

September 24, 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 24th day of September 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, publication in the Howells Journal on September 11, 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 Mejstrik 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 9/10/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, July Lodging Tax Revenue and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence was read from Don Zoubek receiving notice of Joint Public hearing held September 19th and City of Schuyler sending notification of a public hearing on October 1st on a proposed Workforce Housing Incentive Plan for purposes of the Community Development Law.

Inmate logs from Antelope, Butler and Platte County were provided to the board and placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for September 10, 2024, to be placed on file.

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipts from Homestead Bank.

Travis Prochaska, Extension Educator, gave a report on his office's activities. A resignation letter from Stephanie Bell was read, and the job openings for the two vacant positions in the Extension office have been posted.

The County Attorney reported working with the Planning and Zoning Administrator on developing regulations for Wind Energy and Compost. A visual chart displaying an increase in driving violations within Colfax County and the City of Schuyler was reviewed.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

	<u>All Funds</u>	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	50,228.95
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	19,696.17
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	21,464.02
	<u>E911 Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	1,028.71
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
	<u>Inheritance Tax Fund</u>	
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer to General Fund	600,000.00
	<u>Road Fund</u>	
Salaries		61,076.69
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	4,751.11
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	57.68
All Makes	Copy overage	71.64
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Street signs	104.45
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/chemicals/cold patch	159.16
City of Clarkson	Utilities	61.67
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	21.56
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel/chemicals	636.84
Culligan	Water/equipment	108.50

Dept. of Utilities	Services	245.25
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	2,423.16
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	290.84
Diers Ford	Equipment parts/labor	7,496.29
Frontier	Phones	92.18
Gus Construction Co.	2024 Box culverts	600,190.37
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	28.70
J & B Auto Parts	Shop supplies	42.69
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	61.34
John Deere Financial	Equipment part	52.14
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	101,760.12
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	503.39
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	61,692.92
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	7,494.68
Nancy Marty	Notary/bond fee	75.00
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen/shop supplies	90.07
Menards	Shop supplies	116.46
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts	1,502.85
Nebraska Machinery	Equipment parts/labor	10,108.16
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	891.09
Power Plan	Equipment parts	2,577.99
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire repair/oil change	83.95
Prusa Welding	Snowplow shoe	400.68
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	83.43
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	185.75
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	4,816.55
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Lumber	57.04
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	550.68
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.91
Village of Howells	Service	89.27
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		225,332.63
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	280.08
Clancy Ahrens	Per diem/mileage	43.14
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	1,240.00
Anytime Fitness	Wellness	140.00
Apex Software	Maintenance renewal	1,300.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/GPS	923.81
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Stephanie Bell	Mileage	100.50
Black Hills Energy	Service	131.53
Aleisha Bohaboj	Mileage	108.82
Bomgaars Supply	Lawn fertilizer/antifreeze	105.95
Jordan Brichacek	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	19,600.00
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical expense	5,092.49
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,268.03
Ciox Health	Medical records	20.00
City of Schuyler	Yard waste key	125.00
Clearly	Telephone service	853.41
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	146.00
Colfax County Clerk	Petition postage	58.56
Colfax County Court	Court costs	333.37
Colfax County Treasurer	Copier end of contract/return	895.33
Colfax County Treasurer	Road Fund Transfer	272,342.62
Column Software PBC	Notices for Schuyler Sun	88.71
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	191.65
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	97.49
Creative Product Source	Coloring tote	1,199.07
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	1,199.60
Culligan	Equipment/water	522.90
DAS State Account-Central Finance	Network serv	1,390.77
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	149.64
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,432.72
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeper/medical	4,882.64

Didier's Grocery Inc.	Emergency manager meeting	267.69
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	249.91
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	1,276.21
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	624.66
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/laptops	10,145.40
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	2,750.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	188.91
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
First Impressions	Pens	1,050.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone/meals	149.87
Gabriel, Burger, & Else CPA	Audit	3,000.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copier	788.52
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	424.41
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniform	339.46
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	64.32
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	69.25
Health & Human Services	Beatrice	186.00
	Norfolk	186.00
Hereford Works LLC	Trailer	3,500.00
Robert Herling	Evan. Lutheran Cemetery	450.00
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	773.59
Howells Journal	Notices/subscriptions	484.43
Indoff	Office supplies	1,314.43
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	112.71
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Equipment rental/surveys	1,435.00
Jones Automotive Inc.	Labor/parts	610.00
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	858.96
Danny W. Kluthe	Per diem/mileage	50.11
Erik C. Klutman	Atty's fees	4,210.00
Kyle Krula	Per diem/mileage	35.23
Charles Kudera	Per diem/mileage	30.68
L-Tron Corp	Law enforcement supplies	1,968.75
Language Line Services	Interpreting	447.22
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	108.79
Jaime Meinke	Per diem/mileage	18.35
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	79.06
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone/meals	122.95
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	170.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	7,690.85
MIPS	Software support/website	4,605.58
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	287.50
Nebr. Assoc of County Officials	Registration	480.00
Nebraska Public Health Service System	Discovery material	67.18
Nebraska.Gov	Court eFile	1.00
Northeast NE Juvenile Services	JBOP	2,934.50
Keith Novak	Per diem/mileage	18.89
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	401.85
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy costs	300.00
Scott Pieper	Per diem/mileage	36.57
Pinnacle Bank	Deposit books	154.74
Pinnacle Bank	Law enforcement supplies/reg.	769.50
Pinnacle Bank	Law enforcement supplies	42.03
Pinnacle Bank	Lodging/pens/supplies/adobe	763.29
PIP	Title envelopes	401.48
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	4,150.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,838.19
Police Officers' Assoc.	Registration	220.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil changes/mount/balance	837.28
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	89.11
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quill Corp	Office supplies	142.83
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	2nd quarter	6,997.75
Jacqueline Sayers	Mileage	194.30
Schieffer Signs	Lettering	215.00
Schneider Geospatial LLC	Beacon	22,068.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	1,193.23

Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Stain	18.98
Mark Shoultz	Per diem/mileage	28.80
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,987.50
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	637.35
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Atty's fees	100.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
U-Save Pharmacy	Pharmacy	88.65
US Post Office	Stamps	43.80
Verizon	Cell phone	122.14
Phillip Wendt	Per diem/mileage	37.91

The Sheriff informed the Board that he had received a Certificate of Recognition by Congressman Mike Flood for receiving the 2024 Defender of the Law presented by Archangels Catholic High School. The Board then discussed the TextMyGov proposal. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt 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. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator reported that the next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for October 16th and will include public hearings on Wind Energy and Compost regulations. The NPDES General Permit for CAFOs at Gall Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations was reviewed.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects, and there was a discussion about enforcing Nebraska Statute 39-302 in response to the increasing number of center pivots watering over county roads.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:35 a.m. to meet again October 15, 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 24th 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, Bill White, County Assessor 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 September 11, 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 receipt of 1) a Notice of Appeal from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission for Case No. 24C 0307, and 2) Order for Consolidation on Case Nos. 23C 0465 and 24C 0307. The Board agreed to have Edmond Talbot represent the Colfax County Board of Equalization in both cases.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:10 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 25th day of September 2024.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk