

October 15, 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 15th day of October 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 October 2, 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 made 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 Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the minutes of 9/24/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the General Assistance Clerk.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received, change of safekeeping receipt with Pinnacle Bank and Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers. County Government Day will be held on October 28th. Correspondence from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources provided information on special mitigation funding opportunities for flood-prone properties in Nebraska.

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

The Sheriff's September monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly report and claim reimbursements for September 24th and October 8th to be placed on file.

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

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

The 3rd quarter CASA report was provided to the Board.

Travis Prochaska/Extension Educator reported that he is currently gathering harvest data, will be attending the fall conference, and provided the Board with an update on the interviews held for their open positions.

The County Attorney presented his quarterly report on criminal filings and has been working with the Planning and Zoning Administrator on wind energy and compost facility regulations. He reviewed the FY2025 Community-Based Juvenile Service Aid (EB Supplemental Funding) grant application with the Board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the FY2025 Juvenile Service Aid EB Supplemental Funding Grant application with the crime commission. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent reported that he has successfully earned both his General Commercial Applicator License and Right of Way Applicator License. As a result of his passing the required tests, his pay rate will increase \$1.50. River spraying is scheduled to start next week.

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

The Treasurer discussed the 2023 & prior delinquent tax list with the Board. The Treasurer's recommendation is to have nineteen County Sales Tax Certificate written. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the Treasurer to write nineteen County Tax Sale Certificates. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Carrie Rodriguez and Sarah Ryba from District 5 Probation presented the Interlocal Agreement between Butler, Colfax and Saunders Counties and the Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation. The agreement is for the continuation of the Fifth District Problem-Solving Court program. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the Interlocal Agreement for a two-year renewal of the Problem-Solving Court program. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on permits issued. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on wind energy and discuss composting at their October 16th meeting. A public hearing on wind energy is scheduled October 29th for the Board of Commissioners.

The Clerk discussed the possibility of opening a checking account with Pinnacle Bank for Health Deductible Reimbursements in coordination with Mid-American Benefits, LLC. Currently, Mid-American Benefits, LLC manages this account, but they recommend that, for best practices in client claim funding, clients should have full ownership and control of their bank accounts. Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to authorize the County Clerk to open a checking account with Pinnacle bank and to transfer \$7500 for a beginning balance. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the certification statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, with Maximus for determining indirect costs associated with administration of child support services conducted by the District Court Clerk. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent provided updates on road and bridge projects, guardrail damage, completed crack sealing, and ongoing ditch cleaning. At the next meeting, bid openings for Projects C19(542) and C19(387) will be held, with discussion, consideration, and take action scheduled for the November 12th meeting.

Discussion was held on purchasing a motor grader by state bid. Murphy Tractor & Equipment was present to answer any questions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the purchase of a 2025 John Deere motor grader by state bid for the purchase amount of \$399,500.00 less trade in of a 2011 motor grader in the amount of \$65,500.00 totaling \$334,000.00. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comments were made of a replaced mailbox and a STOP sign found in a field.

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

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. and to meet again October 29, 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 15th day of October 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 October 2, 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 four tax list corrections submitted by the Deputy County Assessor: Property ID: 1209150.00-RE, Statement number: 2353; Property ID: 041320002.-PP, Statement number: 2354; Property ID: 005010002.-PP, Statement number: 2355; Property ID: 04231303.-PP, Statement number: 2356.

The Board reviewed the four Clerical Error reports submitted by the Deputy County Assessor. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Parcel numbers: 1209150, 1221365, 4122002 and 1201994 on the Clerical Error reports. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county's political subdivisions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the following tax request and adopt the following tax rates of the political subdivision of the county Pursuant to 77-1601(1). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2023-2024 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
5,978,576.07	General Fund.....	0.239137	-	2,500,058,021.00
<u>City and Village Levies</u>				
1,317,682.20	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.418898		314,558,971.00
114,396.80	City of Schuyler (Bond).....	0.036368	0.455266	314,558,971.00
212,257.40	City of Clarkson.....	0.5		42,451,480.00
94,233.00	Village of Howells (General).....	0.2014		46,788,938.00
101,404.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.216727	0.418127	46,788,938.00
164,662.12	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.5		32,932,423.00
12,000.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.036438	0.536438	32,932,423.00
22,114.48	Village of Rogers.....	0.45		4,914,328.00
21,509.31	Village of Richland.....	0.217745		9,878,191.00

Fire District Levies

198,661.19	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.014519		1,368,305,943.00
75,000.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.005481	0.020000	1,368,305,943.00
113,465.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.02		567,326,795.00
90,404.27	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.014942		605,021,407.00
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.005058		605,021,407.00
36,000.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.00595	0.025950	605,021,407.00
95,976.56	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.014381		667,382,819.00
37,500.00	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.005619	0.020000	667,382,819.00

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
			<u>Actual Value</u>		
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3,653,040.00	39	General.....	0.648827		563,022,075.00
358,586.00	39	Building.....	0.06369		563,022,075.00
747,475.00	39	Bond (K-12)	0.132761	0.845278	563,022,075.00
3,408,401.07	58	General.....	0.638		534,232,145.00
53,422.98	58	Building.....	0.01	0.648000	534,232,145.00
4,209,122.07	70	General.....	0.439273		958,202,607.00
508,748.33	70	Building.....	0.053094	0.492367	958,202,607.00
16,706,160.00	123	General.....	0.941793		1,773,867,487.00
606,061.00	123	Special Building.....	0.034166		1,773,867,487.00
1,262,626.00	123	Bond	0.071182		1,773,801,771.00
277,778.00	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.01566	1.062801	1,773,801,771.00
	595	North Bend General.....	0.492394		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Bond.....	0.026640		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Building.....	0.043950		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Capital Purpose.....	0.015749	0.578733	(set up by Dodge)

Special Levies

	Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)	0.015		
	Pathways 2 Tomorrow (Dodge sets)	0.00858094		
3,299,168.88	Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)	0.015		21,994,459,183.00
13,864,107.33	Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets)	0.02		69,320,467,313.00
270,006.26	Colfax County Ag Society- General	0.0108		2,500,058,021.00
30,000.70	Colfax County Ag Society- Capital	0.0012	0.012000	2,500,058,021.00
3,465.65	Platte Valley Drainage District	0.004319		80,245,327.00
4,501,887.14	Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets)	0.018459		24,388,738,738.00
3,480,714.52	Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets)	0.025768		13,508,320,694.00
0	SID #1	0		7,558,186.00
0	Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC	0		1,585,830.00
0	Loves Travel Stop	0		4,087,375.00

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 11:15 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 16th day of October 2024.


 Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk