

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 22nd day of April 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 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 April 9, 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of April 8, 2025. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, February Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and Central Nebraska Community Action 2024 Annual report. The City of Schuyler sent their annual report of the 2025 Annual Tax Increment Project Report for the Schuyler CDA and a public hearing notice for their Board of Adjustments. Correspondence was read from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District providing information on Return of Investment.

Inmate logs from Antelope and Platte County were provided to the board and will be placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for April 8, 2025, which will be placed on file.

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

The Sheriff was honored with the 'Scouting America' Northeast Nebraska District – Pete Lakers Memorial Award for 2024. This award recognizes individuals with at least five years in a registered scouting role, active participation in District and Council events, and dedicated service to both church and community.

The County Attorney provided an update on the activities of his office.

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

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

All Funds		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	49,428.95
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,024.55
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	22,818.00
Attorney Grant Fund		
Columbus Area United Way	Service	7,434.90
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy wage	3,438.37
E911 Fund		
CenturyLink	Service	1,052.84
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
ROD P & M Fund		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
Road Fund		
Salaries		69,051.86
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	7,723.00
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	57.68
All Makes	Overage	47.44
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	854.25
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/bolts/safety	164.06

Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Air compressor/fittings/supplies	2,998.10
City of Clarkson	Service	72.70
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop & janitorial supplies	28.24
Colfax County Press	Notices	38.68
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	65.55
Culligan	Equipment/water	131.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,508.71
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Fuel/shop supplies	278.89
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	447.28
Frontier	Service	107.62
Patrick Graybill	Beavers	450.00
Jeremy Indra	Beavers	450.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	64.99
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	123,572.68
Loup Public Power Dist.	Services	525.94
Mainelli, Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	24,014.10
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	944.98
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	90.07
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Equip. parts/signs/culverts	1,484.30
Ne Assn of County Hwy Supt.	Dues/registration	270.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	16,250.04
Parkview Express	Shop supplies/fuel	350.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	780.47
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/tire repair	1,734.00
Prusa Welding	Labor	40.00
Sahling Kenworth Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	2,042.77
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	203.30
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/propane	6,759.74
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Building repair	3,077.20
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.49
Timeclock Plus	License/maintenance	2,655.83
Tomka Repair	Equipment parts/labor	890.34
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		234,707.57
Daniel Acosta	Cell phones/uniforms	100.00
Clancy Ahrens	Mileage/per diem	44.40
All Makes	Toner	176.62
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	6,709.00
Anytime Fitness	Usage	120.00
Mark L. Arps	Meal reimbursement	27.19
AT&T Mobility	Phone service	162.02
At-Scene LLC	Crimefighter subscription	6,564.00
Samantha H. Barnes	Cell phones/uniforms	100.00
America Bautista	Mileage	23.38
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Basic training class	634.35
Black Hills Energy	Service	295.96
Lori A. Blume	Court reporter	120.35
Bomgaars Supply	Lawn care/janitorial supplies	297.94
Jordon A. Brichacek	Cell phones/uniforms	100.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,344.12
Cintas	Safety kit supplies	41.44
Chris Clausen	BOA mileage	22.54
Clearfly	Phone service	870.66
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	259.00
Coast to Coast Computer Products	Toner	295.00
Coast to Coast Solutions	Coloring tote	1,358.21
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	337.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	222.92
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	184.04
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	272,342.63
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	64.36
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	2,258.44

Culligan	Equipment/water	450.65
DAS State Central Finance	Network service	2,201.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	274.93
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,991.54
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Programing supplies	13.44
Brenda Dolezal	Postcard stamp	56.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	713.29
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	514.35
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,519.40
ESRI Inc.	Maintenance	2,560.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	218.51
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
Janelle M. Foltz, LLC	Atty's fees	131.25
Austin Forman	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copier	271.35
Great Plains Communications	Internet/telephone	425.19
Greg Young Chevrolet GMC	Mount/balance/tire repair	328.42
Carl Grotelueschen	Mileage	70.70
Hampton Inn	Lodging	269.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	53.81
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Justin Hespen	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	973.57
Beverly A. Huerter	Court reporter	232.40
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	1,296.25
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	119.03
Amanda Jedlicka	Mileage/per diem	46.80
Tracy Kennedy	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Danny W. Kluthe	Mileage/per diem	103.36
Christopher B. Koliha	BOA mileage	14.56
Kracl Funeral Chapels	Service	535.00
Mark D. Kratochvil	BOA mileage	27.86
Kroeger Body Shop	Vehicle repair	464.68
Kyle Krula	Mileage/per diem	72.28
Charles Kudera	Mileage/per diem	62.76
Language Line Services	Interpreting	358.72
Alyssa Ledon	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	122.78
Main-Stop LLC	Fuel	1,149.82
Brian Mastny	BOA mileage	22.40
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	86.10
Menards	Smart vent	99.99
Shawn Messerlie	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	410.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr.	Membership	150.00
MIPS	Software support/website	3,043.59
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	2,099.50
Nebraska Assn. of County Officials	Workshop registrations	775.00
Northeast NE Economic Dev. District	Membership	925.00
Keith Novak	Mileage/per diem	19.06
Patricia Nunley	Assessor exam	75.00
Matthew Papa	Mileage	103.04
Parkview Express	Fuel	322.54
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	531.59
Aaron Peterson	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	2,750.00
Scott Pieper	Mileage/per diem	97.62
Pinnacle Bank	Key Fob DVR	310.09
Pinnacle Bank	Health deductibles	4,782.92
Pinnacle Bank	Adobe/sign/Apple iPad/office supplies	577.26
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	7,741.60
	Vet Service	
Platte County	contract/reimbursement	2,912.94
Point C	Participation fee	296.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil change/rotation/mount/balance	296.85
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	93.10
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00

Quadiant Inc.	Ink cartridge	248.90
Quadiant Leasing USA Inc.	Lease	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	291.69
Saunders County Clerk	Bailiff reimbursement	24,280.37
Jacqueline A. Sayers	Mileage/meals	194.14
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	684.47
Mark Shoultz	Mileage/per diem	58.84
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	2,299.75
Software Unlimited Corp	Criminal case management	2,874.60
Stratton, Delay, Doelee, Carlson, Buettner	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Tracy Svoboda	Insurance reimbursement	1,318.90
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	584.50
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Trane	Building repair	1,059.54
Erin Trotter	Mileage	224.00
Tru by Hilton Lincoln East	Lodging	550.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
U-Save Pharmacy	Pharmacy	111.03
Verizon	Cell phone	122.20
Phillip Wendt	Mileage/per diem	77.88
Yost, Lamme, Hillis, Mitchell, Schulz	Atty's fees	2,033.75
Chris Yosten	BOA mileage	4.20

Daniel D. Duren, Financial Representative with Benefit Management, introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief presentation about the firm, including references from other counties.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor community room to accommodate all attendees for the upcoming public hearings.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:03 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation to add Article 8 Section 8.22 - Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities Regulations in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator noted that the existing zoning regulations do not address composting and mentioned that there is an individual interested in starting a composting business in Colfax County. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to approve Resolution 4-22-2025(1) Addition of Article 8 Section 8.22 – Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities Regulations.

No opposition to adding Section 8.22 Commercial Composting areas or Facilities Regulations was given.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve Resolution 4-22-2025(1) adding Article 8 Section 8.22 Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities Regulations to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation to amend Article 8 Section 8.07 Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission has dedicated considerable effort into developing fair and consistent regulations for Wind Energy. Our primary responsibility is to protect ag land while ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the County. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to approve Resolution 4-22-2025(2) amending Article 8 Section 8.07 Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations.

Supporters, opponents, and neutral parties were each given one minute to share their comments to amend Article 8 Section 8.07 Small Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve Resolution 4-22-2025(2) amending Article 8 Section 8.07 Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. in the Commissioner’s room to continue the rest of the meeting.

The Emergency Manager presented an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Development and Use of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network to the Board. The County’s NRIN membership will expire at the end of 2025. This Interlocal enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate based on mutual advantage to provide for joint undertakings, services, and facilities. NRIN is funded through public grants and user fees, so there is no cost for becoming an NRIN Member. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 4-22-2025 (3) for the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Development and Use of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects.

Public comment was made on wind energy.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:03 a.m. to meet again May 13, 2025. Voting YES: Mejstrik, 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 22nd day of April 2025. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:03 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik 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 April 9, 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 sixteen tax list corrections submitted by the County Assessor:
Property ID: 1206530.00-RE, Statement number: 20; Property ID: 1209986.00-RE, Statement number: 21;
Property ID: 0380272.00-RE, Statement number: 23; Property ID: 0380270.00-RE, Statement number: 24;
Property ID: 041320002-PP, Statement number: 25; Property ID: 0500051.00-RE, Statement number: 27;
Property ID: 042821001-PP, Statement number: 28; Property ID: 0020393.00-RE, Statement number: 29;
Property ID: 041712001-PP, Statement number: 30; Property ID: 1021101.00-RE, Statement number: 31;
Property ID: 1021100.00-RE, Statement number: 32; Property ID: 0560040.00-RE, Statement number: 33;
Property ID: 0560040.01-RE, Statement number: 34; Property ID: 1241310.00-RE, Statement number: 35;
Property ID: 1241309.00-RE, Statement number: 36; Property ID: 1241303.00-RE, Statement number: 37.

The City of Schuyler Administrator, members of the Schuyler Golf Board, and the owner of Champs Restaurant and Bar were present to address any questions from the Board regarding their protest on the taxable status assigned to the Club House and Golf Course Greens.

The following action was taken on a protest filed and heard before the Board on March 25, 2025.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to deny City of Schuyler’s request for exemption on any real and personal property located in Child Parcel: 1210026.01 of 22-17-3; approximately 40 acres containing Golf Course Greens and Child Parcel: 1206327.01 of 22-17-3; approximately .48 acres containing Club House as it does not fall within the scope for exemption under 77-202. Voting YES: Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the applications for exemption on Form 457 (Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations). Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following Form 457 requests for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the County Treasurer. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Applicant Name	Vehicle Make	Year	Vehicle ID Number
Benedictine Mission House	Toyota	2025	JTMCB3FV8SD244857
	Toyota	2024	JTMABACA4RA064994

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOE at 12:15 p.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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 24th day of April 2025.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk