



# Colfax County Board Minutes



October 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 October, 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 Heard; second Bauman to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to approve the minutes of 9/26/17. 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.

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

The quarterly report on Nebraska Extension in Colfax County was provided to the board and placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his September Veteran Service Office report which will be placed on file.

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

No report from the county attorney.

The weed superintendent submitted his resignation; he stated he would help with the process of calculating the fee for the Platte River spraying and he would also help train his replacement.

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

Abby Hegemann with Alley/Poyner/Macchietto Architecture communicated by email that they have been working with Bierman Construction on getting the contact finalized for the Façade Restoration Project; the Request for Proposal on the alternate site work will be presented to the board at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for their review/ approval.

The Extension Educators and their staff submitted signed receipts of receiving Colfax County's Employee Handbook and had read and understood all its rules, policies, terms and conditions and agreed to abide by them to use a county vehicle. Discussion was held on which budget or line item the fuel should be taken out (Travel Expense) and when the vehicle should be filled. The commissioners directed the department heads to meet and make a policy for the employees to follow. Motion Heard; second Bauman to allow the Extension Educators and their staff to use a county vehicle. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The commissioners at their July 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting asked the personnel committee to meet and discuss adding the language if two spouses are employed by the county an option for the county to pay a family premium with the employee



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paying the difference (no added cost for the county) to be included in the Health/Dental Insurance section. The committee discussed the request and agreed on the revision to the Health/Dental Insurance section (see below).

## *Health/Dental*

*All employees of Colfax County employed at least 25 hours or more each week are eligible for health/dental insurance benefits under a group plan upon completion of thirty (30) days of employment with the County. Coverage is at no cost to the individual employee. Subject to the paragraph below, family coverage is available at an additional cost to the employee. An employee may not take payment in lieu of health/dental insurance.*

*If two Colfax County employees are married the County can provide a family health/dental policy with the employee paying the difference (at no additional cost to the county).*

Discussion was also held of Christmas Eve (beginning at 12:00 p.m.) listed as a holiday to be observed by the County in our new handbook vs the wording of our old handbook. The personnel committee agreed on the following revision (see below)

## *Holidays*

*The following holidays will be observed by the County:*

*New Year's Day*

*President's Day*

*Martin Luther King Day*

*Arbor Day*

*Memorial Day*

*Fourth of July*

*Columbus Day*

*Labor Day*

*Veteran's Day*

*Thanksgiving Day*

*Day after Thanksgiving*

*Christmas Day*

***\*and all days declared by law or proclamation of the Governor to be a holiday***

***\*\*When Christmas Eve Day falls on a normal scheduled work day (Monday thru Friday), the courthouse shall close at 12:00 p.m.; this day shall not be considered a holiday.***

Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the two revisions submitted by the personnel committee of the Colfax County Employee Handbook. 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; a DEQ notice on Calvin Urban Livestock Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on a NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle was reviewed. Two public hearings will be held at the next meeting.

Barb Otto presented an invitation to the county board to display our national motto, "In God We Trust" within the courthouse. Discussion was held with Ms. Otto on her campaign to have this motto proudly displayed in all Nebraska counties. No decision was made, but this item will be placed on our next agenda.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given along with authorization to let out Project C19 (514). The 2016 Traffic Crash Facts annual report from NDOR was reviewed by the board.

A representative from Nebraska Machinery Company addressed the board on training his company is able to provide the county.

Discussion was held on the City of Clarkson levee and the replacement of a bridge on Maple Creek.



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

Motion Wigington; second Heard to adjourn BOC at 11:17 a.m. and to meet again October 24, 2017. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. 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 10th day of October, 2017. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:17 a.m. Present were: Jeffrey L. Bauman, Jerry Heard and Gil Wigington, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, and Viola Bender, 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. 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 posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county's political subdivisions. Motion Wigington; second Heard 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: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2017-2018 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
5,535,727.66	General Fund.....	0.296156	1,869,190,854.00
<b><u>City and Village Levies</u></b>			
596,602.00	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.326536	182,706,268.00
50,000.00	City of Schuyler (Bond).....	0.027366	182,706,268.00
124,823.05	City of Clarkson.....	0.499744	24,977,399.00
65,254.70	Village of Howells (General).....	0.294852	22,131,306.00
29,150.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.131714	22,131,306.00
81,836.40	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.499971	16,368,215.00
13,245.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.080919	16,368,215.00
15,833.95	Village of Rogers.....	0.45	3,518,656.00
	Village of Richland.....		4,656,025.00
<b><u>Fire District Levies</u></b>			
291,585.31	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.027856	1,046,751,032.00
22,440.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.002144	1,046,751,032.00
131,436.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.03	438,118,307.00
102,772.71	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.023117	444,575,703.00
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.006883	444,575,703.00
27,376.80	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.006158	444,575,703.00



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167,154.91	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.03	557,183,023.00
	Dodge Fire District (Dodge sets)	0.023509	

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
2,812,982.55	39	General.....	0.6	468,830,424.00
632,921.07	39	Building.....	0.135	468,830,424.00
2,983,158.26	58	General.....	0.7346	406,092,875.00
119,080.78	58	Bond (9-12).....	0.03375	352,831,929.00
70,880.04	58	Bond (K-8).....	0.02095	338,329,529.00
3,567,266.67	70	General.....	0.496486	718,502,260.00
757,575.75	70	Building.....	0.105438	718,502,260.00
14,068,727.13	123	General.....	1.020965	1,377,983,581.00
400,087.87	123	Building.....	0.029034	1,377,983,581.00
505,143.43	123	Bond .....	0.036658	1,377,983,581.00
505,716.16	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.0367	1,377,983,581.00
	2E	Lakeview General.....	0.610938	(set up by Platte)
	2E	Lakeview Bond.....	0.027918	(set up by Platte)
	2E	Lakeview Building.....	0.016818	(set up by Platte)
	595	North Bend General.....	0.556729	(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Bond (3/12/13).....	0.068822	(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Building .....	0.106026	(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Capital Purpose.....	0.009542	(set up by Dodge)
<b><u>Special Levies</u></b>				
1,947,209.11		Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)	0.015	12,981,394,181.00
98,658.00		Educational Service Unit #2- Bonds (Dodge sets)	0.00076	12,981,394,181.00
2,626,407.24		Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)	0.015	17,509,381,573.00
100,000.00		Educational Service Unit #7- Bonds (Platte sets)	0.000571	17,509,381,573.00
37,174,119.00		Central Comm. College- General (Hall sets).....	0.066802	55,648,081,854.00
11,129,616.00		Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets).....	0.02	55,648,081,854.00
4,173,606.00		Central Comm. College-Haz Mat(Hall sets)	0.0075	55,648,081,854.00
186,919.08		Colfax County Ag Society- General.....	0.01	1,869,190,854.00
37,383.82		Colfax County Ag Society- Capital.....	0.002	1,869,190,854.00
2,639.46		Platte Valley Drainage District.....	0.004829	54,654,297.00
4,270,002.00		Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets).....	0.023273	18,347,168,054.00
3,480,714.52		Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets).....	0.037181	9,361,573,484.00
0		SID #1 .....	0	3,811,160.00
0		Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC	0	1,204,470.00

Motion Wigington; second Heard to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. 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 11th day of October, 2017.



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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk