

August 11, 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 11th day of August 2026. 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. The 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 August 6, 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. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available to review. 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 available to review.

Motion Mejsrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to approve the minutes of 7/28/2026. Voting YES: Mejsrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided a report on her department activities, indicating that there was no need for an executive session.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received, and Opioids Settlement Funds received. The fall NACO Northeast District Meeting will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026, at the Lifelong Learning Center - Northeast Community College.

The Board received the District Court Clerk monthly report.

The Vet Service Officer submitted his July monthly report along with claim reimbursements for July 14, 2026, to be filed.

The Board received the July Public Defender monthly report.

The Sheriff submitted his monthly report to the Board, which will be filed.

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

The County Attorney informed the Board that the Cultural Assessment Report for the Road Department is expected to be completed and presented at the August 25, 2026, meeting. The Board also discussed establishing a hiring committee to conduct interviews and provide a recommendation to the Board for filling the County Attorney vacancy effective January 2027.

The Weed Superintendent reported on the activities of his office.

The Flood Plain Administrator discussed correspondence that the City of Schuyler will be mailing to Colfax County residents regarding the City of Schuyler's application, in coordination with Colfax County and Butler County, for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Discussion also took place regarding filling the Flood Plain Administrator vacancy and the possibility of contracting with a consultant to provide guidance and assistance.

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. to resume at 9:30 a.m.

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

The Board has reviewed the individual offices proposed FY26-27 county budgets. They also received tax requests from the political subdivisions under the County Board's authority. The Board has until September 1st to approve or deny the requests. Motion Mejsrik; second Grotelueschen to acknowledge the tax requests received from the political subdivisions that fall under the authority of the County Board. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator updated the Board on recently issued zoning permits.

The Chairman informed everyone that the Open Meeting Act is available for review, and the public hearing will be recorded. One public hearing will be held for a Local Siting Application and a Conditional Use Permit Application on Midwest Soilgix LLC for Class 1 Commercial Composting Area or Facility located on Road 7 North of Road F. The Chairman informed the public that the Planning Commission reviewed the Local Siting Application and CUP application at a public hearing on July 21, 2026, and the Board received its advice and recommendations as follows: to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application with the following conditions: 1) the CUP is conditioned on Midwest Soilgix receiving final approval to operate from the State of Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and

Environment (NDWEE), before work begins; 2) the applicant agrees to establish and maintain a perimeter of double-row and staggered trees of a minimum 8' height with sufficient distance between each to provide wind protection and debris control; 3) the applicant agrees not to use "treated seed" in its compost, ie. seeds coated with fungicides, insecticides, or toxic biological products. The Chairman communicated the procedural guidelines for the hearing.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik 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 Local Siting Application and a Conditional Use Permit Application of Midwest Soilgix, LLC for Class 1 Commercial Composting Area or Facility located on Road 7 North of Road F. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Grotelueschen and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Notice has been posted and published, and all fees have been paid.

Steve Mossman, Attorney, Travis Hassebrook, Owner of Midwest Soilgix and Travis Hazard, Hazard Engineering spoke in support of the Local Siting Application and Conditional Use Permit and were present to answer questions. Five individuals spoke in opposition to the Local Siting Application and Conditional Use Permit. Three neutral parties provided comments and asked questions. Several Exhibits were offered and received by the Board, and made part of the record, for consideration of the Local Siting Application and Conditional Use Permit.

The public was informed that additional testimony may be submitted to the Clerk within thirty (30) days following this meeting. The final vote on the Local Siting Application and Conditional Use Permit is scheduled for the September 22, 2026, meeting.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:50 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects, reported that the Annual Certification Form for the 2026 Federal Fund Purchase Program with NDOR is completed. A bid letting for Project C19(573) is scheduled for September 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Bids for Project C19(576) and C19(580) that were publicly opened and read by July 28th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Six companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to award the bid to A & R Construction for \$409,533.01. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form and Resolution 8-11-2026(1) authorizing the Chairman to sign the certification. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-11-2026(1) authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026. 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 11:25 a.m. and to meet again August 25, 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 11th day of August 2026. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:25 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 August 6, 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. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available to review. 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: 0321295.00-RE, Statement number: 124; Property ID: 0321295.00-RE, Statement number: 125;
Property ID: 0321295.00-RE, Statement number: 126.

Discussion was held on Protest #26 which was also on the Overvalued/Undervalued Property list #50. The Assessor is recommending vacating Protest #26 and reinstating the Over/Under determination. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve vacating Protest #26 and reinstate #50 on the Overvalued/Undervalued Property list. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:30 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, 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 12th day of August 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk