

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 25th day of November 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 November 12, 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.

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 11/10/2025. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, September Lodging Tax Revenue, Opioid Settlements funds received, STOP Revenue received and Nebraska Community Foundation 2025 Annual Report. NIRMA is soliciting applications/nominations for positions on the NIRMA Board of Directors, completed application/nomination forms must be received in the NIRMA office by December 3rd.

The Vet Service Officer provided November 18, 2025, claims reimbursement of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The inmate log from Butler County was provided to the Board and placed on file.

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

TJ Prochaska and Katelynn Ness, Extension Educators, each reported on their office activities and presented recommendations for the Colfax County Extension Board positions for Districts #2 and #3.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve the re-appointment of Sara Hopkins to serve a 3-year term on the Extension Board for District 2. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen, and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the re-appointment of Megan Novak to serve a three-year term on the Extension Board for District 3. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney provided an update on the status of County Road 17. There was public comment regarding whether County Road 17 could be abandoned, and the proper County agency for questions about County Road 17 issues.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to approve Homestead Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Citizens Bank, Clarkson Bank, Bank of the Valley, and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a depository of county funds for the year 2026. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen 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	57,555.65
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	21,735.97
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	23,738.42
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Schuyler Community School	Truancy wage	8,727.61
<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,058.47
CenturyLink	Service	1,100.00
Frontier	Service	929.82
Northeast Community College	Dispatch Training	800.00

<u>911 Wireless Fund</u>		
Global Software		3,459.00
<u>Vet's Aid Fund</u>		
Joseph Bohaboj	Mileage	31.36
Duane Schlautman	Mileage	31.36
<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds Online	298.71
<u>Road Bridge Fund</u>		
Salaries		68,396.40
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	7,356.79
Albracht Disposal Services Inc.	Service	57.68
All Makes	Copies	22.43
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/bolts	48.43
Butler County Landfill, Inc.	Waste	54.66
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Shop supplies/brake cleaner	148.18
City of Clarkson	Utilities	108.54
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop tools	32.99
Colfax County Press	Ads	124.68
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	71.15
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair/labor	1,997.28
Culligan	Bottled water/cooler	125.50
Dept. of Utilities	Services	220.16
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/fuel	245.54
Electronic Engineering	Radio repair	1,306.23
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	194.76
Frontier	Service	108.77
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	68.35
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	262.51
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	73,866.24
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	425.33
Lower Platte North NRD	Refund/overpayment	3,936.40
M&O Door Products	Building repair	1,781.14
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Retainer/engineering	81,183.65
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	34,654.48
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen/shop supplies	181.45
Midwest Service & Sales	Signs	756.50
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts	2,445.03
NSG Logistics LLC	Salt	2,094.72
Parkview Express	Fuel	441.28
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	710.98
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	493.54
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire repair/tires	22,223.26
Road Builders	Equipment parts	1,160.72
Ronald R. & Mary J. Rupprecht	Easements	258.50
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	214.91
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	8,417.67
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet/phone	552.24
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	495.55
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	39.94
Village of Howells	Service	93.12
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25
<u>General Fund</u>		
Salaries		249,442.20
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Advantage Leasing Corporation	Assessor desk units	840.24
Angel Armor	Safety equipment	1,543.00
Anytime Fitness	Service	120.00
AT&T Mobility	Wireless	1,599.06
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	44.05
Robert J. Bender	Per diem	25.00
Michael Benesch	Per diem	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	236.26
Joseph Bohaboj	Per diem	25.00
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies/antifreeze	149.05

Jordan A. Brichacek	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	9,950.00
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical expense	427.82
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery	149.75
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,402.94
City of Norfolk	STOP Funds	1,500.00
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	92.37
Clearly	Phone service	863.18
Clerk of District Court	Court Costs	166.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	484.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	2,287.24
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	53.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer	340,365.95
Colonial Research Chemical Corp.	Janitorial supplies	535.40
Comfort Inn	Lodging	440.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	131.93
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair/oil changes	3,148.51
Creative Product Sourcing Inc.	Graduation T-shirts	382.72
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	519.80
Culligan	Bottled water/cooler	550.40
Wendy C. Cutting	Transcript	155.00
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6506 and #6507	2,200.07
Datavant	Medical expense	20.00
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	81.92
Dept. of Utilities	Utilities	3,511.81
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Volunteers lunch	157.52
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	686.23
Don Eckstein	Per diem	25.00
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	680.39
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,111.40
Electronic Engineering	Radio equipment/repair	724.11
Farmers Union Coop Supply Company	Fuel	488.44
First Concord Benefits Group	Participation fee	60.00
Austin Forman	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone/meal	122.00
Gabriel, Burger, & Else CPA	Audit costs	3,850.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Glock Professional Inc.	Training reimbursement	300.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier	273.06
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	425.86
Gregg Young Chevrolet GMC	Vehicle repair	3,110.26
Gunslingers LLC	Law Enforcement supplies	168.00
Hall County Sheriff	Paper service	8.19
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	51.29
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC	Chemicals	5,360.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	950.91
Howells Journal	Subscription/weed notice	522.00
Indoff	Office supplies	925.79
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	188.35
Kelly Supply Co.	Service charge	3.73
Tracy Kennedy	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Andrew R. Lange	Judge dues	378.00
Language Line Services	Interpreting	125.67
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	Paper service	60.82
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	116.26
Main-Stop LLC	Fuel	285.91
Maple Creek Creators	Pumpkins	75.00
Keith A. Marvin	Comprehensive Plan	1,050.00
Menards	Janitorial supplies	903.59
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Midwest Alarm Services	Fire Alarm Inspection	333.60
MIPS	Software support/website	3,484.48
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	1,375.00

Motorola Solutions Inc.	Software License/radio equip.	9,166.69
Nebr. Assn. of County Officials	2nd half dues/registrations	2,871.05
Nebraska Notary Association	New notary stamp	163.32
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Membership	580.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified record	1.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage/meals/supplies/batteries	382.15
NPZA	Fall workshop	20.00
James Palensky	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Parkview Express	Fuel	300.20
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	877.95
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Law Enforcement supplies	601.38
Pinnacle Bank-Health	Deductible reimbursements	8,209.54
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Lodging/office supplies	772.09
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Ceiling fan/supplies/air diffuser	571.94
Platte County	Veteran contract/reimbursements	3,780.96
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	13.46
Platte Valley Humane Society	Animal care	150.00
Point C	Participation fee	338.25
Police Officers' Association	Membership	30.00
Premier Glassworks LLC	Window tinting	1,620.00
Bruce Prenda	Dues reimbursement	98.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire repair/oil change	201.90
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	60.20
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,361.97
Radio Time Billing	Thanksgiving safe driving	267.00
Reinecke Motor Co.	Vehicle repair	953.81
Duane Schlautman	Per diem	25.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	1,974.81
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	1,030.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Appraisal	1,080.00
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson	Contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone/fuel/meals	238.69
Talbot Law Offices PC LLO	Terc	90.00
Thomson Reuters-West	West Law	584.50
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trane	Building repair	520.00
Erin Trotter	Mileage/meals	164.30
Tru by Hilton Kearney	Lodging	259.90
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	272.00
University of Nebraska Lincoln	Registration fees	100.00
University of Nebraska Lincoln	Wage reimbursement	12,841.98
Verizon	Cell phone	122.22
911 Custom	Law Enforcement supplies	185.00

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 11-25-2025(1) Disposition of Surplus Property. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to designate The Leigh World, Colfax County Press, Schuyler Sun, and Howells Journal as newspapers within the county for publication of the official notices with The Schuyler Sun responsible for publication of the county board minutes for calendar year 2026. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Egis Technologies met with the Board to discuss the 2026 budget, including the server, Windows 10/11 computers, network upgrades, and security improvements.

Egis Technologies also presented a proposal for cabling services to support the new cubicle area and network expansion in the Assessor's office. The proposal also includes running fiber optic lines from the basement to the fourth floor. Discuss, consider and/or take action on this proposal will be on December 9th agenda.

The Zoning Administrator reported on a lot split that was issued. The public hearing for the Conditional Use Application for a Verizon Wireless Tower on Road V and Road 12 about 1/8-mile East, parcel owned by Bart Asset Protection Trust will be held on January 27th meeting.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a Conditional Use Application by Bill Petersen for a New and Used Furniture and Goods Store, 595 Road 3 (old Richland School). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator included in her report that the applicant wants to establish a business for the sale of new and used goods in the A-1 Agricultural reservation district. Notice has been posted and published, and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application.

No opposition to the Conditional Use Application was given.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Application by Bill Petersen. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 10:11 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a Conditional Use Application by Kevin Lee for RV Park, 648 Road 16. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator included in her report that the applicant wants to establish a RV Park in the A-1 Agricultural reservation district. Notice has been posted and published, and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application.

No opposition to the Conditional Use Application was given.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Application by Kevin Lee. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to open a public hearing at 10:16 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation to amend Article 8 Section 8.22.03 Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities Regulations in the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator noted the only item being amended is the wording in the chart heading in the current resolution. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to approve the amendment on Resolution 4-22-2025(1) Amendment to Article 8 Section 8.22.03: Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities (CCAF) sites.

No opposition to the amendment of Section 8.22.03 Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities (CCAF) sites was given.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to close the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and amend Resolution 4-22-2025(1) on Article 8 Section 8.22.03 Commercial Composting Areas or Facilities Regulations to the Colfax County Zoning Regulations. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Assistant Highway Superintendent provided an update on current road projects and reported that he received notification of passing the Highway Superintendent test. Discussion was also held regarding a handbook for grading county roads.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejsrik to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. to meet again December 9, 2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik 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 26th day of November 2025.



Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk