

August 12, 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 12th day of August 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. The 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 July 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 Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the minutes of 7/22/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Public Defender informed the Board of his intent to terminate his contract, citing the departure of multiple partners from his firm. The Board noted that the current contract is for a five-year term and expressed their preference that he continue serving through the end of this year. The County Attorney informed the Commissioners of the statutes which provide how the County may obtain and appoint a new Public Defender. He explained that the first step would be for the Board to appoint a three-member Policy Board. The Policy Board would then begin the process of gathering information and advising the Commissioners on how to proceed. The appointment of the Policy Board will be placed on the August 26th agenda.

The General Assistance Clerk provided a report on her department activities, indicating that there was no need for an executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received, and the Clarkson Library annual report. The fall NACO Northeast District Meeting will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Lifelong Learning Center - Northeast Community College.

The Board received the District Court Clerk monthly report.

The Vet Service Officer submitted his July monthly report along with claim reimbursements for July 29, 2025, to be filed.

The Board received the July Public Defender monthly report.

The Sheriff submitted his monthly report to the Board, which will be filed.

Travis Prochaska and Katelynn Ness from the Extension Office reported on the county fair and noted that preparations are underway for the state fair. They also discussed upcoming Ag and 4-H activities.

The Weed Superintendent presented a quote for a spraying unit for his pickup and reported that the Platte River will be flown today to identify areas that need attention.

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

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

Recessed at 9:30 a.m. to resume at 9:35 a.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to enter executive session at 9:35 to discuss potential real estate purchase. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 10:00 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

The Board directed the Chairman to engage in negotiations regarding the potential real estate purchase.

The Board has reviewed the individual offices proposed FY25-26 county budgets. They also received tax requests from the political subdivisions under the County Board's authority. The Board has until September 1st to approve or deny the requests. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to acknowledge the tax requests received from the political subdivisions that fall under the authority of the County Board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator updated the Board on recently issued zoning permits. The Board reviewed a DEE notice concerning an NPDES General Permit for the A. Glenn Kluck Feedlot-Home Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation. They discussed updating the Colfax County Comprehensive Plan, proposing to include half of the cost in this year's budget. The Board requested that the consultant meet with them to outline the procedure and costs and directed the Zoning Administrator to make contact. In addition, a Local Siting Application from Midwest Soillogix LLC for a proposed Class I Commercial Composting Area or Facility (CCAF) was presented.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to acknowledge receipt of the Siting Application from Midwest Soillogix, LLC (to be filed within 14 days) for a proposed Class I Commercial Composting Area or Facility (CCAF) in Colfax County. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Assistant Highway Superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects, reported that he will complete the Annual Certification Form for the 2025 Federal Fund Purchase Program with NDOR, and presented quotes for purchasing a pressure washer for the Schuyler shop.

The Board reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form and Resolution 8-12-2025(1) authorizing the Chairman to sign the certification. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 8-12-2025(1) authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again August 26, 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 12th day of August 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 July 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. 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 and one notice of valuation change submitted by the County Assessor. Tax List Corrections; 1) Property ID: 010421005-PP, Statement number: 48; 2) Property ID: 012122004-PP, Statement number: 52; Notice of Valuation Change: Parcel: 0020366.00; Legal Description: 5 Acres in NE1/4 NE1/4 of 8-17-2.

The Board reviewed the Clerical Error report submitted by County Assessor. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve Parcel number 860190 on the Clerical Error report. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, 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 13th day of August 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk