

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 27th 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 May 14, 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 Wendt to approve the minutes of 5/13/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and March Lodging Tax Revenue. The Platte County Board of Supervisors approved District #5 Probation budget; Colfax County’s portion will be \$26,710.56.

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursement for May 6, 2025, and May 20, 2025, which will be placed on file.

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

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

TJ Prochaska, Extension Educator, reported that the Extension meeting to approve the updated Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Constitution and By-Laws was canceled due to severe weather. He requested that the approval be added to the agenda for the June 10 meeting. A brochure highlighting Nebraska 4-H and its benefits to youth was also distributed.

The County Attorney provided an update on the activities of his office. Additionally, the County Attorney reviewed the Colfax County 2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid 26-CB-0504 Grant Award for \$54,797.00 with the Board. Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the Colfax County 2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid 26-CB-0504 Grant. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

All Funds		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	52,501.27
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	22,220.78
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	23,879.40
Attorney Grant Fund		
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	3,001.15
Vet's Aid Fund		
Michael Benesch	Mileage	30.80
Joseph Bohaboj	Mileage	11.20
Don Eckstein	Mileage	30.80
ROD P & M Fund		
MIPS Inc.	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78
911 Fund		
CenturyLink	Service	1,052.84
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
Visitor Promo Fund		
American Legion McLeod Post #47	Visitor Promo	1,500.00

Javier Arizmendi	Mileage	30.80
Linda Cech	Copies/envelopes/postage	197.67
Clarkson Czech Festival	Visitor Promo	4,000.00
Clarkson Opera House Inc.	Visitor Promo	1,600.00
Clarkson Public Library	Visitor Promo	400.00
Clarkson Rodeo Assoc.	Visitor Promo	2,000.00
Kathy Heard	Mileage	9.80
Howells Community Club	Visitor Promo	2,500.00
Howells Community Fund	Visitor Promo	1,500.00
Howells Historical Society	Visitor Promo	400.00
Howells Knights of Columbus	Visitor Promo	600.00
Knights of Columbus-Schuyler	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Leigh Car Show	Visitor Promo	400.00
Leigh Community Club	Visitor Promo	400.00
Nancy Schaad	Mileage	9.80
Schuyler Chamber of Commerce	Visitor Promo	3,000.00
Schuyler Community Church	Visitor Promo	200.00
Schuyler Historical Society	Visitor Promo	400.00
Schuyler Public Library Foundation	Visitor Promo	1,500.00

Road Bridge Fund

Salaries		68,541.52
Advanced Fire & Safety	Fire extinguisher inspections	1,055.44
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	12,418.17
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	57.68
All Makes	Overage	28.00
Bailey Ag Supply	Ditch mix/rye	1,308.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	745.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop/tool supplies/equip. parts/safety	631.18
Tommie D. Bruce	Patch on road	5,995.00
Cech Excavating, LLC	Shell Creek Bank Stabilization	87,237.95
City of Clarkson	Service	101.82
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	8.99
Clay Hills Trucking	Hauling	417.79
Contech Engineered Solutions	Culverts	34,159.98
Culligan	Bottled water/water cooler	140.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,023.25
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Shop supplies/oil	61.95
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	283.39
The Fort	Boots	152.98
Frontier	Phone	107.69
Gene Steffy Ford	Vehicle repair	176.65
Howells Journal	Ad	121.50
Jackson Service	Janitorial supplies	65.02
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	158,199.84
Leigh Motor Service	Oil/filter	22.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	438.56
Gene Macholan	Rock delivery	2,264.80
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Engineering/contact	19,043.70
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	3,358.31
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	87.55
Menards	Janitorial/shop supplies	124.86
Midwest Service & Sales	Culverts	5,273.80
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	7,512.66
NNSWC Landfill	Waste	116.97
Occupational Health Services	Screening	75.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	895.17
Power Plan	Equipment parts	124.32
Prochaska Tire LLC.	Tire repair	22.00
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	210.05
Road Builders	Equipment parts	436.58
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	586.50
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	5,806.62
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.49
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	45.72
Village of Howells	Service	89.97
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

	<u>General Fund</u>	
Salaries		249,821.53
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	4,095.00
Anytime Fitness	Usage	80.00
AT&T Mobility	Mobile internet	1,841.55
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Michael Benesch	Per diem	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	252.33
Blue To Gold LLC	Enforcement training	395.00
Joseph Bohaboj	Per diem	25.00
Bomgaars Supply	Switch/lock set/equip.parts	82.75
Jordon A. Brichacek	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Tommie D. Bruce	Storm Spotter	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	27,600.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,383.27
Cintas	Safety supplies	35.40
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	113.99
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Gun sights	142.14
Clearly	Telephone system	870.35
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	112.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	276.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/proceedings	975.11
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	61.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer	272,342.63
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical expense	66.24
Columbus Motor Company	Vehicle repair	4,438.20
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	704.04
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Oil change/towing	414.38
Creative Product Source	Gloves	4,555.57
Culligan	Bottled water/water cooler	496.40
Das State Acct-Cent Finance	Network service	2,234.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	122.40
David City Volunteer Fire Dept.	Ambulance service	1,170.00
Dept. of Utilities	Utilities	2,803.06
Dept. of Correction Services	Safekeeping/medical	1,241.65
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	30.80
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copier/printer	2,022.92
Don Eckstein	Per diem	25.00
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	335.61
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,094.40
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	637.50
Electronic Engineering	Radio repair	201.44
Fairfield Inn	Lodging	519.80
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	386.51
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage machine	107.85
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phones	100.00
Gabriel, Burger, & Else CPA	Audit	5,500.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Glass House	Glass window repair	258.00
Great America Financial Services	Copier/copies	436.34
Great Plains Communications	Telephone/internet	425.33
Groves Emergency Lighting Install	Outfitting sheriff vehicle	42,978.64
Gunslingers LLC	Law enforcement supplies	4,500.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	75.18
HHS Institution Payments	Norfolk	90.00
	Beatrice	90.00
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	973.57
Howells Journal	Weed ad	486.00
Indoff	Office supplies/tower surges	1,288.55
Intoximeters	Stop funds	6,595.00
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	178.48
Jorge's Carpet Clean & Auto Detail	Sheriff pickup	150.00
Tracy Kennedy	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00

William M. Kurtenbach	Atty's fees	162.50
La Quinta by Wyndam	Lodging	132.95
Language Line Services	Interpreting	308.57
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phones	100.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	114.21
Main Stop LLC	Fuel	442.06
Maximus Inc.	Cost allocation	988.00
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	98.84
Menards	Janitorial supplies	132.34
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Midwest Alarm Services	Fire alarm inspection	333.60
MIPS	Software support	3,043.59
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	137.50
Randy Muhsman	Storm spotter	100.00
Nebr. Assoc. of County Officials	Registration	200.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Train Ctr.	Lodging	50.00
Nebraska VOAD	Dues	30.00
NE Weed Control Assoc.	Registration	150.00
Northeast NE Co. Assessors Assoc.	Dues	25.00
Northeast Nebraska Area Agency Aging	County share	5,309.00
Patricia Nunley	Mileage	94.78
James Palensky	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Parkview Express	Fuel	469.84
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	742.42
Pell Reporting Inc.	Service	90.45
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	496.00
Pinnacle Bank	Sheriff training reservations	1,705.11
Pinnacle Bank	Health deductibles	2,166.77
Pinnacle Bank	Flags/judges robe	666.15
Pinnacle Bank	Office/programming supplies	371.52
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,723.29
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	6.73
Platte Valley Printing	Office supplies	169.98
Point C	Participation fee	312.00
Bruce Prenda	Mileage	177.10
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil changes/tires/mount/balance	1,330.65
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	172.90
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	412.34
Duane Schlautman	Per diem	25.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	1,089.81
Sector	Car video	19,717.80
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	270.00
Tonia Soukup	Mileage	162.40
Stratton, Delay, Doelee, Carlson	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Stryker Sales LLC	Law enforcement supplies	1,020.00
Thomson Reuters-West	West Proflex	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Erin Trotter	Mileage	194.60
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Wage reimbursement	21,530.96
Patricia Valencia	Mileage	94.78
Verizon	Cell phone	122.19

The Board reviewed the participation of Sheriff's Department staff in the Anytime Fitness HERO membership program and discussed the option of making the program available to all County employees. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the HERO membership program with Anytime Fitness for all County's employees to begin July 1, 2025. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsatrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried

Recessed at 9:40 a.m. to resume at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator reported on zoning permits that were issued. Discussion was held to have a study done on the existing zoning regulation on solar energy. Motion Mejsatrik, second Grotelueschen to approve the twelve-month Moratorium Resolution 5-27-2025(1) to study the existing zoning regulations on solar energy. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsatrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from Kathy Stender, the President of the Colfax County Library Association.

The Assistant Highway Superintendent discussed renewing the barrow site contract and establishing a lease agreement for a gravel stockpile.

Public comment on corn stalks plugging culverts was made.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:55 a.m. to meet again June 10, 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 27th 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 May 14, 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. 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 two tax list corrections submitted by the County Assessor:
Property ID: 0020393.01-RE, Statement number: 46; Property ID: 0340482.00-RE, Statement number: 47.

The Board reviewed the Finding and Orders of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

Discussion was held on dates to conduct protest hearings; June 10th, June 24th and July 8th were dates scheduled for June and July.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 28th day of May 2025.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk