



Colfax County Board Minutes



September 12, 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 12th day of September, 2017. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Jeffrey L. Bauman, Jerry Heard and Gil Wigington, County Commissioners, and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. 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 Bauman to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the minutes of 8/22/17. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. 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 NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 6, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials.

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

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipts from Clarkson Bank.

The vet service officer provided his August Veteran Service Office report and his claim reimbursements for July 11, 2017, July 25, 2017, August 8, 2017 and August 22, 2017 which will be placed on file.

The sheriff's August monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The sheriff discussed hiring a temporary part-time employee to work three days a week while his clerical secretary is on maternity leave; the board approved his request and stated the position will need to be advertised.

The board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County and Colfax County Ag Society to equally split the one-time original equipment purchase and installation for internet at the Colfax County fairgrounds. Motion Heard; second Bauman to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Ag Society to provide internet at the Colfax County fairgrounds. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; the spraying of the Platte River by airboat and helicopter is completed.

Recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

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



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Motion Wigington; second Heard to open a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the taxpayers relating to the county's FY17-18 budget. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No public was present. The clerk presented the final FY17-18 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers and the property tax request.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to close the public hearing at 9:32 a.m. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to approve Resolution 9-12-17(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY17-18 county budget. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to open a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the taxpayers for approving a tax request different than the prior year tax request. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No public was present. The clerk informed the board that this year's tax request of \$5,535,727.66 will require a levy of .296156 which is lower than last year's levy of .299215.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to close the public hearing at 9:46 a.m. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the Resolution 9-12-17(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .296156. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington second Bauman to approve Resolution 9-12-17(3) that provides a transfer of \$2,613,087.44 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Bauman second Wigington to approve the resolution 9-12-17(4) that provides a transfer of \$73,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Sinking Fund. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Bauman to approve the resolution 9-12-17(5) that provides a transfer of \$20,157.70 from the Grant/Law Enforcement Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Bauman; second Wigington to approve the resolution 9-12-17(6) that provides a transfer of \$10,785.90 from the 911 Wireless Fund to the E911 Holding Fund. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington second Heard to approve the resolution 9-12-17(7) that provides a transfer of \$500,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. Correspondence from FEMA inviting community stakeholders to form a Local Levee Partnership Team to collaborate on the best way to approach the analysis of the levee system on the City of Clarkson Levee (Maple Creek Right Bank); the meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at the Clarkson Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



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Motion Heard; second Bauman to recommend approval for the special designated liquor license on Maximus Lounge LLC (Sammy Super Heroes) for an event on October 21, 2017 to be held at Lutjulusche Cross Country Trail (Fundraiser, 5K Run). Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The district court clerk provided three informal bids for her safety remodel project. Motion Wigington; second Bauman to award the safety remodel project of the district court clerk's office to Horizon Builders for the amount of \$10,282.00. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. September 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. will be the bid letting date to receive and publicly open bids for the Shell Creek NRD project (the county will place a culvert in the county's right-away for this project).

The board reviewed the eleven bids for project C19 (501) bids that were opened and read at the August 22nd meeting. The highway superintendent recommended accepting the low bid from Christenson Brothers. Motion Bauman; second Wigington to award the bid for project C19 (501) to Christenson Brothers for the total amount of \$540,783.55. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the seven bids for project C19 (513) bids that were opened and read at the August 22nd meeting. The highway superintendent recommended accepting the low bid from Christenson Brothers. Motion Wigington; second Bauman to award the bid for project C19 (513) to Christenson Brothers for the total amount of \$454,702.95. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the number of applicants, the interview process and where to publish the advertisement for the position of construction superintendent (assistant to the highway superintendent).

The price and specifications of a 2017 motor grader with Nebraska Machinery was reviewed. Motion Heard; second Wigington to purchase a 2017 motor grader with Nebraska Machinery in the amount of \$225,500.00 (includes a trade of a 2006 motor grader of \$50,500.00). Voting YES: Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: Bauman. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to adjourn BOC at 11:26 a.m. and to meet again September 26, 2017. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. 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 September, 2017.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk