

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 23rd 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 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 December 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 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 Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/10/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue and October Lodging Tax Revenue. A Presidential Executive Order was issued that federal government offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

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

No Veteran Service reimbursements.

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition provided a November 2024 Landfill Site Observation report which will be placed on file.

The County Attorney reported on the activities of his office.

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	49,428.95
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,206.34
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	22,859.70
<u>Drug Court Fund</u>		
Sarah Ryba PSC Coordinator	Gift cards	50.00
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	4,539.33
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,033.08
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Wahltek, Inc.	Base charge	3,109.05
<u>Wireless Service Fund</u>		
Frontier	Service	929.82
<u>ROD P &amp; M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Salaries		66,137.97
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	5,124.62
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Copier overage	27.38
Barco Municipal Products, Inc	Signs/posts	286.27
Bomgaars Supply	Tools/barricades/signs/bldg. repair	566.06
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Batteries/fuel cap	168.75
City of Clarkson	Service	87.30
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Bolts	2.18
Clay Hills Trucking	Hauling	433.44

Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	113.22
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Equipment parts/labor	1,232.98
Culligan	Equipment/water	51.00
Dept. of Utilities	Service	191.19
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/labor/grease	377.74
Eakes Office Products	Office supplies	45.79
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	315.34
Fastenal	Bolts	6.00
The Fort	Boots	481.38
Frontier	Phones	92.51
Hanel Oil, Inc	Fuel	37.30
Howells Plumbing & Heating & A/C Inc.	Building repair	999.39
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	65.04
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	2,790.62
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	69,003.48
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	530.14
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	771.94
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	87.55
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Grader blades/equipment parts	7,532.90
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	1,641.74
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	487.49
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/mounting/oil change	3,455.60
Prusa Welding	Labor	90.00
QC Supply LLC	Gloves	30.86
Rand, Ltd	Easements	2,780.00
Redline Plumbing LLC	Machine hire	192.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/propane	4,637.79
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	550.86
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	26.27
Village of Howells	Service	89.55
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		238,529.60
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Clancy Ahrens	Per diem/mileage	86.28
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,700.00
Anytime Fitness	Service	120.00
AT&T Mobility	Wireless internet	923.93
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Big Red Printing	Office supplies	400.56
Black Hills Energy	Service	232.28
Blue360 Media	2024/2025 Manual	497.25
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies	29.43
Jordan A. Brichacek	Uniform/cell	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	15,450.00
Butler Co. Health Care Center	Medical expense	1,655.96
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Vehicle repair	97.76
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,956.37
CHI Health	Medical expense	921.17
Ciox Health	Service	40.00
Clearly	Phone service	854.50
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	180.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	352.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	64.25
Colfax County Treasurer	Reimb. Assessor copier return	1,649.24
Colfax County Treasurer	Road Transfer	272,342.62
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	546.06
Column Software PBC	Clerk's ad	6.73
Comfort Inn	Lodging	124.95
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	179.58
Creative Product Source	Law enforcement supplies	1,258.27
Culligan	Equipment/water	503.90
DAS State Central Finance	Network serv	2,245.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	105.31

Department of Utilities	Service	2,739.01
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeper/medical	5,900.38
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	29.48
Rod Dostal	Carpet remnant	47.04
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	9.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copier/copies	1,083.12
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,602.40
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	1,837.50
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	151.51
First Concord Benefits Group	Participation fee	40.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage	107.85
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Gabriel, Burger, & Else CPA	Audit	4,000.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	340.92
Gene Steffys Chrysler Center Inc.	2019 Dodge Charger	10,000.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	424.99
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Law enforcement supplies	134.99
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	174.20
Paula Grotelueschen	Mileage	59.61
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	74.82
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	90.00
Health & Human Services	Beatrice	90.00
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,543.92
Sara Hopkins	Mileage	93.50
Fred Hoppe	Richland Cemetery	500.00
Howells Journal	Notices/ad	70.49
Sara Hoyle	Comprehensive Youth Service	1,250.00
Indoff	Office supplies	141.91
Jackson Service Inc.	Janitorial supplies	118.91
Amanda Jedlicka	Mileage	133.94
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Survey/truck/equipment	1,500.00
Jones Automotive Inc.	Vehicle equipment repair	1,045.13
Galen Kehrl	Mileage	36.14
Tracy Kennedy	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Danny W. Kluthe	Per diem/mileage	100.22
Kyle Krula	Per diem/mileage	70.47
Charles Kudera	Per diem/mileage	61.36
Kevin Kudera	Mileage	111.90
Lancaster County Sheriff	Paper service	6.00
Language Line Services	Interpreting	258.42
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Erika Lopez	Postage	32.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	87.11
Main Stop LLC	Fuel	387.92
Minda McKitrick	Notary	45.00
Jaime Meinke	Per diem/mileage	36.70
Menards	Janitorial supplies	42.97
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone/meals	106.79
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	170.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Participation fee	312.00
Midwest Alarm Services	Inspection	318.81
Midwest Special Services	Transport	676.00
MIPS	Software support/website/computer	4,124.33
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	1,387.50
Rita Mundil	Mileage	174.20
National Assoc. of Counties	Dues	450.00
National Assoc. of Chiefs of Police	Membership	60.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Sales tax	84.61
Nebraska Public Health Serv System	Service	105.00
Nebraska Weed Control Assoc.	Registration	150.00
Nebraska.gov	eFile	4.00
Megan Novak	Mileage	9.92
Keith Novak	Per diem/mileage	37.77
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	458.89
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Scott Pieper	Per diem/mileage	73.15
Pinnacle Bank	Checks	353.03

Pinnacle Bank	Computer/racks/law enforce. sup.	2,397.54
Pinnacle Bank	Health reimbursements	317.59
Pinnacle Bank	Snow blower	849.00
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/reconyx	133.86
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	8,015.94
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	2,671.62
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	18.70
Postmaster	PO Box renewal	246.00
Bruce Prenda	Dues reimbursement	98.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Service/mount/balance	352.90
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	85.76
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quill	Office supplies	320.77
Radar Shop Inc.	Certifications	878.00
Radio Time Billing	Safe driving	267.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	3rd quarter	6,997.75
Relentless LLC DBA Desert Snow	Workshops	1,398.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	603.73
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	118.77
See the Trainer	Medical expense	165.00
Mark Shoultz	Per diem/mileage	57.60
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	20.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Maintenance	540.00
Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson	Contract/Atty fees	8,643.37
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Al Sucha	Mileage	7.05
Sunset Law Enforcement	Law enforcement supplies	962.80
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	584.50
TimeClock Plus	Annual license	1,194.68
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone/fuel	140.92
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Sho Works renewal	325.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.19
Phillip Wendt	Per diem/mileage	75.83

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to Park Place LLC for an event held January 25, 2025, at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the appointment of Aaron J. Peterson to Deputy Sheriff with an effective date of December 12, 2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator discussed extending the Moratorium Resolution to study the current zoning regulations on wind energy conversion turbines for another six months. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025. Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to extend Moratorium Resolution 1-23-2024(1) for an additional six months (June 30, 2025) to study the current zoning regulations on wind energy conversion turbines. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comments on composting sites and wind energy were made.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on the road department's activities. There was a discussion about road projects for the 1- and 6-Year Road Improvement Plan, as well as the location and date for the public meeting to gather comments.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to recess Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:30 a.m. and to open Board of Equalization meeting at 11:00 a.m. 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 23rd day of December 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 December 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 reviewed the applications for exemption on Form 457 (Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations). Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the following Form 457 requests for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the County Treasurer. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Applicant Name	Vehicle Make	Year	Vehicle ID Number
Benedictine Mission House	Ford	2012	3FAHPOJA0CR344637
	Toyota	2015	JTMRFFREV6FD116772
	RAV4	2021	4T3B6RFV0MU051241
	Toyota	2015	4T4BF1FK3FR458284
	Chevy	2013	1GCNKSE09DZ352631
	Ford	1998	1FDXF80C8WVA21501
	RAV4 SV	2022	4T3E6RFV2NU090749
	F 250 PK	1991	1FTHX26G1MKA61219
Camp Luther of Nebraska, Inc.	Ford	2013	1FTFW1EF6DKE56493
	Chevy	2017	3G1BE6SM8HS530498
	Bus	2010	1BAKGCPH2AF271720
	Heartland Utility Trlr.	2009	430HD20289M026422
Alegent Health Memorial Hospital	Ford	2008	1FTNF215X8ED77850
	Heartland	2008	430FD18218M024581
Divine Mercy Parish/St. Mary's Parish	Trailer	1980	NET1036788
	Chevy	1995	2GCEK19Z7S1177353
Ministerio Evangelico Pentecostes	Chevy	2002	1GNFK16Z82J307050
Cristo Viene	Ford	2015	1FBZX2ZM6FKA31601
	GMC	2010	1GTSKVE35AZ104001
Schuyler Cemetery Association	Ford	1989	1FTHF25H4KKA67347
St. Benedict Center	Silverado PK	2011	1GCNKPE08BZ176052
	Fusion SE 4D	2017	3FA6P0HD3HR157357
SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church	GMC	2001	1GDHG31R111124976

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE and re-open the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board conducted interviews for the Highway Superintendent Assistant position. Following the interviews, they discussed the pay, benefits, probation period, time allotted to obtain the Class B Highway Superintendent License, and potential pay increases. The Highway Superintendent will present the final proposal to the selected applicant.

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

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 12:30 p.m. to meet again January 14, 2025. 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 26th day of December 2024.

  
 Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk