

May 12, 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 12th day of May 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 April 30, 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 4/28/2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided an update on her department activities, stating there was no need to enter executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue and Opioid Settlements funds received. Correspondence from Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging stated the County's share for 2027 Fiscal Year will be \$5,309.00. Stanton County Emergency Management sent correspondence regarding potential regional approach to Emergency Management services involving Stanton, Cuming, and Colfax Counties.

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

The Sheriff submitted a copy of his monthly report which will go on file.

The Vet Service Officer submitted the monthly report for April, along with the claim reimbursements for services rendered to Colfax County Veterans on April 21, 2026, and May 5, 2026, which will go on file.

The Board has received a copy of the April Public Defender report, which will go on file.

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition provided a March 2026 Landfill Site Observation report which will be placed on file.

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Clarkson Bank.

The Weed Superintendent reported he is currently spraying Leafy Spurge.

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

The County Attorney gave a report on the activities of his office and stated that he will be renewing a STOP contract.

The contract between University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Colfax County for forensic and crime lab services was reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the agreement with UNMC for forensic and crime lab services. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Luke Bonkiewicz from NACO was unable to attend the meeting.

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

The 2026/2027 renewal for the health and dental benefits offered to NACO members will have a 4.68% rate increase in health benefits (dental rates remain the same). The Board reviewed Colfax County's benefits/options for employees of Colfax County who may need to have more health coverage than their single plan and how to make it more affordable. The following are the options to our 2026-2027 NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield endorsed program.

- 1) Cash in Lieu of \$500.00 (for employees who opt out of the County's health coverage) will be available to employees who can prove - coverage through Medicare, TRICARE, Medicaid or other employer-sponsored coverage.
- 2) The County will pay \$1,000.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family
- 3) The counties deductible is \$2600; once the employee has \$500 applied toward their individual \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid at 100% by the County (administered by Point C, Inc.), to the provider of service.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the 2026 – 2027 NACO Subgroup Application Form which shall provide eligible County employees health and dental coverage through the NACO endorsed program provided by BCBS. Coverage will provide a PPO-\$2600 deductible on Health and a Dental PPO Plan. Once the employee has \$500 applied toward their \$2600 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2100 applied toward the \$2600 deductible is paid 100% by the County (administered by Point C, Inc.), to the provider of service. The County pays 100% of the employees' insurance and an additional \$1,000.00 toward Child/Spouse/Family coverage with the employee responsible for the rest of the premium. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on permits that had been issued and stated that the renewal of the Solar Energy Moratorium will be addressed at the next meeting. A public hearing will also be held at the June 23 meeting.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects and reviewed the quote for a 2022 John Deere motor grader and discussed the purchase of a Skid Loader trailer.

Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to approve the purchase of a 2022 John Deere motor grader with Nebraska Machinery; Seller price is \$220,000 with a Caterpillar trade-in price of \$98,700 totaling \$121,300.00 Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again May 26, 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 12th day of May 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 30, 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: 1205630.00-RE, Statement number: 91; Property ID: 0321330.00-RE, Statement number: 103;
Property ID: 0280041.00-RE, Statement number: 104.

The Board reviewed the lists of Under/Over Valued Property submitted by the Assessor. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the Under Values & Over Valued Property submitted by the assessor (and send Board notices). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 13th day of May 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk