

January 14, 2025
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 14th day of January 2025. 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 Colfax County Press and Howells Journal on December 31, 2024, and 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to re-organize for 2025 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as County Board Chair and authorize Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of County Board Chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Matthew Papa and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Ann Ladwig. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the minutes of 12/23/2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk gave a report on the activities of her department, no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk presented the Board with her monthly fee report, the STOP revenue received, and correspondence from the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects regarding the revocation of an architecture and professional engineering license.

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

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

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

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly December report, 2024 yearly report, and claim reimbursements for December 17, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

The Noxious Weed Control Plan, Infestation Report, Activity Report, Budget Report and Weed Control Authority Board Roster were provided to the Board for their review. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the State Reports. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The new extension employee was introduced to the Board, and handouts detailing the 2025 Nebraska Extension Ag Programs, Soil Health Conferences, and Landlord/Tenant Cash Rent workshop were distributed.

The County Attorney provided his 2024 Annual Report on the number of criminal cases filed. Additionally, the County Attorney reviewed the 2025-2026 Colfax County application for the Community-Based (EB) Aid Juvenile Services Grant with the Board. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the 2025-2026 Colfax County application for the Community-Based (EB) Aid Juvenile Services Aid 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the meetings of the Board as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's and have the county website: www.colfaxcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2025 with the exceptions in the month of November it will be the 2nd Monday due to November 11th is Veteran's Day. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-14-2025(1) that authorizes the County Treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-14-2025(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the County Board. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Cristal Melgar as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the revised mileage rate of \$0.70 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by County employees beginning January 1, 2025; further providing that the Sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator reviewed NPDES General Permit on Cedar Hill Cattle, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation with the Board. The agenda for the Colfax County Planning Commission meeting on January 15, 2025, was also provided.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Nancy Marty as Zoning Administrator. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the appointment of Amanda Jedlicka to the Planning Commission Board. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comment on the appointment of Amanda Jedlicka to the Planning Commission Board was made.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Manager. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent reported that he is currently prioritizing projects to be included in the 1- and 6-Year Road Improvement Plan. A discussion was held on establishing policies for ditch maintenance involving the county and landowners.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again January 28, 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 15th day of January 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk