

May 13, 2025
Commissioner's 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 13th day of May 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 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 30, 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 minutes of 4/22/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided an update on her department activities, stating there was no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging stated the County's share for 2026 Fiscal Year will be \$5,309.00. Stanton County Planning Commissioner will hold a public hearing on May 12th for an amendment to their Comprehensive Plan.

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

The Sheriff submitted a copy of his monthly report which will go on file.

The Vet Service Officer submitted the monthly report for April, along with the claim reimbursements for services rendered to Colfax County Veterans on April 22, 2025, which will go on file.

The Board has received a copy of the April Public Defender report, which will go on file.

2024 year-end report and the 1st quarter CASA reports were provided to the Board.

The Colfax County Visitors Promotion committee provided the list of the organizations, copies of their invoices, applications and expenses to the Board and they will be placed on file.

The Weed Superintendent reported attending a meeting in Platte Center, meeting with the chemical representative, and discussing the potential purchase of various weed equipment.

The County Attorney noted that he is keeping track of current legislative activity. Approval of the 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant is scheduled for the May 27th agenda.

The Board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an "Agenda-less meeting."

Schuyler Towing, a newly established business in Colfax County, introduced themselves and outlined the services they plan to provide.

Recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The 2025/2026 renewal for the health and dental benefits offered to NACO members will have a 5.4% rate increase in health benefits (dental rates remain the same). The Board reviewed Colfax County's benefits/options for employees of Colfax County who may need to have more health coverage than their single plan and how to make it more affordable. The following are the options to our 2025-2026 NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield endorsed program.

- 1) Cash in Lieu of \$500.00 (for employees who opt out of the County's health coverage) will be available to employees who can prove - coverage through Medicare, TRICARE, Medicaid or other employer-sponsored coverage.
- 2) The County will pay \$800.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family
- 3) The counties deductible is \$2600; once the employee has \$500 applied toward their individual \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid at 100% by the County (administered by Point C, Inc.), to the provider of service.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve the 2025 NACO Subgroup Application Form which shall provide eligible County employees health and dental coverage through the NACO endorsed program provided by BCBS.

Coverage will provide a PPO-\$2600 deductible on Health and a Dental PPO Plan. Once the employee has \$500 applied toward their \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid 100% by the County (administered by Point C, Inc.), to the provider of service. The County pays 100% of the employees' insurance and an additional \$800.00 toward Child/Spouse/Family coverage with the employee responsible for the rest of the premium. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the three-year renewal agreement with Trane for the heating/cooling system of the courthouse for the cost of \$4,987.00 for the year 2025, \$5,262.00 for the year 2026 and \$5,551.00 for the year 2027. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to the Colfax County Ag Society for the county fair activities planned for July 17-20, 2025, at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee is recommending the re-appointment of Robert Bender for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2025, to the Veteran Service Committee. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to re-appoint Robert Bender for a five-year term to the Veteran Service Committee. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator stated that her next focus will be reviewing and updating the Colfax County Zoning Regulations related to Solar Energy, and to determine whether a Moratorium Resolution is needed to allow time for further study. This item will be on the May 27th agenda. Additionally, a DEE notice regarding an NPDES General Permit for the Folken Feed Yards, LTD Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation was reviewed.

The Flood Plain Administrator reported that the Department of Natural Resource has completed their audit.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of James B. Palensky to Deputy Sheriff with an effective date of April 28, 2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Assistant Highway Superintendent provided the Board with a report, including photos, of five bridges under 20 feet in length that have been prioritized for repairs or replacement. The National Functional Classification (NFC) map that follows the release of the 2020 United States Census information and the establishment of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary (UAB) that has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Nebraska Division was reviewed. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the Chairman to sign the NFC Map of Colfax County. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:55 a.m. and to meet again May 27, 2025. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 13th day of May 2025. 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. Bill White, County Assessor 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 30, 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 receiving the Findings and Order on Confession of Judgement from Tax Equalization and Review Commission on Case No. 23R 0420.

The Board acknowledged six tax list corrections submitted by the County Assessor:
Property ID: 0560195.00-RE, Statement number: 22; Property ID: 0340440.00-RE, Statement number: 39;
Property ID: 0340443.00-RE, Statement number: 40; Property ID: 1020810.00-RE, Statement number: 41;
Property ID: 1020820.00-RE, Statement number 42; Property ID: 007289201-PP, Statement number 43.

The Board reviewed the lists of Under/Over Valued Property submitted by the Assessor. Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the Under Values & Over Valued Property submitted by the assessor (and send Board notices). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, 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 14th day of May 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk