

November 28, 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 28th 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.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the minutes of 11/14/2023. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, September Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received, NIRMA 2023 Recommitment Dividend and Nebraska Community Foundation 2023 Annual report.

The Vet Service Officer provided November 7, 2023, and November 21, 2023, claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will be placed on file.

The inmate logs from Butler County and Platte County were provided to the board and placed on file.

The Treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Citizens State Bank.

Carrie Gottschalk/Engagement Zone Coordinator was present to answer any questions or concerns on an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Services for Colfax County and an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services. The Cooperative Extension Services agreement had an effective date of November 1, 1997. The agreements will be presented to the Board after the University of Lincoln legal counsel reviews them.

The County Attorney reported on reimbursements received on a Board of Prisoner and buyout contract of a recently resigned Sheriff Deputy.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Homestead Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Citizens Bank, Clarkson Bank, Bank of the Valley, and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a depository of county funds for year 2024. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	46,371.70
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	18,597.28
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	20,277.01
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,356.80
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community School	Truancy wage	3,346.61
<u>Drug Court</u>		
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	52.16
<u>911 Wireless Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	1,822.08
CenturyLink	Service	1,100.00
Frontier	Service	464.91
Motorola Solutions Inc.	Maintenance agreement	31,338.05

<u>Vet's Aid Fund</u>		
Joseph Bohaboj	Mileage	29.34
Duane Schlautman	Mileage	29.48

<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>		
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds Online	289.25

<u>Road Bridge Fund</u>		
Salaries		57,266.87
A&R Construction	C19 (544) (560) (532)	121,682.86
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	10,829.07
Albracht Disposal Services Inc.	Service	56.00
All Makes	Copies	31.26
Anderson Ford	Ford F150 pickup	51,540.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/salt/equipment parts	302.13
CenturyLink	Service	77.36
City of Clarkson	Utilities	89.43
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	55.98
Colfax County Treasurer	Title/tire tax	15.00
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	68.69
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Equipment parts/labor	300.72
Culligan	Bottled water/cooler	101.50
John Debowler	Easements	1,536.00
Dept. of Utilities	Services	191.19
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equipment parts/fuel	83.38
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	23.87
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	264.53
The Fort	Boots	498.97
Frontier	Service	83.68
Hampton Inn	Lodging	179.00
J & B Auto Parts	Equip. parts/shop towels/supplies	371.41
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	58.99
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	1,059.18
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Ice control	707.52
Jorge's Carpet Cleaning & Detail	Truck detail	150.00
Daniel & Lois Kramer	Easements	20.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	144,907.40
Scott Kroeger	Boots	139.99
Charles Kudera	Straw bale	80.00
Justin Laudenklos	Meals	16.00
Lincoln Star Journal	Ad	35.15
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	419.67
Gene Macholan	Rock delivery	12,764.82
Main Express LLC	Fuel	356.61
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	17,866.92
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	83.56
Menards	Metal carport	2,268.76
Metro Count USA Inc.	Battery	402.00
Midwest Service & Sales	Signs/grader blades/chains	3,711.55
Murphy Tractor	John Deere motor grader	384,440.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	5,567.75
Nebraska Salt and Grain Co.	Ice control	2,303.07
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,149.89
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Concrete	2,209.36
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	4,249.23
Premier Glassworks LLC	Windshield replacement	342.80
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tire repair/oil change	256.95
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	12.97
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/propane	4,071.17
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet/phone	366.54
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Parker Ungles	Fuel	30.01
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.88
Village of Howells	Service	93.85
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25

General Fund

Salaries		210,824.25
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	1,680.00
Apex Software	5 Licenses	3,275.00
AT&T Mobility	Internet	830.23
Hayden Bailey	Pumpkins	60.00
Stephanie Bell	Mileage/office-programing supplies	520.41
Robert J. Bender	Per diem	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	255.39
Joseph Bohaboj	Per diem	25.00
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies	27.36
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	4,750.00
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical records/expense	722.02
Cedars	Electronic monitoring	775.00
Genex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,958.51
CenturyLink	Long distance	149.44
CenturyLink	Service	896.16
CHI Health	Medical expense	496.00
City of Norfolk	Snare	1,500.00
Clerk of District Court	Court Costs	445.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	101.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	557.40
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	34.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer	331,379.15
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	54.75
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	110.99
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	243.90
Culligan	Bottled water/cooler	556.15
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6506 and #6507	2,239.82
Dept. of Utilities	Utilities	3,187.69
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Extension program supplies	17.64
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage	170.30
Teri Dostal	Labor/painting	322.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies	2,195.66
Don Eckstein	Per diem	25.00
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	2,580.00
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty fees	3,351.20
Ken Eisenmann	Reimb. lunch/Co Govt day	296.29
Electronic Engineering	Batteries	1,157.62
Farmers Union Coop Supply Company	Fuel	775.79
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/tire rotation/repair	117.69
First Concord Benefits Group	Participation fee	22.50
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	418.53
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	424.32
Hanel Oil	Fuel	47.45
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	66.79
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lyn Higgins	Atty's fees	1,661.25
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	767.96
Beverly A. Huerter	Court reporter	1,447.50
Indoff	Office supplies	380.24
J. Brian Wessling DDS PC	Medical expense	16.48
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms/badges/name plate	180.82
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	106.80
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	834.44
William M. Kurtenbach	Atty fees	1,487.50
Andrew R. Lange	Judges' dues	189.00
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	99.05
Main Express LLC	Fuel	504.05
Keith A. Marvin	Zoning updates	750.00
MedTech Forensics, Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	40.00

James J. Mejstrik	Mileage	58.82
Menards	Janitorial supplies/paint	134.89
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone/meals	115.61
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	4,405.15
Midwest Special Services	Transport services	2,392.70
MIPS	Software support/website	2,970.91
MPH Industries, Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	556.00
Nebr. Assn. of County Officials	2nd half dues/December reg.	2,880.35
Nebraska Law Enforcement Train. Ctr.	Lodging	75.00
Nebraska Public Health Envir. Lab	Service	210.00
Nebraska Weed Control Assn.	Dues	210.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified record	18.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage/programming supplies	310.05
NIRMA	Deductible	5,000.00
O'Reilly First Call	Head light/booster	102.91
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	197.94
PF Distribution Center Inc.	Law enforcement supplies	3,640.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy	2,350.00
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Law enforcement supplies	701.44
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Office supplies/registration	805.81
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	5,100.00
Platte County	Veteran contract/reimbursements	2,510.99
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	21.45
Premier Glassworks LLC	Window tinting	540.00
Bruce Prenda	Attorney license fee	98.00
Prochaska Tire LLC	Oil changes	200.85
Travis Prochaska	Mileage/programming supplies/reg	340.58
Quadiant Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,361.97
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	62.74
Radio Time Billing	Holiday Safe Driving	267.00
Jedzia Radke	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Rutt's Heating & A/C Inc.	Building repair	1,188.07
Duane Schlautman	Per diem	25.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	2,093.14
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Building repair	135.88
Sherwin Williams Co.	Paint	314.24
Sidwell Company	GIS map	6,980.00
Stanard Appraisal Services Inc.	Contract	17,255.00
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone/fuel	100.00
Thomson Reuters-West	West Law	607.00
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Total Fire & Security Inc.	Building repair	877.50
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract	6,250.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	47.73
Verizon	Cell phone	122.11
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	208.45
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	42.87
Brittany Warren	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	1,185.68

The State Auditor's office informed the County that they do not plan on submitting a proposal to do the County audit for fiscal year 2024. NACO and the State Auditors offices have provided a list of firms who have done County audits. The Clerk will send Request for Proposals of Audit Servies to the firms. Bids for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, received by 4:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023, at the office of Colfax County Clerk will be publicly opened on December 12, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. during Colfax County Commissioner meeting. Discuss, consider and/or take action will follow.

Recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning Administrator reported on the recommendation from the Planning Commission on the Conservation Easement for Rainold Horejsi placing .28 acres in wetlands located in part S ½ NW ¼ in 13-18-2. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Conservation Easement for Rainold Horejsi placing .28 acres in wetlands located in part S ½ NW ¼ in 13-18-2. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Carol Ringenberg/Director of Development with Schuyler Community Development will address the Board at their December 12th meeting (to discuss Brownfield Grant/EPA Federal Grant).


The Highway Superintendent provided a written report of the activities of his office; an update on road/bridge projects was read.

Kim Kwapnoiski/Chairperson of the Board of Platte County and representatives from Platte County and the project team were present to answer any questions or concerns the Board had on the Interlocal Agreement 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 agreement is only for the pursuit of grant funds and does not request any monetary support toward the project. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Highways 30 and 64 Corridor between Platte County, City of Columbus, Colfax County, Polk County and Butler County. YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk summarized the day's agenda and action taken.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. to meet again December 12, 2023. 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 29th day of November 2023.



Rita M. Mundil