

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 24th day of June 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 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 June 11, 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 6/10/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, April Lodging Tax Revenue, a change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank and Howells Public Library annual report (no STOP Revenue received).

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

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for June 17, 2025, to be placed on file.

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

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipts from Clarkson Bank.

Travis Prochaska, Extension Educator, provided an update of his office’s activities and submitted the revised Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Constitution and By-Laws for the Board’s review and formal approval. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to authorize the Chairman to sign the updated Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Constitution and By-Laws. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the County Attorney.

The Sheriff and Chief Deputy presented an agreement between the Nebraska Department of Roads and Colfax County for the Installation and Operation of Automated License Plate Reader on State Highway. This agreement is for the “Flock Safety” program. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 6-24-2025 (1) authorizing the Chairman to sign the Agency Agreement ZL2508 between Colfax County and Nebraska Department of Transportation for the purpose of Automatic License Plate Reader within the corporate limits of Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen 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	54,814.75
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,976.48
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	23,538.43
Attorney Grant Fund		
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy officer	3,708.33
E911 Fund		
CenturyLink	Service	1,052.84
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
ROD P & M Fund		
MIPS Inc.	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78

Road Fund

Salaries		69,219.79
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	4,906.01
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Service	57.68
All Makes	Copies	23.46
Jon Balzer	Superintendent application	25.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	5,721.75
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Haul dirt	1,776.25
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/bolts	56.34
Butler County Landfill, Inc.	Industrial waste	126.99
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery	297.98
City of Clarkson	Service	108.32
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	7.49
Colfax County Press	Ad	138.20
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	120.83
Culligan	Water cooler/water	140.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	510.54
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/grease	270.19
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	250.22
Frontier	Service	107.69
Howells Journal	Ad/notice	171.67
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	64.98
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	250.44
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	145,289.46
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	527.12
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	33,316.41
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	90.07
Menards	Fire extinguishers	139.94
NIRMA	Insurance	64,974.00
Occupational Health Services	Screening	364.00
Parkview Express	Fuel	715.99
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,378.32
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	13,038.94
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil change/tire repair	203.90
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	3.52
Rocky Top Trucking	Rock hauling	5,114.08
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	170.54
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	4,893.21
Stanton Telecom	Wireless	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.46
Theisen Construction, Inc.	C19(387)	208,690.20
Verizon Connect	GPS	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.94
Village of Howells	Service	89.97
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		245,384.97
A.W. Blanks	Ammunition	397.68
Daniel Acosta	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,025.00
Anytime Fitness	May usage	100.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Security Managed Services	3,555.00
AT&T Mobility	Wireless	1,008.04
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	167.19
Bomgaars Supply	Lawn weed & feed/key/epoxy	327.37
Jordan A. Brichacek	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	12,050.00
Calibre Press	Registration	359.00
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery/wipers/cable/car wash	221.67
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,868.25
Clearfly	Phone service	881.79
Clerk of District Court	Court Costs	647.00

CMRS-FP	Postage extension	700.00
Coast to Coast Solutions	Lollipops	740.44
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	386.00
Colfax County Press	Notices/proceedings/bus. Cards	780.55
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	169.46
Column Software PBC	SID notice	27.35
Comfort Inn	Lodging	539.80
Constellation NewEnergy Gas	Service	468.37
Courtyard by Marriott	Lodging	278.00
Creative Product Source	Law enforcement supplies	1,057.68
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	434.85
Culligan	Water cooler/water	459.65
DAS State - Central Finance	Network Service	2,245.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	62.63
David City Volunteer Fire Dept.	Ambulance	1,168.00
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,895.64
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Program supplies	25.23
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage	47.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/overage of copies	1,341.73
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/3rd floor security	25,430.40
Electronic Engineering	Radio repair	636.25
Fairfield Inn	Lodging	189.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	472.93
Ferro Concepts	Law enforcement supplies	245.40
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
First Impressions	Crayons/stickers	1,305.00
Janelle M. Foltz, LLC.	Atty fees	2,243.75
Austin Forman	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Fox Valley Technical College	Registration	625.00
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/uniforms/meals	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great America Financial Services	Copier/copies	235.21
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	425.33
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Law enforcement supplies	2,280.00
Gregg Young Chevrolet Inc.	Sheriff vehicles	106,741.72
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	182.00
Groves Emergency Lighting Install	Outfitting sheriff vehicles	24,696.90
Gunslingers LLC	Law enforcement supplies	5,220.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	51.29
Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC	Chemicals	5,172.50
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,089.71
Indoff	Office supplies	1,011.24
J & L Automotive	Oil change/rotate tires	346.50
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law enforcement supplies	75.79
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	118.97
Tracy Kennedy	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Kroeger Body Shop Inc	Vehicle repair	2,257.07
Language Line Services	Interpretation	447.22
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lexipol LLC	Service agreement	409.45
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	114.21
Main-Stop LLC	Fuel	513.18
Medicine Man Pharmacy	Pharmacy	29.00
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	182.00
Menards	Janitorial supplies	58.85
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
MIPS	Software support	3,043.59
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	2,400.00
Moravec Johnson Mortuary	Transport	425.00
Mueller Sprinklers	Backflow inspection	300.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	First half membership	2,391.05
Nebraska County Attorneys Assoc.	Training seminar	825.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified copies	5.50
Katelynn Ness	Supplies/mileage	316.15
NIRMA	Insurance	83,831.00

Northeast NE Juvenile Services	Special assessment	2,645.50
One Office Solutions	Office supplies	52.47
James Palensky	Cell phones/uniforms	100.00
Matthew Papa	Mileage	187.60
Parkview Express	Fuel	634.71
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	745.77
Aaron Peterson	Cell phones/uniforms	100.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	2,750.00
Pinnacle Bank	Health deductibles	5,069.09
Pinnacle Bank	Program & office supplies/scanners	2,493.06
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP/tuition	2,450.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	3,086.72
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	28.46
Point C	Participation and annual fee	646.75
Premier Glassworks LLC	Windshield replacement/tinting	1,091.00
Travis Prochaska	Mileage/wireless system	235.64
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	2,000.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	FY 24/25	6,915.25
Schneider Geospatial LLC	Beacon contract/maintenance	23,172.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	1,383.68
Sector LLC	GVS renewal/car video system	31,633.80
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	2,648.75
Stratton, Delay, Doelee, Carlson	Public Defender contract	9,158.33
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone/shipping cost	150.15
Stryker Sales LLC	Replacement battery kit	1,188.00
Thomson Reuters-West	West Law	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Erin Trotter	Mileage	75.60
Trouba Law Office LLC	Attorney fees	1,518.75
U-Save Pharmacy	Pharmacy	38.57
United States Treasury	PCORI Fees	128.39
University of Nebraska	iPad	629.00
Daniel Zacarias Vasquez Jr.	Witness fee	20.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.19
Terry Wendt	Mileage	186.20

Motion Grotelueschen, second Wendt to approve the 5-year extension of Interlocal Agreements with the libraries of Clarkson, Howells, Leigh, and Schuyler for continued county support in the fiscal year budget. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed county budgets for FY25-26, noting the May CPI at 2.4 percent. The Board approved a wage adjustment of 3% for hourly employees earning \$33.30 per hour or more, and a \$1.00 per hour increase for those earning less than \$33.30 per hour. It was emphasized that this action does not guarantee a 3% increase in January.

Discussion was held regarding who would print the postcards if any school, city, or county exceeds the 2% budget allowance. The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services has an agreement with MIPS for this purpose. Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve MIPS to print Colfax County postcards. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 10:00 a.m. to resume at 10:05 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on recently issued permits.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation to amend Article 4 Section 4.19 FP – Floodplain Overlay District in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Floodplain Administrator noted that the current regulations have not been updated since 2017 and that an update was recommended during a recent audit by the Department of Natural Resources. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to approve Resolution 6-24-2025(2) Amendment of Article 4 Section 4.19 FP – Floodplain Overlay District.

No opposition to amending of Article 4 Section 4.19 FP – Floodplain Overlay District was given.



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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve Resolution 6-24-2025(2) Amendment of Article 4 Section 4.19 FP – Floodplain Overlay District. to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent met with the Board to discuss the Barnholdt and Byrne drainage ditches and a potential partnership with the Lower Elkhorn NRD regarding erosion control along Maple Creek. Representatives from Murphy Tractor and Nebraska Machinery presented quotes and addressed questions related to the purchase of a new motor grader. Discuss, consider, and/or take action will take place at the July 8th meeting.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. to meet again July 8, 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 24th day of June 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, 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 June 11, 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 confirmed July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> to conduct any hearings on form 422 completed by taxpayers as filed with the Clerk.

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

No Tax list corrections were presented by the Assessor.

The Board acknowledged receipt of two Notice of Appeal from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission for Case No. 25E 0014 and Case No. 25E 0015. The Board agreed to have our County Attorney represent the Colfax County Board of Equalization in both cases.

The Board conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 12:00 p.m. to meet again July 8, 2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 25th day of June 2025.

  
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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk