



# Colfax County Board Minutes



January 29, 2019  
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 29th day of January 2019. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau, Carl Grotelueschen and Jim Mejstrik, 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 Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the regular minutes of 1/8/19. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to enter executive session at 8:32 a.m. regarding personnel issues related to a current county employee. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 8:45 a.m. Voting YES: Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and November Lodging Tax Revenue. Correspondence from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice states that the Colfax County Jail facility was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of the inspection. She will also register the commissioners for the Spring Workshop in Norfolk.

The board received a copy of the December public defender report.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

No report from county attorney

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to enter executive session at 8:52 a.m. to discuss pending ligation on Case ID: CI 18 126. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:05 a.m. Voting YES: Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Jason Reiff/Project Manager with Bierman Contracting Inc. provided a Proposal Request for the county's restoration project. Change order #9 is a cost revision to 6 windows in the detention area including window safety/security film and

bar modification costing \$4,357.00. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve change order #9 for the revision to 6 windows in the detention area including window safety/security film and bar modification costing \$4,357.00. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

All Funds

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	49,322.86
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	15,002.94
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	16,127.14

Attorney Grant Fund

Salaries		707.13
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy officer	6,820.22

911 Wireless Service Fund

CenturyLink	Service	905.44
CenturyLink	Service	182.96
Frontier	Service	367.28

E911 Fund

CenturyLink	Service	240.68
CenturyLink	Service	48.63
Frontier	Service	97.63

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	268.06
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Road Fund

Salaries		56,822.96
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	9,791.06
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Crushed concrete	718.20
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts	656.98
Butler County Landfill	Waste	103.38
Candlewood Suites	Lodging	659.70
Century Link	Service	347.51
City of Clarkson	Services	69.20
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Equipment parts	10.49
Colfax County Press	Notice	424.80
Columbus Steel Supply, Inc.	Channels	111.98
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	74.71
Dept. of Utilities	Services	962.85
Doernemann Construction, Inc.	Slag	276.60
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Shop supplies/fuel	859.31
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	453.32
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	153.18
Fastenal	Equipment parts/safety supplies	132.90
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	19.45
Fremont Sanitation	Service	58.21
Frontier	Phones	119.58
Hamernik Plumbing and Well Drilling, Inc.	Building repair	112.50
Hegemann Hardware	Shop supplies	53.85
Husker Steel Inc.	Guardrail posts	5,138.70
Insite Towers LLC	Annual rent	1,152.00



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J & B Auto Parts	Equip. parts/shop supplies	170.83
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	36.50
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	1.68
John's Tire Sales	Tires/mounting/repair	4,882.96
Kracl Garage & Wrecker Service	Equipment repair/labor/tow	8,704.98
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	4,003.08
Justin Laudenklos	Meals	6.68
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	559.61
Gene Macholan	Haul rock	3,175.62
Main Express LLC	Fuel	186.29
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	2,281.40
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	43.40
Menards	Janitorial/shop supplies	113.50
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Equip. parts/signs/supplies/post	886.40
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/oil	3,329.84
PACCAR Financial Corp.	Payment	23,626.13
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	873.36
Pinnacle Bank	Equipment parts	725.00
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	2,994.81
Prusa Welding	Pipe	12.30
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	69.64
Road Builders	Equipment parts/labor	2,197.63
Sahling Kenworth Inc.	Equipment part	12.48
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.	Fuel	435.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/tank	8,577.11
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Shop supplies	10.38
Sindelar Family Irr. Land Trust	Easements	840.00
Stern Oil Co. Inc.	Equipment parts	568.16
Time Clock Plus	Time clocks	128.60
Tracker Systems	GPS	116.75
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	29.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	81.59
Village of Howells	Service	60.55
Village of Leigh	Service	43.23
Village of Richland	2019 service	220.00
Volkman Plumbing & Heating	Building repair	119.00
Weldon Parts Inc.	Equipment parts	117.83

## General Fund

Salaries		157,955.94
All Systems	Building repair	68.00
Americom Communications Corp	Maintenance	270.00
Breanna Anderson	Atty's fees	1,254.00
Mary Kay Bailey	Mileage/meals	177.39
Baumert Furniture Inc.	Carpet/installation	447.25
Black Hills Energy	Service	435.11
Blue360 Media	Law manuals	352.63
Jean Blum	Prior service	192.00
Lynn Blum	Prior service	92.32
Bomgaars Supply	Septic tank	19.98
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	7,110.00
Butler County Sheriff	Paper service	18.00

Candlewood Suites	Lodging	549.75
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,387.24
Century Link	Extension/Weed	119.10
	General	323.37
Century Link Communications	Long distance	184.14
Clarkson Motor Company	Headlamp bulb	19.70
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	105.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	557.25
Colfax County Press/Leigh World	Notices/proceedings/office supplies	2,799.95
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	135.28
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	293,961.35
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	160.87
Constellation Newengery Gas Division	Service	353.79
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Oil change	71.62
Culligan	Equipment/water	261.05
DAS State - Central Finance	Network serv #6507	519.68
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David City Discount Pharmacy	Prescriptions	131.04
Demon Decals	Decals	400.00
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,038.91
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	51.10
Douglas County Health Center	Morgue fees	584.35
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	820.46
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	174.30
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	2,058.00
Electronic Engineering	Radio equipment	312.03
Michelle Evert	Cell phone	80.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	372.73
Chad Ferrari	Uniform/cell/parking fee	87.50
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil changes	204.09
Eugene Figgner	Prior service	180.00
First Concord Benefits	Participation fee	45.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage machine	77.85
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell	80.00
Gene Steffy's Chrysler Center Inc.	Dodge Durango	24,179.00
Hampton Inn	Lodging	329.85
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	96.86
Ronald Hanel	Prior service	46.16
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	31.87
Health and Human Services	Lincoln	93.00
	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Tony W. Hemmer	Uniform/cellphone	80.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	606.10
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	974.40
Howells Journal	Notice	2.81
Indoff	Office supplies/name plates	1,538.21
J & B Auto Parts	Vehicle parts/repair	121.32
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	77.44
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Surveys	1,800.00
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	153.48
William E. Kaiser	Consulting	3,990.00
Karel & Seckman	Atty's fees	294.50
Larry J. Karel	Prior service	144.00
Janis Kasik	Meals	4.00



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Marion Kment	Prior service	46.16
Norman Kment	Prior service	80.78
Denise Kracl	Mileage	20.88
Julia Kreikemeier	Program supplies	115.71
Amber Krula	Headset/mileage/supplies/reg.	215.63
Paul Kruse	Culligan/uniform/material fee	263.25
Linda Ladwig	Prior service	23.08
Lancaster County Sheriff	Paper service	18.61
Language Line Services	Interpret	3.90
Lincoln Journal Star	Proceedings/notices	546.92
Madison County Sheriff Dept.	Paper service	27.78
MailFinance Inc.	Lease payment	3,882.48
Main Express	Fuel	551.61
Minda McKitrick	Supplies	20.96
Bryan Meismer	Contract	5,333.33
Menards	Repairs/battery/ballast	142.53
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	1,062.80
MIPS	Software support/website	3,017.03
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	826.50
Thomas Morrison	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	30.00
National Assoc. of Court Management	Membership	135.00
NE Clerks of District Court Assn.	Dues	50.00
NE DOL/Boiler Program	Boiler certificate	30.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registration	40.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Registration	190.00
NE Nebr. Assoc. of County Clerk	Dues	50.00
Occupational Health Services	Screening	35.00
Officenet Inc.	Copier rental/copies	154.54
Sharon Oltmer	Mileage/meals	163.01
One Office Solution	Office supplies	128.88
William Ouren	Autopsy	300.00
Eleanor Pacas	Prior service	300.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Mileage	69.11
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	2,105.00
Physicians Laboratory Services Inc.	Autopsy	420.00
Pinnacle Bank	Dues/office chair	926.56
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	14,400.00
Platte County/Eric Mullally	Vet Service contract	1,833.33
Preferred Plumbing & Heating	Building repair	1,105.61
Quill Corp.	Office supplies/calculator	531.49
Region IV Inc.	3rd quarter	802.50
Reinecke Motor Co.	Oil change	54.29
Julie Reiter	Atty's fees	427.50
RR Donnelley	Law enforcement supplies	534.07
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	336.75
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Building repair/janitorial supplies	149.40
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	118.75
Tonia Soukup	Dues/registration/meals	382.98
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	80.00

Sunset Law Enforcement	Law enforcement supplies	780.50
Diann F. Svatora	Prior service	11.54
Tax Valuation Inc.	Rural residents	37,500.00
Tessendorf & Tessendorf	Atty's fees	1,089.50
The "Write" hand of Justice, LTD	Atty's fees	655.50
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	820.53
Shane Titus	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Tower Plastics Manufacturing Inc.	Office supplies	1,144.96
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Atty's fees	1,235.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	151.50
University of Nebraska	Renewal	225.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	90.19
Luis Venzor	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	86.71
Verizon Network Fleet Inc.	Cell phone	189.50
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	322.60
Vigilnet	Electronic monitoring	246.45
Adolph Vitek	Prior service	57.70
Esther Wennkamp	Prior service	57.70
911 Custom	Safety equipment	320.00

Jaime M. Jakub/Disabled American Veterans (DAV) presented an overview of the key pros and cons of purchasing a vehicle through their program. The county's veteran service officer then presented a Fact Sheet of the Platte/Colfax County Veteran Van Program and answered questions of the county's program.

Lumir Jedlicka and Jerold Kracl representatives for Knights of Columbus discussed displaying "In God We Trust" to be located on the outside of the courthouse. The commissioners stated the motto will not be placed on any terra cotta due to the recommendation of the engineer of the county's restoration project. Examples of the possible lettering to be placed on the top glass of the front door entryway were reviewed. This item will be placed as an action item once the KC's provide the final design (the KC's will be funding this project).

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

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. DEQ notices that were reviewed: Dlouhy Feeding Company, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on a NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle and Foghorn Hill, LLC Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for Construction and Operating Permit.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels found on the FIRM Index #31037CINDOB, and the Flood Insurance Study #31037CVOOOB which will become effective March 21, 2019, by Resolution 1-29-19(1). Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the Resolution is the adoption of Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels found on the FIRM Index #31037CINDOB, and the Flood Insurance Study #31037CVOOOB by March 21, 2019, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, the County becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP. It is the recommendation of the zoning administrator to approve Resolution 1-29-19(1) that adopts the measures that meet the requirements with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 60.3(d) of the NFIP for the Howells levee.

No opposition of the floodplain management measure was given.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to accept the recommendation of the zoning administrator and approve Resolution





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1-29-19(1) on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels found on the FIRM Index #31037CINDOB, and the Flood Insurance Study #31037CVOOOB effective March 21, 2019 for the Howells levee. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel #31037CO260D which will become effective February 15, 2019, by Resolution 1-29-19(2). Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the Resolution is the adoption of Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel #31037CO260D by February 15, 2019, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, the County becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP. It is the recommendation of the zoning administrator to approve Resolution 1-29-19(2) that adopts the measures that meet the requirements with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 60.3(d) of the NFIP for Schuyler levee project.

No opposition of the floodplain management measure was given.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to close the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the zoning administrator and approve Resolution 1-29-19(2) on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel #31037CO260D effective February 15, 2019 for the Schuyler levee project. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The sheriff discussed the shortage of dispatchers in the communication center with the board and the possibility of farming out some of the dispatch until they are fully staffed. The sheriff explained that the Public Service Commission is encouraging regional dispatch centers. The board stated the dispatcher's wage scale needs to be addressed in the upcoming budget because they want to keep the communication center in Colfax County.

Projects C19 (497), C19 (500) and C19 (518) bids that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Three companies submitted bids. Discuss, consider or take action will be at February 12th meeting.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve February 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. for the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Hearing. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent reviewed the 1 & 6 Year plan and reported comments from the open house held for the public review of the proposed 1 & 6 Year plan. Next year he would like to hold the open house on the north end of the county. Colfax County was noted at the NACO meeting that out of the 93 counties Colfax County replaced the most bridge structures. On the weed superintendent/road position he received three applications; interviews will be held next week.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:15 a.m. to meet again February 12, 2019. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. 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 29th day of January, 2019. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:15 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau, Carl Grotelueschen and Jim Mejstrik, 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 county assessor presented the board with a request for Tax Exemption of Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations (form 451) on Church of God; the Public Hearing will be held February 26<sup>th</sup>. Notice of the public hearing was mailed to applicant and will also be published in the newspaper.

The board reviewed the applications for exemption on form 457 (from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations). Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the following form 457 requests for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the county treasurer. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Applicant Name	Plate #	Vehicle Make	Year	Vehicle ID Number
Benedictine Mission House	4920	Ford	2012	3FAHP0JA0CR344637
	4919	Toyota	2015	JTMRFREX6FD116772
	4918	Chevrolet	2011	1GNKVJED0BJ104052
	4921	Toyota	2015	4T4BF1FK3FR458284
	4916	Chevy	2013	1GCNKSE09DZ352631
	4917	Ford	1998	1FDXF80C8WVA21501
	B436	Ford	2017	3FA6P0HD3HR157357
Camp Luther of Nebraska, Inc.	4934	Chevy	2005	1GCEK19Z55Z190663
	4935	Ford	2013	1FTFW1EF6DKE56493
	4931	Ford	2014	1FADP3F24EL413297
CHI Health Schuyler	4929	Ford	2008	1FTNF215X8ED77850
	4930	Ford	1992	1FTHF26M7NNA19761
	X784	Heartland	2008	430FD18218M024581
CHI Health Omaha		Ford	1992	1FTHF26MNNA19761
		Ford	2008	1FTNF215X8ED77850
Divine Mercy Parish/St. Mary's Parish	4928	Trlr	1980	NONE
Ministerio Evangelico Pentecostes	4940	Chevy	2002	1GNFK16Z82J307050
Cristo Viene	439	Ford	2015	1FBZX2ZM6FKA31601
Ministerio Internacional Dios Es Amor	434	Thomas Bus	1991	1T7K47947M1680221
Schuyler Cemetery Association	4926	Ford	1989	1FTHF25H4KKA67347
St. Benedict Center	4925	Ford	1991	1FTHX26G1MKA61219
	4922	Pontiac	2008	5Y2SL65848Z415895
SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church	4933	GMC	2001	1GDHG31R111124976

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





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Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

An “Agenda-less meeting” was held for each elected official or department head to have 5-7 minute discussion about the duties of their office and to introduce their staff and what they do with the new Board. The times allotted were from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 30th day of January, 2019.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk