



Colfax County Board Minutes



February 13, 2018
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 13th day of February, 2018. 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 1/23/18. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to enter executive session at 8:32 a.m. for the general assistant clerk report. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to exit executive session and resume regular session at 8:37 a.m. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

Guidelines of our General Assistance were reviewed and approved; the board also directed the general assistance clerk to work with Douglas County General Assistance on a claim.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received. Information on the 2018 NACO Institute of Excellence, a year-long program was distributed to all officials by email. She will also register the commissioners for the Spring Workshop in Norfolk. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD notifying local municipalities that they are accepting applications to create recreational opportunities for citizens located within the boundaries of this NRD was read.

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

The vet service officer provided his January monthly report to be placed on file along with claim reimbursements for January 23, 2018.

The board received the 2017 Nebraska Extension in Colfax County Annual report which will be placed on file. Specific items include 1) Summary of 2016-17 budget expenditures, 2) Current fiscal year 2017-18 budget, 3) County Impact Report, 4) Brief program summary for each educator and assistant, and 5) Samples of 4-H newsletters, Extension newsletters, major program brochures, Facebook posts etc. that represent 2017 programming.

The sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the board and it will be placed on file.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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



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

Discussion was held if CenturyLink should be a backup provider for our State Radio System. Motion Bauman; second Heard to approve CenturyLink as backup provider for our State Radio System. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board also directed the sheriff to purchase the Motorola radios not to exceed \$175,000.00 which are allocated in his current sheriff's budget.

The county treasurer provided a spreadsheet (rate, term and amount) of the county's CD's with our local banks.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. to resume at 10:00 a.m.

The board discussed the Zoning /Flood Plain Administrator position with the interim and asked for his assistance with training the new administrator. The board decided to make this a part-time position with office hours of every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Motion Bauman; second Heard to appoint the position of Zoning/ Flood Plain Administrator to Sharon Oltmer effective date February 7, 2018. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain interim gave a report of the activities of his department; two public hearings will be held at our February 27th meeting. A DEQ notice on Scott Schmid Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for an Approval to Operate LWCF-Phases I and II was read.

Matt Bailey and Carl Grotelueschen/Shell Creek Watershed Improvement stated they are waiting for a response from the Corp on an extension of a project where an existing Corp permit is already established but would like to know if the county would commit to pay for the engineering fees on the extended project. Motion Bauman; second Heard that the county will approve to pay no more than \$10,000 for said engineering fees. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent provided his recommendation for the appointment of the weed superintendent/road employee. Motion Wigington; second Bauman to approve the appointment of Dustin Marty as weed superintendent with an effective date of February 26, 2018. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on bridge and road projects was given. Maps of the county's scour critical bridges and TransCanada pipeline were reviewed, along with the preliminary plans on a drain pipeline for Cargill Meat Solutions running south to the Platte River.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to open a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving comments, objections or recommendations from the public on the proposed 2018 One & Six Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan as prepared by the highway superintendent and road consultant. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent reviewed the projects in the one-year plan and the six-year plan.

Motion Bauman; second Heard to close the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; Wigington to approve Resolution 2-13-18(1) for the 2018 One & Six Year Plan for County Highway Improvements. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The board held interviews for the Highway Apprentice position and will provided their recommendation to the Highway Superintendent at the February 27th meeting.

Discussion was held to amend wage Resolution 1-9-18(2) due to the Head Custodian giving notice of retiring as of March 16, 2018. Instead of stating the annual wage of the Head Custodian, the wage will be listed as: \$16.50/hour minimum to \$19.00/hour maximum. Motion Heard; second Wigington to approve the amended wage Resolution 1-9-18(2). Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to adjourn BOC at 11:35 a.m. and to meet again February 27, 2018. 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 13th day of February, 2018. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:35 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 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 one application for exemption on form 457. Motion Heard; second Bauman to approve Ministerio Evangelico Pentecostes Cristo Viene - form 457 request for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the county treasurer. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to adjourn BOE at 11:37 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 14th day of February, 2018.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk