

October 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 October 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 October 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. Copies of the Open Meetings Act were made 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 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 9/22/2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk reported on her department's activities, stating that an executive session was not necessary.

The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received, and Election Procedures for voting for NACO Officers. County Government Day will be held on November 19th.

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

The Sheriff's September monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The Vet Service Officer provided his monthly report and claim reimbursements for September 22nd and October 6th to be placed on file.

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

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

The County Attorney reported on the activities of his office and presented his quarterly report on criminal filings.

The Board reviewed Resolution 12-28-99(1) and Exhibit A, which listed the names of employees who, upon termination of employment with Colfax County, would receive 50% of their accumulated sick/necessary benefits owed as of December 31, 1999. Brenda Dolezal's name was inadvertently omitted from the list. Her signed time sheets documenting her sick leave balance were also presented for review. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Brenda Dolezal \$674.99 of 50% of her accumulated sick/necessary benefit upon termination of employment with Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Weed Superintendent reported on the activities of his office and will soon begin his year-end reporting.

TJ Prochaska with Extension provided a report on the office's activities and reviewed the landscaping quotes with the Board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the landscaping quote with Gall Lawn Service LLC in the amount of \$3500.00. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer discussed the 2025 & prior delinquent tax list with the Board. The Treasurer's recommendation is to have three County Sales Tax Certificates written. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the Treasurer to write three County Tax Sale Certificates. 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."

Recessed at 9:35 a.m. to resume at 9:45 a.m.

The Colfax County Personnel Committee met on September 24th and discussed adding language under the "Work Hours" section. Three versions were submitted to the Board for consideration.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the third version presented by the Colfax County Personnel Committee to be adopted into the Colfax County Employee Handbook:

Most County employees of the courthouse, annex, and extension buildings, work Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All County employees are normally given one (1) hour unpaid lunch periods. Due to the nature of our organization and to meet the needs of our citizens, it may be necessary to work at times or on days other than those listed above.

All non-exempt employees are required to take an uninterrupted, unpaid meal period of at least thirty (30) minutes during each eight-hour workday, generally near the middle of the workday (between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.). Department heads are responsible for ensuring employees are relieved of their duties during the meal period. Employees who perform any work during an unpaid meal period must accurately report that time as hours worked. Employees may not skip, shorten, or work during an unpaid meal period without prior supervisor approval, except that all time worked must be reported and will be paid. Failure to comply with this policy may result in discipline.

Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsatrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator provided an update on permits issued and reported that the Planning Commission is meeting October 21st to review the Colfax County Comprehensive Plan and Regulations updates.

Motion Wendt; second Mejsatrik to approve the certification statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with Maximus for determining indirect costs associated with administration of child support services conducted by the District Court Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsatrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent updated the Board on current road and bridge projects and distributed a draft of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Performance Improvement and Leadership Development. Discussion was also held on the potential purchase of a 2018 Caterpillar Motor Grader. November 24th will be the bid letting date for Project C19(333).

The Board discussed Don Tomasek’s claim for payment on an easement obtained by the County in 2012. The Clerk reviewed the 2011, 2012, and 2013 Board of Commissioners records for documentation of the \$500 payment specified in the Easement Deed, which was recorded on September 18, 2012. No record of payment was found.

Two other easements were also reviewed and recorded during that period; neither indicated that consideration was due. The Road Department also reviewed the Project C19(410) file, but no documentation of the \$500 payment was found.

The Board directed the Road Department to issue Don Tomasek a payment of \$500 with this month’s claims and to make a notation in the project file documenting the payment.

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

Motion Mejsatrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. to meet again on October 27, 2026. Voting YES: Mejsatrik, 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 October 2026. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejsatrik 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 October 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. The Open Meetings Act was available to review. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

No tax list correction was submitted.

The Board acknowledged receipt of five Notice of Appeal’s from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission: Case No. 26C 0464, Case No. 26C 0467, Case No. 26C 0323, Case No. 26C 0324 and Case No. 26A 0568.

The Board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county’s political subdivisions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the following tax request and adopt the following tax rates of the political subdivision of the county Pursuant to 77-1601(1). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejsatrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

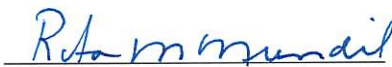
<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2026-2027 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
6,295,926.01	General Fund.....	0.216569	-	2,907,116,916.00
	<u>City and Village Levies</u>			
1,623,328.34	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.372872		435,357,594.00
112,025.20	City of Schuyler (Bond).....	0.025732	0.398604	435,357,594.00
260,168.52	City of Clarkson.....	0.5		52,033,710.00
78,050.57	City of Clarkson (Bond).....	0.15	0.650000	52,033,710.00
102,323.78	Village of Howells (General).....	0.180856		56,577,341.00
147,354.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.260447	0.441303	56,577,341.00
209,796.14	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.5	0.528599	41,959,208.00

12,000.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.028599		41,959,208.00
34,200.00	Village of Rogers.....	0.414082		8,259,227.00
31,855.92	Village of Richland.....	0.217078		14,674,859.00
Fire District Levies				
242,277.77	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.014765		1,640,925,903.00
250,000.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.015235	0.030000	1,640,925,903.00
133,437.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.02		667,182,120.00
107,568.19	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.015571		690,840,896.00
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.004429		690,840,896.00
36,734.69	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.005317	0.025317	690,840,896.00
196,930.61	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.025201		781,435,322.00
37,500.00	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.004799	0.030000	781,435,322.00

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
3,878,450.95	39	General.....	0.584258	-	663,825,531.00
353,535.00	39	Building.....	0.053257		663,825,531.00
764,646.00	39	Bond (K-12)	0.115188	0.752703	663,825,531.00
3,559,211.65	58	General.....	0.563543		631,577,594.00
63,151.87	58	Building.....	0.009999		631,577,594.00
863,960.57	58	Bond.....	0.179115	0.752657	482,350,073.00
4,862,362.77	70	General.....	0.439778		1,105,640,378.00
505,414.29	70	Building.....	0.045712	0.485490	1,105,640,378.00
18,373,182.00	123	General.....	0.872409		2,106,027,494.00
146,523.00	123	Special Building.....	0.006957		2,106,027,494.00
1,171,717.00	123	Bond	0.055638		2,105,953,752.00
404,040.00	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.019185	0.954189	2,106,027,494.00
	595	North Bend General.....	0.473123		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Bond.....	0.015883		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Building.....	0.023946		(set up by Dodge)
				0.512952	(set up by Dodge)
3,191,492.42	Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)		0.015		21,275,907,365.00
643,245.92	Pathways 2 Tomorrow (Dodge sets)		0.0085		7,567,156,275.00
3,874,484.55	Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)		0.015		25,829,897,009.00
16,303,877.61	Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets)		0.02		81,519,551,744.00
314,666.08	Colfax County Ag Society- General.....		0.010824		2,907,116,916.00
34,187.96	Colfax County Ag Society- Capital.....		0.001176	0.012000	2,907,116,916.00
3,720.20	Platte Valley Drainage District.....		0.003862		96,333,383.00
4,495,275.71	Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets)		0.015706		28,620,810,474.00
3,480,714.00	Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets)		0.022115		15,739,372,933.00
0	SID #1		0		9,400,730.00
0	Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC		0		1,713,445.00
0	Loves Travel Stop		0		4,833,065.00
0	Sky Haven Subdivision		0		1,653,290.00

Motion Wendt; second Mejsstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsstrik 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 14th day of October 2026.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk