

November 14, 2023
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 14th day of November 2023. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. 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. The 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 10/24/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The General Assistance Clerk provided a written report on the activities of her department.

The Clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received and receipt of NIRMA's dividend check. NACO's Annual Conference is December 13th-15th in Kearney.

The Board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the District Court Clerk.

The Sheriff's October monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The Board received a copy of the October Public Defender report.

The Vet Service Officer provided his October Veteran Service Office report and October 24, 2023, claim reimbursement of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The County Attorney gave a report on the activities of his office.

Tim Foss was not present to address the board.

The Treasurer provided a copy of the distress warrant list as of November 1, 2023.

The Treasurer provided Resolution 11-14-2023(1) directing the County Attorney to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate #166. In October of 2020, the County purchased Tax Sale Certificate #166 on property of Lot 11, Block 16, Outlots D H & I in Clarkson. Motion Mejstrik, second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 11-14-2023 (1) directing the County Attorney to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate #166. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Flood Plain Manager provided a written report on the Overview & Concurrence Form provided to the County by the City of Schuyler. This form is submitting new topographic data affecting the City of Schuyler and Colfax County which would revise the current NFIP map. FEMA is requesting more information from JEO and the City of Schuyler. No action will be taken until all information is submitted and reviewed.

The Board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an "Agenda-less meeting."

The annual increase of the Law Enforcement Contracts with the City of Clarkson and Villages of Howells, Leigh, Richland, and Rogers were discussed. Per contract agreements the consideration for the law enforcement services shall be adjusted by using the Consumer Price Index for August established by Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor which is a 3.7 percent increase that will take effect December of 2023. The sheriff has provided this information to the entities.

A Resolution for Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement that would recommit our membership in NIRMA for another three-year period-from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027, was reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 11-14-2023(2) that extends our commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator acknowledged receiving the Conservation Easement on Rainold Horejsi placing .28 acres of wetlands located in part S ½ NW ¼ in 13-18-2. This item is on the November 15th Planning and Zoning meeting agenda.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given.

Resolution 11-14-2023(3) authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment for January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, was reviewed. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 11-14-2023(3) authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment for January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 30/64 connector project which identifies the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District as the agency to work with in identifying, pursuing, and capturing grant funds for a comprehensive engineering planning study. The MOU is only for the pursuit of grant funds and does not request any monetary support toward the project. The Board tabled this item for further discussion.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again November 28, 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 14th day of November 2023. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and William White, 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. The 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 acknowledged receiving one Notice of Appeal's from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission - Case No: 23R 0420. Discussion was held to have our County Attorney represent Colfax County Board of Equalization.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 15th day of November 2023.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk