

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 25th day of February 2025. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik 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 on February 12, 2025, 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 Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the regular minutes of 2/11/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balances and December Lodging Tax Revenue (no STOP Revenue received).

The Board received and filed the inmate logs from Antelope, Butler, and Platte County.

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for February 11, 2025, which will be placed on file.

The 2024 4th quarter CASA report was provided to the Board.

The County Attorney reported he is currently working with the Road Department on creating the Colfax County Weed, Hedge, Tree and Brush Maintenance and Removal policy.

Brian Bywater with Schuyler Community Development updated the Board on the progress of the Brownfield Grant/EPA Federal Grant related to the Great Northern Warehouse grain bins.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	51,365.11
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	20,934.67
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	22,505.09
<u>911 Wireless Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Contract	6,523.65
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	803.48
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
<u>ROD P &amp; M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Salaries		64,569.74
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	6,712.55
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Overage	42.59
Bahns Automotive Repair	Diagnostic Labor/blower motor	85.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	578.65
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Bridge waste/rock	3,284.17
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts/oil/bolts	341.97
California Custom Products	LVC Conditioner	27.00
City of Clarkson	Utilities	62.76
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	23.99
Column Software PBC	Notices/ad	64.91
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	94.72

Culligan	Water/cooler	113.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,574.90
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equip. parts/labor/fuel/grease	1,071.06
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	95.21
Egis Technologies	Laptop	1,150.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	145.27
Frontier	Service	92.62
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	129.98
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	1,482.33
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	636.89
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	1,901.05
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	90.07
Menards	Janitorial supplies	34.16
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Bridge clips	500.00
Murphy Tractor	Motor grader	334,000.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil	8,657.71
NNSWC Landfill	Waste	409.68
Occupational Health Services	Annual fee	100.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	655.78
Pinnacle Bank	Clearinghouse	25.00
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	7,278.71
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire/repair	618.00
QC Supply LLC	Gas can/fuel	60.62
Road Builders	Equipment parts/labor	4,415.49
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/propane	4,578.99
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	885.21
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.49
Tom's Auto Service	Oil change/vehicle repair	270.30
Tomka Repair	Equipment parts/labor	1,303.31
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.94
Village of Howells	Service	89.97
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		235,822.59
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	5,085.00
Anytime Fitness	Wellness program	140.00
Mark L. Arps	Notary renewal/phone holder	46.99
AT&T Mobility	Aircards/wireless	988.06
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Meals	239.00
Bergan Communications LLC	Radio equipment	5,025.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	577.33
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies/pickup repairs	41.96
Branding Barn LLC	Treasurer's shirts	610.22
Jordon A. Brichacek	Uniforms/cellphone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	15,350.00
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery/wiper blades	179.66
Cedars	Electronic monitoring	1,231.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,131.17
CHI Health	Medical	162.58
Cintas	Safety kit supplies	63.66
Cishirts	Sheriff polos	252.52
Clearly	Phone system	878.96
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	108.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	340.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/subscriptions/proceedings	508.76
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	121.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Title	10.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	272,342.62
Column Software PBC	Legal notices	67.15
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	2,243.15
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	1,036.75
Creative Product Source	Coloring books	2,343.83
Culligan	Water/equipment	441.65
DAS State Account - Central Finance	Network service	2,234.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	168.45
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,125.65
Dept. of Correction Services	Medical	2.63

Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	39.90
Douglas County Court	Certified copies	3.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copier/copies	548.23
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	273.24
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,609.40
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	5,197.50
Election System & Software	Ballot coding	311.21
ESRI Inc.	Annual subscription	700.00
F R Physicians Services LLC	Medical	273.00
Farm & Home Publishers LTD	Plat maps	560.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	198.64
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
First Impressions	Business cards	350.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone/meal	114.18
Gabriel, Bugar, & Else CPA	Audit	5,500.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copier agreement	480.73
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	425.19
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	75.00
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	279.90
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	973.57
Indoff	Office supplies	1,517.73
J & L Automotive	Oil change	91.04
J Brian Wessling DDS PC	Medical	265.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	118.82
JS Wurm & Assoc.	Bill of Exceptions	116.20
Tracy Kennedy	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lynn Peavey Co.	Law enforcement supplies	275.85
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	128.20
Main Stop LLC	Fuel	412.58
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-America First Call Inc.	Autopsy cost	125.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Plan fees	304.00
MIPS	Software support/website/tax stmts.	10,073.87
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	412.50
Jacqueline Moran	Bond renewal	40.00
Nebr. Assoc. of County Clerks	Dues	50.00
Nebr. Assoc. of Emergency Managers	Registration	135.00
Nebr. Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations	210.00
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Registration	235.00
Nebraska Public Health Serv System	Discovery materials	67.34
Nebr. Weed Control Assoc.	Spring training	150.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified copies	3.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	395.87
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy cost	240.00
Pinnacle Bank	Law enforcement & office supplies	428.53
Pinnacle Bank Health	Deductible reimbursements	7,629.52
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/Adobe	133.43
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP/pharmacy	5,177.66
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,863.11
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	28.46
Premier Glassworks LLC	Windshield replacement/tinting	1,251.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil change/tires/mounting	1,168.95
Travis Prochaska	Mileage/parking	224.50
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease on postage machine	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	188.72
Rocco Interpreting Inc.	Interpreting	150.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	537.60
Schuyler Sun	Subscription	110.99
Shop 4H/National 4-H Council	Tablecloths	50.85
Sidwell Company	Mapping services	3,650.00



Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	83.75
Stratton/Delay/Doele/Carlson	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Total Fire Security Inc.	Service call	145.00
Erin Trotter	Mileage	15.40
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
U-Save Pharmacy	Pharmacy	380.68
Unite for Literacy LLC	Books	412.50
University of Nebraska	Letterhead	298.32
UNMC	Toxicology testing	202.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.20
Z Last Electric	Building repair	375.00

The Board reviewed the renewal of Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance, as well as VSP Vision Care. Both policies will maintain a rate guarantee until 2027 with no price increase. The County will cover the cost of Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance, while employees will be responsible for the cost of VSP Vision Care. Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the renewal of Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance and VSP Vision Care. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Monte Monteleagre from Egis Technologies reviewed and addressed questions regarding the quote for backend technology, cabling, wireless door locks, lock keys, and installation as part of a security upgrade for six doors on the 3rd floor. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor security upgrade will be on the March 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The Zoning Administration provided an update on newly issued permits and a DEE notice regarding J & S Feedlots, Inc.'s NPDES General Permit for Operation. Public hearings to update Colfax County Zoning Regulations on composting and wind energy are scheduled for March.

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

The Highway Superintendent reported that the bid letting for Aggregate Hauling is scheduled for March 25, 2025.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to open a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving comments, objections or recommendations from the public on the proposed 2025 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan as prepared by the Highway Superintendent and Road Consultant. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent and his assistant reviewed the projects in the one-year plan and the six-year plan.

No one was present for the hearing.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 2-25-2025(1) for the 2025 One- & Six-Year Plan for County Highway Improvements. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board will review the draft policy on Weed, Hedge, Tree and Brush Maintenance and Removal that was provided to them. The possibility of holding a public hearing before approving the policy was discussed. This policy will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

The County Clerk summarized the day’s agenda and action taken.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. to meet again March 11, 2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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 25th day of February 2025. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:10 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik 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 Colfax County Press on February 12, 2025, and Colfax County’s website. The availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advanced 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 one tax list correction submitted by the Deputy County Assessor:  
Property ID: 0560040.00-RE, Statement number: 4148

Correspondence from the City of Schuyler regarding a Protest of Tax Status Determination for Property 1210026.00 and 1206327.00 was read.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. 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 February 2025.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk