

January 13, 2026
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 13th day of January 2026. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. 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 by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice, publication in the Schuyler Sun on January 1, 2026, 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to re-organize for 2026 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as County Board Chair and authorize Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of County Board Chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Matthew Papa and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Ann Ladwig. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/23/2025. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

KateLynn Ness, Extension Educator, presented a report on Nebraska Extension activities in Colfax County, including program data, upcoming Extension events, the Colfax County Quilt of Valor Sewing Workday, and staff and programming highlights.

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

The Clerk presented the Board with her monthly fee report and STOP revenue received.

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

The Sheriff's monthly December report was provided to the Board and placed on file.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly December report and claim reimbursements for December 30, 2025.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Justin Stutzman as Weed Superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney provided his 2025 Annual Report on the number of criminal cases filed.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the meetings of the Board as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's and have the county website: www.colfaxcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2026. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 1-13-2026(1) that authorizes the County Treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-13-2026(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the County Board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Cristal Melgar as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the appointment of Thomas A. Tremel as Colfax County Surveyor with an effective date of January 1, 2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the revised mileage rate of \$0.725 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by County employees beginning January 1, 2026; further providing that the Sheriff is permitted to charge an additional three cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to Park Place LLC for an event held January 23, 2026, at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Applied Connective proposal for exterior and interior cameras for \$14,424.18. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The Zoning Administrator reviewed new permits that were issued. A public hearing will be held at our January 27th meeting.

Motion Mejstrik, second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Nancy Marty as Zoning Administrator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Manager. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent reported that he is currently prioritizing projects to be included in the 1- and 6-Year Road Improvement Plan.

Public comments were made on the clean out of county road ditches.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Colfax County's Class A Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the County Court Judge. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. and to meet again January 27, 2026. 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 13th day of January 2026. 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 Schuyler Sun on January 1, 2026, 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.

No tax list corrections were presented.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. 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 14th day of January 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk