

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 26th 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. 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 August 13, 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 8/12/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received, Opioid Settlement Funds received, and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Annual Report 2024-2025.

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

The Vet Service officer provided claim reimbursements for August 12, 2025, to be placed on file.

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

The County Attorney reported that new national opioid settlements have been reached with Purdue and the Sacklers, for which he has already submitted the participation form. Additional settlements with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus will require a separate participation form for each, to be submitted by October 8, 2025.

Discussion was held for this year’s Colfax County employee appreciation. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve \$1200.00 for Colfax County’s employee appreciation meal hosted by the County Clerk’s office. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	55,982.94
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,915.08
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	23,459.44
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Schuyler Community Schools	June reimbursement	3,262.71
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,051.90
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
<u>ROD P &amp; M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	298.71
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Salaries		69,428.31
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	4,766.09
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Copies	28.31
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs	2,348.97
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Hauled sand	833.75
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/bolts/grease	633.70
Tommie D. Bruce	Patch	5,225.00
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Running boards	272.17
City of Clarkson	Service	14.42

Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Door locks	9.49
Clay Hills Trucking	Hauled rock	399.84
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	266.71
Culligan	Equipment/water	122.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	245.25
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts	114.97
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	322.16
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	296.97
Fastenal	Shop tools	349.40
Frontier	Phones	107.54
Hotsy Equipment Co.	Pressure washer	6,595.00
Howells Journal	Subscription	36.00
J & L Automotive	Tires/mount	233.98
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	68.41
John Deere Financial	Oil	210.36
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	153,312.72
Loup Public Power District	Services	549.55
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	17,108.80
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen/welder/shop supplies	7,308.69
Menards	Shop supplies	99.97
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Equipment parts/culverts	7,068.25
MIPS	Notices printed	390.15
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registration	30.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equip. parts/labor/motor grader	256,960.79
Parkview Express	Fuel	506.72
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	935.47
Rocky Top Trucking	Hauled rock	6,588.63
Schutt Construction Inc.	3 projects/scrapper	8,900.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	7,381.21
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Clarkson shop	100.00
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.46
Straight-line Striping, Inc.	Striping	16,134.30
Theisen Construction, Inc.	C19(387)	21,790.53
Tom's Auto Service	Oil change	85.25
Tomka Repair	Hood rubber latch	48.06
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	495.55
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.68
Village of Howells	Service	89.97
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		244,244.26
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,380.00
Anytime Fitness	Usage	120.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/GPS	973.74
Samantha H. Barnes	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	Training	36.85
Black Hills Energy	Service	140.16
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial/law enf. supplies/chemicals/equip. repair	132.94
Jordon A. Brichacek	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	10,950.00
Butler Co. Health Care Center	Medical expense	3,087.12
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Fuses	3.51
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,884.59
Circulation Payment Cemer	Subscription	113.99
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	63.53
Clarkson Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Clarkson Public Schools	Art exhibits	60.00
Clearly	Phone service	876.12
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	369.00
Coast to Coast Solutions	Halloween stickers/coloring posters	2,691.76
Colfax County Court	July and August Court costs	880.00
Colfax County Press	Notices	178.29
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	37.00

Colfax County Treasurer	Title and tire tax	50.00
Column Software PBC	Ads	14.72
Comfort Inn	Lodging	199.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	263.66
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Oil change	116.37
Culligan	Equipment/water	534.15
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	2,245.07
Dell Marketing LP	Smart Docks	917.97
Deluxe	Deposit tickets	242.51
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,149.82
Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment	Workshop registrations	1,430.00
Detectachem	Law enforcement supplies	396.54
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	315.70
Rodney E. Dostal	Menards reimbursement	2.95
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	1,498.61
Tim Eckerman	Mileage/parking	95.80
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	268.26
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,097.40
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	249.31
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	60.00
First Impressions	Office supplies	290.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	252.46
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	850.02
Great Plains Reporting	Service	100.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	51.26
Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC	Chemicals	3,430.00
Justin Hespen	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hilltop Community Pharmacy	Pharmacy	40.79
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	973.57
Howells Community Catholic School	Art exhibits	60.00
Howells Journal	Subscription	36.00
Howells Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Howells-Dodge Consolidated	Art exhibits	60.00
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	734.46
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	125.86
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Survey/truck rental	2,000.00
Jones Automotive Inc.	Radio repair	439.39
Tracy Kennedy	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Language Line Services	Interpreting	302.08
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Leigh Community Schools	Art exhibits	60.00
Leigh Public Library	Funding	5,000.00
Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	Paper service	60.82
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	114.21
Main-Stop LLC	Fuel	442.16
Minda McKitrick	Mileage	307.30
Cristal Melgar	Mileage	39.76
Menards	Janitorial supplies	86.82
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
MIPS	Software support/website	7,952.66
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	3,412.50
Jacqueline Moran	Notary renewal	32.50
Rita Mundil	Employee appreciation	1,200.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations/poster	265.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage	336.70
Northeast Community College	Dispatch training	800.00
Patricia Nunley	Mileage	86.80
Oberg Locksmith & Security Services	Treasurer's vaults	418.00
James Palensky	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Matthew Papa	Mileage	153.16
Parkview Express	Fuel	357.44
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,100.17
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00

Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	2,750.00
Physicians Laboratory Services Inc.	Autopsy	370.00
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	110.00
Pinnacle Bank	Flight/room/TV/law enf. supplies	5,506.13
Pinnacle Bank Health	Deductibles	5,833.32
Pinnacle Bank	Manuals/office supplies/battery	286.69
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	4,132.16
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,249.03
Point C	Participation fee	330.00
Postmaster	PO Box	260.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil change/rotate tires	375.40
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage/supplies	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease	2,407.77
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	85.96
Radio Time Billing	Back to school safety	267.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	1,509.63
Schuyler Public Library	Funding	15,000.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	61.25
St. John Neumann	Art exhibits	60.00
Stratton, Delay, Doelee, Carlson	Public Defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Talbot Law Offices PC LLO	TERC	292.50
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Maintenance contract	5,750.64
Trane	Courthouse repair	4,987.00
Erin Trotter	Mileage	217.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	153.76
Verizon	Cell phone	122.18

Discussion was held on filling the position of Public Defender with the notice that our current Public Defender would like to be released from his contract. The first step would be for the Board to appoint a three-member Policy Board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt appointing Joel Carlson, Ryan Stover and Donald Tyser as the Policy Board for Public Defender. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to Triple H Drive-In, LLC for an event August 29<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> at 338 Road 10, Schuyler. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to El Patron Mexican Restaurant for an event August 29<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> at 338 Road 10, Schuyler. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY25-26 county budget with the County Clerk (final draft). The Assessor provided the certified valuation of the County.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Resolution 8-26-2025(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the County Board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to set Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. as the date and time for the FY25-26 county budget hearing and approximately 8:30 a.m. (following the county budget hearing) as the hearing for approval of the county's tax request. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the Sheriff.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

No report from the Zoning Administrator.



Beth Ferrell from NACO gave an overview of the resources, training, and conferences available to member counties. She also provided an update on legislation changes from this past session.

The Highway Superintendent and Assistant provided a report on department activities, including an update on road and bridge projects. It was noted that the new hire will begin on August 28th. The Board also discussed landowner compliance with statutes requiring the maintenance and removal of weeds, hedges, trees, and brushes from public roads and ditches.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prepared by Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LHMP) was reviewed by the Board. The LHMP needs to be approved by September 19<sup>th</sup> to remain eligible for future mitigation funding. Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 8-26-2025(2) authorizing the Chairman to sign the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOC at 10:55 a.m. to meet again September 9, 2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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 26th day of August 2025. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 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 by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice, publication in the Howells Journal on August 13, 2025, and the 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 County Assessor participated by telephone while attending the Assessor's Workshop in Kearney. Edmond Talbot, the Board's legal representative for TERC cases, was also present.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to enter executive session at 11:01 to discuss pending litigation. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to exit executive session and resume BOE session at 11:15 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 instructed Edmond Talbot to proceed with negotiations.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. Voting YES: Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, duly elected and a 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 27th day of August 2025.

  
Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk