



Colfax County Board Minutes



May 8, 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 8th day of May, 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 Lisa R. Svehla, Deputy 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 Bauman; second Wigington to approve the minutes of 4/24/18. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No report from the general assistance clerk.

The deputy clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue. Correspondence from NIRMA informing of Law Enforcement Liability Trends Seminar Series to be held at four different locations was read. The board reviewed correspondence from the NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging informing the county's share for 2019 Fiscal Year will be \$4,369.00. The 2018/2019 renewal for the health and dental benefits offered to NACO members will have a rate increase 3% increase in health and 0% increase in dental.

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

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

The March inmate log from Platte County was provided to the board and placed on file.

No safekeeping receipt from the treasurer.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; policy notices were reviewed and the Hughes Payzant Ditch was sprayed.

The county clerk entered the room at 8:45 a.m.

Julia Kreikmeier/Extension gave a report of the activities of her office; currently they are finishing up with the school programs and their new hire will start May 16th.

Recessed at 9:00 a.m. to resume at 9:15 a.m.

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

The county attorney entered the room at 9:30 a.m.



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The county attorney reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County and Lower Platte North NRD (Shell Creek Watershed Improvement project) with the board.

Motion Bauman; second Heard to approve the annual renewal agreement with Trane for the heating/cooling system of the courthouse for the cost of \$3,558.93 (which includes a 3% discount for full payment). Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to approve the State Auditor to conduct the Colfax County audits for the fiscal year of 2018, 2019 and 2020. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Bauman; second Heard to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to the Colfax County Ag Society for the county fair activities planned for July 19-22, 2018 at the Leigh Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The vet service officer provided his April monthly report, the February, March, April and May 1, 2018 claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will all be placed on file. The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee is recommending the re-appointment of Cecil Fields for another term of five years commencing on July 1, 2018. Motion Heard, second Wigington to approve the re-appointment of Cecil Fields to a five-year term on the veteran service committee. Voting YES: Wigington, Bauman and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Handouts of veteran service officer's proposed budget for 2018-2019 were reviewed; discussion was held on increasing the base sum of the interlocal agreement from \$20,000.00 to \$22,000.00. Motion Wigington, second Bauman to approve an increase of the base sum of the interlocal agreement between Colfax County and Platte County Veteran Service officer from \$20,000.00 to \$22,000.00 contingent to the Platte County Board of Supervisors approving the wage increase. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The veteran service officer addressed the board about transferring money from the Veteran's Aid Fund to the Schuyler County Veteran Aid account. Motion Wigington; second Bauman to allocate \$1,856.62 to Schuyler Veteran Aid account from the Veteran's Aid 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; FEMA held a conference call to share updated information on the revision of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) due to the Village of Howells levee being fully accredited. The County will be required to adopt the new revisions by the time the new FIRM goes into effect. Due to expecting a large attendance at our May 22nd public hearing the Zoning/Flood Plain report and public hearings will be held in the District Court room.

The board reviewed the ballot for the 2018 Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for the East Central Region. Motion Wigington; second Heard to table the vote for the NRIN Governance Board for the East Central Region. 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. Correspondence from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency informed the board that on May 3, 2018 an on-site monitoring visit for our 2017 EMPG Grant and equipment inventory survey will be done. Preliminary plans for a three season building were handed out.

A representative from Nebraska Machinery presented options for the rental or purchase of a tree shredder.

Bids for Project C19 (521) that were publicly opened and read by the April 24th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Three companies submitted bids. Motion Wigington second Bauman to award Project C19 (521) bid to ME Collins for the total amount of \$126,479.69 with an ending date of December 31, 2018. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between Lower Platte North NRD and the County concerning a Shell Creek Watershed Improvement project for a study on Colfax County bridge number C001902305 on Road 12. Motion Wigington; second Heard to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD where the county shall pay no more than \$10,000 for said engineering and design study. Voting YES: Heard, Wigington and Bauman. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was made on certification of the Schuyler levee.

Motion Wigington; second Bauman to adjourn BOC at 10:52 a.m. and to meet again May 22, 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 8th day of May, 2018. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 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 finding and orders of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

Motion Wigington; second Heard to adjourn BOE at 11:08 a.m. Voting YES: Bauman, Heard and Wigington. 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 9th day of May, 2018.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk