September 9, 2025 Budget Hearing Minutes

The Budget Hearing for Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 9, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Colfax County Press on September 3, 2025.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The Board Chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. No public was present.

The Clerk presented the final FY25-26 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers, and the property tax request.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the Budget Hearing at 8:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:25 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. No public was present.

The Clerk informed the Board that this year's tax request of \$6,169,651.70 will require a levy of .227403 which is lower than last year's levy of .239137.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 8:30 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

September 9, 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 9th day of September 2025. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. following the Budget Hearing in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik 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 27, 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. 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 Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 8/26/2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-9-2025(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY25-26 county budget. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-9-2025(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .227403. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 9-9-2025(3) that provides a transfer of \$3,063,293.52 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-9-2025(4) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the Weed Superintendent.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 24, 2025, at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials. Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members form needs to be returned to the NIRMA office by September 22, 2025.

The Board received the District Court Clerk monthly report.

The Vet Service Officer submitted his July monthly report and claim reimbursements for August 26, 2025, to be filed.

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

The Board received the August Public Defender monthly report.

The County Attorney gave a report on the activities of his office.

The General Assistance Clerk reported on her department's activities, stating that an executive session was not necessary.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to enter executive session at 9:30 to discuss potential real estate purchase. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:40 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

First Concord Benefits Group, the provider of the Colfax County Cafeteria Plan, has submitted the Colfax County FSA Plan – for approval and signatures. There are no changes other than the annual IRS indexed maximums. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to authorize the chairman to sign the appropriate documents for Colfax County Cafeteria Plan. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Groteluschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator reported on permits that were issued. DEE notice on G&A Farms Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for a NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle was reviewed. Keith Marvin was present and discussed the cost and procedure to review the Colfax County Comprehensive Plan.

Ryan Poots with EagleView presented a proposal for a one-inch resolution of the county's Pictometry and addressed questions from the Board.

The Assistant Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The bid letting date for three box culvert projects will be October 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Discuss, consider, and/or take action will be October 28, 2025.

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 September 23, 2025. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 9th day of September 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 August 27, 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 Board acknowledged three tax list corrections submitted from the Assessor, 1) Property ID: 1242020.00 – RE, Statement number: 55; 2) Property ID: 004030001-PP, Statement number: 56; 3) Property ID: 052422002-PP, Statement number: 57.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. 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 10th day of September 2025.

Rta M. Mundil, County Clerk