

April 14, 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 14th day of April 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 thereof 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 April 2, 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 3/24/2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, 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 and STOP revenue received. Through communication with officials and department heads, and by verifying the total shipping costs incurred through the county's business Amazon account, the Board directed the Clerk to obtain Prime membership. The City of Schuyler sent their annual report of the 2026 Annual Tax Increment Project Report for the Schuyler CDA

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

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

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly report and claim reimbursements for March 24, 2026, and April 7, 2026, which will be placed on file.

The Board received a copy of the March Public Defender report which will be placed on file.

The Colfax County Visitors Promotion committee provided the list of the organizations, copies of their invoices, applications and expenses to the Board and they will be placed on file.

The Weed Superintendent provided an update on the weed conference in Kearney and reported ongoing spraying of road rights-of-way and bridge guardrails.

TJ Prochaska/Extension gave a report on the office's activities.

The County Attorney presented his first quarterly report detailing the number of criminal filings which will be placed on file. A resolution declaring retired Sheriff's Department K9 Mars as surplus personal property and authorizing the Sheriff to execute a bill of sale (Transfer ownership to Transferee for the consideration of Two Hundred Fifty dollars), waiver of liability, and hold harmless agreement with the transferee, was discussed. Additionally, the Deputy Sheriff Canine Handler has submitted his resignation, effective April 15, 2026.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 4-14-2026(1) declaring retired Sheriff's Department K9 Mars as surplus personal property and authorizing the Sheriff to execute a bill of sale of \$250, waiver of liability, and hold harmless agreement with the transferee. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the need for concrete repairs on the north side of the front entrance to the Colfax County Courthouse, which has been barricaded to prevent use. Four concrete and three handrail proposals were reviewed by the Board.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the concrete project with Next Phase Contracting LLC in the amount \$27,000.00 subject to Rod Dostal's approval. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve stainless steel handrails with Prusa Welding in the amount of \$1,765.00. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the re-appointments of Linda Cech, Kathy Heard and Karen Tiedtke for the Visitor Promo Committee. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Kathie Hansel/Electronic Engineering reviewed the Firm Offer for Sale for AXS Dispatch Console upgrade with Motorola Solutions. The quote is valid for 60 days from the date of this proposal.

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on permits issued and informed the Board that the Advisor Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026, during which the information gathered from the Surveys and Town Hall meetings on updating Colfax County Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. A Local Siting Application from Midwest Soilogix LLC for a proposed Class I Commercial Composting Area or Facility (CCAF) was presented.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to acknowledge receipt of the Siting Application from Midwest Soilogix, LLC (to be filed within 14 days) for a proposed Class I Commercial Composting Area or Facility (CCAF) in Colfax County. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Susie Jarecki, Director of CASA Connection, provided a brief report of CASA Connections’ involvement in aiding children within the court system. She is requesting the County’s continued support of \$10,000.00. The first quarter reports were distributed to the Board and will be filed.

Recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on current road and bridge projects.

Two gravel bids were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline and were publicly opened and read. The Highway Superintendent recommended accepting both bids - from Kroeger Sand & Gravel and Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel – for the County’s gravel supply and hauling services.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to accept both bids for gravel and hauling with the lowest bidder being the 1st company to be called. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to recess Board of Commissioners meeting and open Board of Equalization meeting. 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 14th day of April 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 April 2, 2026, and Colfax County’s website. The availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advanced 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 by the County Assessor:

Property ID: 1021440.00-RE, Statement number: 99

Property ID: 1021440.01-RE, Statement number: 100

Property ID: 1260070.00-RE, Statement number: 101

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE and re-open the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board interviewed the applicant for the Custodian position. Following the interview, they discussed the pay, benefits and probation period.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:50 p.m. to meet again April 28, 2026. 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 15th day of April 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk