



# Colfax County Board Minutes



January 10, 2017  
Commissioners 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 10th day of January, 2017. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Jeffrey L. Bauman, Jerry Heard and Gil Wigington, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Denise J. Kracl, 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. 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 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 Wigington; second Heard to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Bauman; second Heard to re-organize for 2017 and appoint Gil Wigington to serve as county board chair and authorize Jerry Heard and Jeffrey L. Bauman to sign documents in absence of county board chair. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Bauman to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Bauman; CNJHA-Heard; Region 4/ODD (aka North Star)-Wigington; Region 4/MH-Wigington; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Bauman; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Heard; East-Central Health District-Bauman; Colfax County Safety Committee-Wigington; LEOPC-Wigington; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Lisa Svehla and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3 year term)-Joan Kluck. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the minutes of 12/27/16. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard, and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The general assistance clerk gave a report of the activities of her department, no need to enter into executive session.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD sent information on their Conservation Tree Program, Water Conservation Mulch Program, and Forestry Assistance.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the district court clerk.

The board needed to update the Grievance Board which was established November 13, 2006; Mickaela Vazquez, Scott Kroeger and Jody Lerch names were pulled by random draw.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; he provided his State Report for the chairman's signature. Motion Heard; second Bauman to renew the appointment of John DeBower as weed superintendent. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Bauman to give authority for the chairman to sign the State Report. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board provided an opportunity for county employee's to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".



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Recessed at 9:20 a.m. to resume at 9:30 a.m.

The board discussed the proposal for assistance on State Historic Tax Credit Application and oversees the sale of the tax credits per a phone conference with Daric O'Neal-Alley/Poyner/Macchietto Architecture concerning the county's restoration project. The board was unable to contact Field Day Development to answer some questions; both items will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; DEQ notice on Cech Enterprises, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for Notice of Application for Major Modification Received was reviewed.

Motion Heard; second Bauman to renew the appointment of Becky Lerch as Zoning/Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to change the meetings of the board 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meetings as follows: February 14, 2017 to February 7, 2017; February 28, 2017 to February 21, 2017 and to approve the county website: [www.colfaxne.com](http://www.colfaxne.com) as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2017. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve Resolution 1-10-17(1) that authorizes the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to renew the appointment of Michelle Evert as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Bauman; second Wigington to renew the appointment of Lisa Svehla as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve Resolution 1-10-17(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to approve the revised mileage rate of 53.5 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees beginning January 1, 2017; further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road and bridge projects was given. The 1 & 6 year plan was reviewed; surveying of the Byrne Ditch and the county's streams to find active degradation was discussed.

Motion Heard; second Bauman to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was made on Road 14 bridge.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the commissioners bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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



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Motion Wigington; second Heard to adjourn BOC at 11:25 a.m. and to meet again January 24, 2017. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. 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 11th day of January, 2017.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk