

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 March 2025. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. 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 March 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 Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the regular minutes of 3/12/2024. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue and January Lodging Tax Revenue. The County Board workshop is June 12-13, and the Board of Equalization workshop is June 12th, in Kearney.

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

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

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition provided a February 2025 Landfill Site Observation report which will be placed on file.

The County Attorney entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The County Attorney gave a report on the activities of his office.

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

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| | <u>All Funds</u> | |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield | Health Premiums | 49,428.95 |
| Ameritas Life Ins. Co. | Retirement Premiums | 21,466.24 |
| EFTPS | FICA/Medicare | 23,298.19 |
| | <u>Attorney Grant Fund</u> | |
| Schuyler Community Schools | Truancy | 4,010.10 |
| | <u>E911 Fund</u> | |
| CenturyLink | Service | 820.74 |
| CenturyLink | Service | 550.00 |
| Frontier | Service | 464.91 |
| | <u>911 Wireless Fund</u> | |
| CenturyLink | Support coverage | 5,133.33 |
| Geo-Comm Inc. | Support and maintenance | 12,437.31 |
| | <u>ROD P & M Fund</u> | |
| MIPS | Microfilming/Deeds on Line | 290.78 |
| | <u>Road Fund</u> | |
| Salaries | | 64,810.42 |
| AG 91 Energy LLC | Fuel/heating fuel | 9,532.47 |
| Albracht Disposal Service Inc. | Service | 57.68 |
| All Makes | Overage charge | 47.34 |
| Bomgaars Supply | Shop supplies/equip./fuel/grease/bolts | 813.71 |
| City of Clarkson | Utilities | 66.26 |
| Clarkson Plumbing & Heating | Shop supplies | 10.49 |
| Colfax County Press | Notices | 264.38 |
| Cooperative Supply Inc. | Fuel | 104.14 |

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| Culligan | Equipment/water | 149.00 |
| Dept. of Utilities | Utilities | 1,469.77 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Office supplies | 2.50 |
| Egis Technologies | Computer | 1,090.00 |
| Farmers Union Coop Gas | Fuel | 412.17 |
| Frontier | Service | 107.62 |
| J & L Automotive | Tire repair | 22.00 |
| Jackson Services Inc. | Janitorial supplies | 65.11 |
| John Deere Financial | Equipment parts/labor | 9,416.83 |
| Loup Public Power-Columbus | Services | 602.47 |
| Gene Macholan | Rock delivery | 1,139.43 |
| Martin Marietta Materials | Rock | 2,833.67 |
| Matheson-Linweld | Oxygen | 82.51 |
| Brandon McCulloch | CDL | 32.00 |
| Menards | Janitorial supplies/lumber | 333.96 |
| Midwest Service & Sales Co. | Grader blade | 152.50 |
| Nebraska Machinery Co. | Equipment parts | 1,810.64 |
| Occupational Health Services | Screening | 75.00 |
| Parkview Express | Fuel | 719.94 |
| Parkview One Stop | Fuel | 1,000.55 |
| Poster Compliance Center | Labor law poster | 72.95 |
| Prochaska Tire LLC | Oil change/tire repair/tires | 427.95 |
| QC Supplies | Shop supplies | 32.86 |
| Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. | Fuel | 226.70 |
| Schuyler Cooperative Assn. | Heating fuel/fuel | 6,305.26 |
| Stanton Telecom | Wireless | 50.90 |
| Stealth Broadband | Internet | 551.49 |
| Tom's Auto Service | Vehicle repair | 450.87 |
| U & I Sanitation Service | Service | 35.00 |
| Verizon Connect | Vehicle tracking | 431.75 |
| Verizon Wireless | Cell phone | 44.33 |
| Village of Howells | Service | 89.97 |
| Village of Leigh | Service | 22.25 |

General Fund

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| Salaries | | 245,225.66 |
| Daniel Acosta | Cell phones/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Antelope County Sheriff | BOP/medical | 6,895.00 |
| Anytime Fitness | Usage | 120.00 |
| AT&T Mobility | Wireless | 996.70 |
| Samantha H. Barnes | Cell phones/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Black Hills Energy | Service | 618.65 |
| Jordon A. Brichacek | Cell phones/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Butler Co Detention Center | BOP | 15,100.00 |
| Butler County Sheriff | Paper service | 18.00 |
| Cenex Voyager Fleet | Fuel | 2,781.43 |
| Cintas | Safety kit supplies | 87.94 |
| Chris Clausen | Danish Lutheran cemetery | 550.00 |
| Clearly | Phone service | 870.10 |
| Clerk of the District Court | Court Costs | 38.00 |
| CMRS-FP | Postage | 500.00 |
| Colfax County Court | Court Costs | 245.00 |
| Colfax County Press | Proceedings/notices/bus. cards | 1,781.82 |
| Colfax County Treasurer | Road transfer | 272,342.62 |
| Constellation NewEnergy Gas | Service | 2,360.35 |
| Corral Auto Repair Towing | Vehicle repair/towing | 2,886.78 |
| Crowne Plaza Kearney | Lodging | 309.90 |
| Culligan | Equipment/water | 533.90 |
| DAS Central Finance | Network service | 2,234.07 |
| David City Discount Pharmacy | Pharmacy | 190.13 |
| Department of Utilities | Utilities | 3,002.94 |
| Dept. of Revenue | Training | 600.00 |
| Dept. of Correction Services | Safekeeper | 90.35 |
| Detectachem | Law enforcement supplies | 65.90 |
| Drain Surgeon | Building repair | 695.50 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Office supplies/copies | 867.49 |
| Egan Supply Company | Janitorial supplies | 134.74 |
| Egis Technologies | Monthly service | 6,609.40 |
| ESRI Inc. | Maintenance | 4,420.00 |

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| Fairfield Inn | Lodging | 139.95 |
| Farmers Union Coop Gas | Fuel | 246.86 |
| First Concord Benefits Group LLC | Participation fees | 40.00 |
| Janelle M. Foltz LLC | Atty fees | 143.75 |
| Austin Forman | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Francotyp-Postalia Inc. | Postage machine rental | 107.85 |
| Daniel Freed | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Garratt-Callahan Co. | Water treatment | 170.46 |
| Great American Financial Services | Copier/copies | 278.08 |
| Great Plains Communications | Phone/internet | 425.19 |
| Great Plains Uniforms LLC | Law enforcement supplies | 493.35 |
| Carl Grotelueschen | Mileage | 249.20 |
| Hall County Sheriff | Paper service | 11.84 |
| Juana Hanson | Cell phone | 75.00 |
| Health & Human Services | Norfolk | 84.00 |
| | Beatrice | 84.00 |
| Justin Hespen | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Hometown Leasing | Copiers | 973.57 |
| Howells Journal | Proceedings/notices/ads | 326.59 |
| Indoff | Office supplies/sani-wipe | 197.94 |
| Jackson Services Inc. | Janitorial supplies | 119.13 |
| Tracy Kennedy | Cell phone/uniforms/parking | 124.00 |
| Kubert Appraisal Group, PC | Appraisal | 16,500.00 |
| La Quinta by Wyndam Kearney | Lodging | 239.90 |
| Language Line Services | Interpreting | 699.15 |
| Leage of Nebraska Municipalities | Conferences | 183.00 |
| Alyssa Ledon | Cell phones/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Madison National Life Insurance Co. | Life/LTD insurance | 111.94 |
| Nancy J. Marty | Meals | 36.00 |
| Minda McKitrick | Supplies | 14.00 |
| James J. Mejsstrik | Mileage | 77.98 |
| Shawn Messerlie | Cell phone/uniforms/meals | 130.08 |
| Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc. | Service | 290.00 |
| MIPS | Software support/website | 3,043.59 |
| ML Smith Law Office | Atty fees | 400.00 |
| Rita Mundil | Mileage | 77.98 |
| NACEB | Dues | 100.00 |
| National Assoc. of Court Management | Membership | 150.00 |
| Nebraska Assoc. of Co. Treasurers | Workshop | 175.00 |
| Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials | Northeast District meeting | 30.00 |
| Nebraska State Patrol | Licenses | 5,385.00 |
| Nebraska.Gov | Certified copy | 1.00 |
| Nebraska Supreme Court | Statutes | 217.15 |
| Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services | JBOP | 11,790.00 |
| Parkview One Stop | Fuel | 544.47 |
| Aaron Peterson | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Physicians Laboratory PC | Autopsy | 300.00 |
| Pinnacle Bank | Health deductibles | 1,093.94 |
| Pinnacle Bank | Lumbar pillow/mouse/keyboard | 81.91 |
| Pinnacle Bank | Key fob access/badges | 616.07 |
| Platte County | Vet Service Contract/reimbursements | 2,958.32 |
| Point C | Participation fees | 296.00 |
| Poster Compliance Center | Labor law poster | 145.90 |
| Postmaster | Assessor test money order | 75.00 |
| Prochaska Tire LLC | Oil changes | 274.41 |
| Travis Prochaska | Mileage | 110.60 |
| Region 4 Behavioral Health System | 4th quarter | 6,997.75 |
| Rocco Interpreting Inc. | Interpreting | 150.00 |
| Schuyler Cooperative Association | Fuel | 566.85 |
| Secretary of State | Certified copy | 20.00 |
| Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher | Atty's fees | 1,213.75 |
| Stratton, Delay, Dole, Carlson | Public defender contract | 8,333.33 |
| Brett Struebing | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Thomson Reuters-West | Westlaw | 584.50 |
| Shane Titus | Cell phone/uniforms | 100.00 |
| Erin Trotter | Mileage | 35.70 |
| Trouba Law Offices LLC | Atty fees | 325.00 |
| U & I Sanitation Service | Service | 35.00 |

In recognition of the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect, the Colfax County Board of Commissioners has proposed a proclamation designating April 2025 as Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month in Colfax County. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 3-25-2025(1) a Proclamation for the month of April 2025 as "Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month" in Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejschik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator stated the public hearings that were scheduled for the March Planning Commission meeting were cancelled due to inclement weather. They are rescheduled for the April 16, 2025, Planning Commission meeting.

Due to the Winter Storm "Blizzard" that occurred on March 18, 2025, the Governor has declared a state of emergency on behalf of Colfax County.

The Board reviewed a notice outlining the statutes requiring all landowners to comply with Nebraska laws regarding the maintenance and removal of weeds, hedges, trees, and brush from public roads and ditches. This notice will be mailed along with the county's valuation notices.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department. Equipment purchases and budget were discussed. Gravel bids will be received and publicly opened at 10:30 a.m. on April 8th with discuss, consider and/or take action to follow.

The "Colfax County Aggregate Hauling" bids that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Three companies submitted bids. The Highway Superintendent recommended accepting all bids for aggregate hauling.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejschik to accept the three bids for aggregate hauling with the lowest bidder being the 1st company to be called. Voting YES: Mejschik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejschik to adjourn BOC at 10:55 a.m. to meet again April 8, 2025. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejschik. 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 March 2025. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejschik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney, and Bill White, 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 March 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 held a hearing to receive information, testimony and comments on a protest filed by City of Schuyler in objection to the taxable status placed on property described as follows: Parent Parcel: 1210026.00 of 22-17-3; area containing Golf Course Greens, Lost Creek Park & Boy Scout Cabin, Etc. Child Parcel: 1210026.01 of 22-17-3; approximately 40 acres containing Golf Course Greens; and Parent Parcel: 1206327.00 of 22-17-3; area containing Club House, Pool, Oak Ballroom, Etc. Child Parcel: 1206327.01 of 22-17-3; approximately .48 acres containing Club House. Child Parcels were designated taxable property for Colfax County Abstract of Assessment for Real Property 2025.

The Board has until May 1, 2025, to render a decision.

Motion Mejschik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:45 a.m. Voting YES: Mejschik, 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 26th day of March 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk