

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 28th day of January 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 January 15, 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 Grotelueschen to approve the regular minutes of 1/14/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney provided the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between the County, State Probation Administration, and the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Center for payment of juvenile detention costs. Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement Agreement. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney informed Board members of a Summons and Counterclaim filed in CI24-26 *Kroeger’s Korner LLC v Colfax County*. The Complaint/Petition was served on the County Attorney and forwarded to NIRMA.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and November Lodging Tax Revenue. Lower Elkhorn NRD sent notification they are accepting applications for their Community Forestry Incentive Program.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for January 14, 2025, which will be placed on file.

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition provided a December 2024 Landfill Site Observation report and their Yearly report which will be placed on file.

Martin Schildt with GBE CPA reviewed the 2023/2024 County Audit with the Board. Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the 2023/2024 audit conducted by GBE CPA. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9.35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

The Clerk Magistrate addressed the Board when the security system for the 3rd floor will get implemented.

The Zoning Administrator reported on new permits that were issued.

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.

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	51,365.11
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,523.52
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	23,142.10
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy wage	6,491.02
<u>911 Wireless Service Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,034.64
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	11,196.00
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	231.16
CenturyLink	Service	550.00

Frontier	Service	464.91
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	8,219.00
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	290.78

Road Fund

Salaries		64,629.98
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	3,648.08
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Overage charge	18.55
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs/barricades	1,786.75
Bomgaars Supply	Shop & safety supplies/equip. parts/grease	400.58
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Equipment parts/shop supplies	217.03
Cech Excavating, LLC	Bank stabilization	11,610.18
City of Clarkson	Service	65.70
Clay Hills Trucking	Hauling	4,104.71
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	104.65
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	1,336.21
Culligan	Water/equipment	193.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,102.43
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equipment parts	69.96
Eakes Office Solutions	Office & janitorial supplies	181.20
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	324.62
The Fort	Boots	161.99
Frontier	Phones	92.51
Hegemann Hardware	Shop supplies	18.54
Insite Towers LLC	Tower rent	1,152.00
J & L Automotive	Tires/mount/balance	1,152.84
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	64.92
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	21.99
Norman Kment	CDL reimbursement	32.00
Kracl Saw Shop	Leaf blower	209.99
Scott Kroeger	CDL reimbursement	32.00
Leigh Motor Service	Chainsaw repair	185.65
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	527.15
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	77,801.67
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	7,894.13
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	90.07
Menards	Janitorial & shop supplies	163.62
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/blades/signs	9,573.40
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Plow/antifreeze	17,994.10
Parkview Express	Fuel	453.29
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	275.88
Power Plan	Equipment parts	442.09
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/repair/oil changes	7,796.12
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies/equipment parts	81.63
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	230.60
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Heating fuel/fuel	6,026.58
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Building repair	648.05
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	551.49
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	44.33
Village of Howells	Service	89.55
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25
Volkman Plumbing & Heating	Building repair	186.50

General Fund

Salaries		244,080.83
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
All Makes	Copies/toner	46.64
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	2,790.00
Anytime Fitness	December usage	120.00
Mark L. Arps	Meals/Notary renewal	63.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/phones	979.41
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	1,292.08
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Viola Bender	Prior service	23.08
Black Hills Energy	Service	524.01

Jean Blum	Prior service	192.00
Aleisha Bohaboj	Mileage	211.40
Bomgaars	Janitorial supplies	109.49
Jordon A. Brichacek	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	16,400.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	3,241.14
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery	218.56
Cintas	Safety kit supplies	94.27
Clearlyfly	Phone service	866.96
Clerk of District Court Association	Dues	50.00
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	328.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	393.00
Colfax County Press/Leigh World	Subscriptions	315.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	77.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	272,342.62
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	382.96
Comfort Inn	Lodging	2,499.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	604.61
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	466.67
Creative Product Source	Pencils, guide/law enforce supplies	3,646.98
Culligan	Equipment/water	446.65
DAS State - Central Finance	Network service	2,223.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Prescriptions	51.59
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,750.98
Dept. Of Correction Services	Safekeeper	3,260.37
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	9.70
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/toner/copies	552.46
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	532.08
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,602.40
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	49.97
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	40.00
Janelle M. Foltz LLC	Atty's fees	5,375.00
Austin Forman	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Gabriel, Burger & Else CPA	Audit	12,000.00
Gass Haney Funeral Home	Transport	150.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	465.06
Great Plains Communications	Internet/phone	424.99
Ronald Hanel	Prior service	46.16
Health and Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Justin Hespen	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,538.12
Indoff	Office supplies/stamper	997.92
J & L Automotive	Oil change	91.48
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	118.88
JEO Consulting	Survey/truck rental	890.00
Larry J. Karel	Prior service	144.00
Janis Kasik	Prior service	92.32
Tracy Kennedy	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Norman Kment	Prior service	80.78
Linda Ladwig	Prior service	23.08
Lancaster County Weed Control	Dues	350.00
Alyssa Ledon	Uniform/cellphone	100.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	97.95
Main Stop LLC	Fuel	455.78
Nancy J. Marty	Meal reimbursement	18.00
Minda McKitrick	Notary renewal	30.00
Mebulbs	Janitorial supplies	608.16
James J. Mejsstrik	Mileage	174.20
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Participation fee	280.00
MIPS	Software support/website	3,652.83
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	1,275.00
Moravec Johnson Mortuary	Transport	375.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NE State Fire Marschall/Boiler Div	Annual Certificate	36.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Treasurers	Dues	75.00

Nebraska Assoc. of County Assessors	Dues	100.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc.	Membership	550.00
Nebraska.Gov	Certified copies	10.50
Northeast NE Juvenile Services	JBOP	32,310.00
Eleanor Pacas	Prior service	300.00
Parkview Express	Fuel	32.36
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	173.42
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Pinnacle Bank	E-Banking	500.00
Pinnacle Bank	Law enforcement supplies/dues	144.45
Pinnacle Bank	Health deductibles	707.80
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/reconyx/adobe	225.48
Platte County/Eric Mullally	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,623.04
Platte Valley Humane Society	Animal care	75.00
Prochaska Tire LLC.	Oil changes/tire repair	335.80
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	191.07
Jacqueline A. Sayers	Mileage	36.40
Schieffer Signs	Lettering	325.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	562.63
Schuyler Sun	Subscriptions	104.00
Richard T. Seckman	Prior service	34.62
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	3,173.75
Stratton, Delay, Doelee, Carlson	Public defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Justin Stutzman	Meals	14.84
Diann F. Svatora	Prior service	11.54
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trane	Building repair	2,314.50
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	269.00
University of Nebr. Lincoln	Salary reimbursement	146.91
University of Nebraska	Computer	2,579.62
Verizon	Cell phone	122.19
William White	Meals	31.99

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Justin Stutzman as Weed Superintendent. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department; projects in the one-year plan and six-year plan were reviewed. The open house for comments on projects to be placed on the One- & Six-Year Road Improvement plan will be held in the Commissioner's meeting room on February 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The hearing date for 2025 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan will be February 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 2500 pickup by state bid. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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 February 11, 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 28th day of January 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 Jackie Sayers, Deputy 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 January 15, 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.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on real and personal property exemptions by qualifying organizations (Form 451). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Deputy County Assessor provided the board with an application requesting Tax Exemption of Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations.

No one was present for the hearing.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the following application on Form 451 for real and personal properties that request tax exempt status. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

	Ministerio Evangelico Pentecostes			
Religious	Dio Es Fiel	Schuyler	120-1994	Lots 1-3, Block 95 OT Schuyler

The Board acknowledged eight tax list corrections submitted by the Deputy County Assessor:
Property ID: 1140178.00-RE, Statement number: 2358
Property ID: 1140175.00-RE, Statement number: 2359
Property ID: 0380355.00-RE, Statement number: 11
Property ID: 0380351.00-RE, Statement number: 12
Property ID: 0380352.00-RE, Statement number: 13
Property ID: 0380350.00-RE, Statement number: 14
Property ID: 1221167.01-RE, Statement number: 15
Property ID: 012229323-PP, Statement number: 17

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. 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 29th day of January 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk