

February 11, 2025
Commissioners 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 11th day of February 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 29, 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 1/28/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk gave a report on the activities of her department, no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP revenue received and NIRMA's 2024 Annual report. Registrations are now open for the NACO Northeast District meeting on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. Accountability and Disclosure forms were distributed to all county officials. Correspondence from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice states that the Colfax County Jail facility was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of the inspection. Lower Elkhorn NRD informed the County of two programs that cooperate with municipalities to solve natural resource problems and create recreational opportunities, applications must be received by March 15th.

The Board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the District Court Clerk.

The Vet Service Officer provided his January monthly report and claim reimbursements for January 28, 2025, which will all be placed on file.

The Sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the Board, and it will be placed on file.

The Board received a copy of the January Public Defender report.

The County Attorney discussed the litigation costs incurred by Colfax County due to a Summons and Counterclaim filed in case CI24-26. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve NIRMA's representation of Colfax County in the lawsuit. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he has agreed to review and offer feedback to NACO on a Broadband Toolkit, which includes standardized templates for resolutions, agreements, and permits related to broadband expansion while ensuring the protection of county rights-of-way.

Erin Trotter/Extension gave a report on the activities of her department; the Board received the 2024 Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Annual report which will be placed on file. Specific items include 1) Summary of 2023-24 budget expenditures, 2) Current fiscal year 2024-25 budget, 3) County Impact Report, 4) Program impacts and accomplishments for each educator and assistant/associate, (5) Individual Impact Statements(s) and 6) Samples of 4-H newsletters, Extension newsletters, major program brochures, and other products that represent 2024 programming.

The Weed Superintendent reported he attended the weed conference in Kearney and is registered for the NACO Northeast District meeting in Norfolk.

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

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

The Zoning Administrator reported that both the Board of Adjustments and Planning Commission will be meeting on February 19, 2025. She will be attending the 2025 Nebraska Annual Planning Conference in Kearney March 5th-7th.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to K&L Brass Rail, LLC for an event held April 5, 2025, at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the desire to establish a policy, in accordance with state statutes, to involve landowners in brush and tree removal efforts to enhance safety and ensure proper maintenance of county rights-of-way. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

The Highway Superintendent presented Resolution 2-11-2025(1) certifying the completion of the installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 2-11-2025(1) certifying the completion of STOP and STOP Ahead signing by Colfax County. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again February 25, 2025. 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 12th day of February 2025.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk