

December 10, 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 10th day of December 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 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 November 27, 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 Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 11/26/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided the guidelines to the Board for their biennial review, no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. The Board reviewed January 2025 items – (meeting dates, wages, and board chairman).

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

The Sheriff's November monthly report was provided to the Board and placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided his November monthly report and claim reimbursements for December 3, 2024.

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

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

TJ Prochaska/Extension Educator provided recommendations for Colfax County Extension Board for District #1 and District #2. Interviews will be held today for the open position of Extension Educator.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the re-appointment of Galen Kehrl to serve a 3-year term on the Extension Board for District 1. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen, and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Jill Bailey to serve a three-year term on the Extension Board for District 2. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent reported that the State has completed its annual review of his office. He is currently preparing year-end reports, which will be ready for the Chairman's signature at the January 14th meeting.

The County Attorney presented to the Board for their approval the FY2025-2026 Community-Based Juvenile Service Aid CB application, the January 2025 to June 30, 2025, Colfax County Grant Award for Supplemental Community-Based (EB) Aid (Enhancement Aid – Juvenile Service Grant) and the 2025-2030 Colfax County Community plan.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the FY2025-2026 Community-Based Juvenile Service Aid CB application. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the 2025-2030 Colfax County Community plan. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the January 2025 to June 30, 2025, Colfax County Grant Award for Supplemental Community-Based (EB) Aid (Enhancement Aid – Juvenile Service Grant). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an “Agenda-less meeting.”

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to designate The Leigh World, Colfax County Press, Schuyler Sun, and Howells Journal as newspapers within the county for publication of the official notices with The Colfax County Press responsible for publication of the county board minutes for calendar year 2025. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Sheriff proposed to the Board the purchase of four Chevrolet Tahoe’s through the state bidding process, with two to be acquired in the 2024 budget year and two in 2025. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the purchase of four Chevrolet Tahoe’s by state bid (two in 2024 budget and two in 2025 budget years). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on new permits issued and plans to attend the NACO conference next week. The Planning and Zoning Board will not meet in December, with the next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025.

The Highway Superintendent gave an update on road and bridge projects. The Board reviewed applications for the open Highway Superintendent position, scheduling full-board interviews for December 23rd.

Public comments were made and information on wind energy was presented.

The clerk summarized the day’s agenda and action taken.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again December 23, 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 11th day of December 2024.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk