellence in Training Award, which was presented by Congressman Mike Flood and the 2024 Defender of the Law presented by Archangels Catholic High School. The Board then discussed the TextMyGov proposal. The Sheriff mentioned that his contract with Nixle would expire in October and expressed a preference for TextMyGov, as it reaches more citizens in the County. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the TextMyGov Proposal of \$8,200.00 for the first year, with an annual fee of \$5,800.00 for a three-year term. More discussion was held on the proposal. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to table the TextMyGov Motion to Approve the proposal until the September 24th meeting. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney updated the Board on the Sheriff's new 2-year agreement with Flock Safety. He discussed the unavailability of excess general liability coverage for Colfax County membership in the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition. And he discussed the potential need for increased dispatch personnel services in response to the recent increase in local law enforcement hiring and enforcement efforts.

The Zoning Administrator reported on permits that were issued and noted that further research on potential changes to wind energy is ongoing, so there will not be a meeting in September. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to Park Place LLC for an event on October 26, 2024, to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The Wolfe Jetti Project is completed except for the seeding that should be done this week.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to meet again September 24, 2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 10th day of September 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 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, publication in the Howells Journal on August 28, 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 Assessor did not submit any tax list correction.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 11th day of September 2024.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk