

January 27, 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 27th 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 15, 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 approve the minutes of 1/13/2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Attorney requested direction from the Board related to permitting access, maintenance, and use of a cable-car tower within the Colfax County right-of-way at County Road 17. The Board directed that notification letters regarding consideration for a permit be sent to specific landowners in interest.

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 Butler and Platte County were provided to the Board and will be placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for January 13, 2026, which will be placed on file.

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

The 2025 4th quarter and year end CASA reports were provided to the Board.

Recessed at 8:55 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a Conditional Use Application by Bart Asset Protection Trust for a Verizon Wireless Tower at 1232 Road V of Clarkson. 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 Verizon Wireless Tower at 1232 Road V of Clarkson. A map showing proposed location was furnished to the zoning office. Notice has been posted and published, and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application.

The applicants were present to answer any questions.

No opposition to the Conditional Use Application was given.

Motion Mejstrik second Wendt to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Application by Bart Asset Protection Trust. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	50,778.25
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	22,702.83
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	24,706.25

Schuyler Community Schools	<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u> Truancy wage	2,922.40
	<u>E911 Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	1,056.91
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
Wahltek, Inc.	Contract	3,264.50
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	298.71
	<u>Road Fund</u>	
Salaries		70,989.60
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	4,342.67
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Overage charge	16.58
Bahns Automotive Repair	Tire repair	35.40
Bomgaars Supply	Bldg. repair/supplies/tools/equip. parts/oil	638.83
California Custom Products	Conditioner	18.00
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Equipment parts/shop supplies	312.28
City of Clarkson	Service	79.20
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	12.99
Colfax County Press	Ad	94.26
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	74.50
Culligan	Water/equipment	150.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,120.60
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	83.80
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	340.86
Frontier	Phones	108.77
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel/tire repair	113.30
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	249.90
Howells Journal	Ad	101.25
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	144.89
JMN Construction LLC	C19(574)	46,212.30
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	777.82
Bonnie M. Labens	Easement	254.00
Ronald D. Lopour	Easement	249.50
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	558.63
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. Inc.	Contract/engineering	24,716.30
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	87.55
Menards	Shop supplies	63.96
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Signs/equipment parts/labor	1,086.58
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	10,723.11
Parkview Express	Fuel	458.56
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	712.35
Power Plan	Equipment parts	2,729.59
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/repair/oil changes	1,402.95
Reinecke Motor Co.	Replace grille assembly	962.03
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	813.99
Schutt Construction Inc.	Excavator	6,935.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Heating fuel/fuel	8,267.21
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	552.24
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	527.45
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	39.94
Village of Howells	Service	93.12
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25
	<u>General Fund</u>	
Salaries		259,013.99
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Advantage+	Office furniture payment	1,120.32
Anytime Fitness	December usage	120.00
Mark L. Arps	Meals	18.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards/phones	3,081.01
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Viola Bender	Prior service	23.08

Black Hills Energy	Service	621.31
Jean Blum	Prior service	192.00
Aleisha Bohaboj	Mileage	211.40
Bomgaars	Janitorial supplies	43.02
Jordon A. Brichacek	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	7,250.00
Cappel Auto Supply Inc.	Battery cleaner	21.98
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	995.05
Circulation Payment Center	Subscriptions	104.00
Clearfly	Phone service	856.72
Clerk of District Court Association	Dues	50.00
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	144.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	697.00
Colfax County Press/Leigh World	Subscriptions/proceedings/notices	1,005.14
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	18.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	340,365.95
Columbus Carpets Inc.	Flooring add Ons	895.00
Column Software PBC	Notices/proceedings	301.27
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	990.97
Creative Product Source	Coloring Tote	2,617.06
Culligan	Equipment/water	478.65
DAS State - Central Finance	Network service	2,233.07
David City Discount Pharmacy	Prescriptions	53.98
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,782.34
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Program supplies	5.08
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	7.46
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	117.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/toner/copies	664.38
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/cabling	11,027.50
Election Systems & Software	City of Schuyler Special Election	1,947.42
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	635.55
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	60.00
Flock Group Inc.	Flock Safety	22,750.00
Janelle M. Foltz LLC	Atty's fees	3,556.25
Austin Forman	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	170.46
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	631.42
Great Plains Communications	Internet/phone	416.09
Great Plains Reporting	Service	373.75
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Uniforms	536.94
Carl Grotelueschen	Mileage	182.00
Hanel Oil	Fuel	320.10
Ronald Hanel	Prior service	46.16
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	51.29
Health and Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	2,623.95
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	776.83
Howells Journal	Subscription/notice	54.27
Indoff	Office supplies/keyboard	1,223.21
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	132.60
JEO Consulting	Survey/truck rental	1,265.00
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
Language Line Services	Service	248.98
Alyssa Ledon	Uniform/cellphone	100.00
Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	Paper service	30.41
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	119.48
Main Stop LLC	Fuel	351.45
Nancy J. Marty	Meal reimbursement	22.00
Keith A. Marvin	Comprehensive Plan	1,775.00
James J. Mejstrik	Mileage	183.40
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00

Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr	Membership	150.00
MIPS	Software support/website	1,916.95
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	850.00
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 Supreme Court	Nebraska Statues	164.15
Nebraska Weed Control Assn	Registration	150.00
Willaim J. Neiman	Public defender contract	8,333.33
KateLynn Ness	Mileage/program reimbursement	103.18
Eleanor Pacas	Prior service	300.00
James Palensky	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Parkview Express	Fuel	148.15
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	507.66
Aaron Peterson	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Pinnacle Bank	E-Banking	800.00
Pinnacle Bank	Storage/lights	617.04
Pinnacle Bank	Health deductibles	2,339.78
Pinnacle Bank	Reconyx/Adobe	29.99
Pinnacle Bank	Toner/program and office supplies	106.26
PIP	Office supplies	159.81
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	1,889.79
Platte County/Eric Mullally	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	3,399.94
Point C	Participation fee	297.00
Poster Compliance Center	Service	163.90
Prochaska Tire LLC.	Oil changes/tires/mount/balance	1,489.67
Travis Prochaska	Mileage	132.30
Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	3,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,160.79
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	274.48
Schuylar Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	2,375.75
Richard T. Seckman	Prior service	34.62
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,758.75
Tonia Soukup	Reimbursement of dues	98.00
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Diann F. Svatora	Prior service	11.54
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	613.73
Tilden Drug	Pharmacy	103.42
Truck Vault	K9 kennel	3,795.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
Verizon	Cell phone	122.22
Z Last Electric	Ceiling fans/wiring	2,262.79

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 at the Howells Community Room on February 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. The hearing date for 2026 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan will be February 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the change order for Project C19(576) for \$188,288.70. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:40 a.m. to meet again February 10, 2026. 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 27th 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 15, 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.

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: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Religious MyBridge Parcel ID Number: 0260060

The Board acknowledged nine tax list corrections submitted by the County Assessor:

Property ID: 042318004-PP, Statement number: 63
Property ID: 042318004-PP, Statement number: 64
Property ID: 042318004-PP, Statement number: 65
Property ID: 010416003-PP, Statement number: 66
Property ID: 1209300.74-RE, Statement number: 67
Property ID: 12606000.00-RE, Statement number: 68
Property ID: 040608001-PP, Statement number: 69
Property ID: 007168944-PP, Statement number: 70
Property ID: 050625005-PP, Statement number: 71

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt 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 28th day of January 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk