

January 23, 2024
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 23rd day of January 2024. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen and Jim Mejstrik, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Bruce J. Prenda, County Attorney. Absent: Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioner. 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 Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Absent: Wendt. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the regular minutes of 1/9/2024. Voting YES: Mejstrik and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Wendt. Motion carried.

The Clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received and November Lodging Tax Revenue.

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

The Vet Service Officer provided claim reimbursements for January 16, 2024, which will be placed on file.

The 4th quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

The Weed Superintendent reported she is currently working on the annual State Report. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the Chairman to sign the Weed Annual State Report when it is completed. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Absent: Wendt. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wendt entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The County Attorney reviewed the Firearm Shooting Range Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Board. The agreement is with the City of Schuyler, City of Columbus, and Colfax County. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to authorize the Chairman to sign the Firearm Shooting Range Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The County Surveyor reported to the Board of his retirement with JEO on March 8, 2024. As Colfax County Surveyor he plans on digitizing all of the surveying records to be on file with the Nebraska State Surveying Office.

Corey Odvody and Josiah Poole with Americom provided a bid proposal for a new phone system for the courthouse.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

A Conservation Easement for Eric Cerny placing 3.57 acres to grassland CRP located in the SE ¼ NE ¼ and a tract South of the Creek in the SW ¼ in 15-18-4 was reviewed. It was determined since no deed was filed on the CRP grounds that the contract with Farm Service Agency will serve as the Conservation Easement. No action from the board was taken.

The Zoning Administrator reported three public hearings were held at their January 17th Planning and Zoning meeting. The Board of Commissioners public hearings will be held February 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Discussion was held to have a study done on the existing zoning regulation on wind energy conversion turbines. Motion Wendt, second Mejstrik to approve the Moratorium Resolution 1-23-2024(1) as amended to study the existing zoning regulation on wind energy conversion turbines. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	45,273.45
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	20,168.75
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	22,065.51

Attorney Grant Fund

Salaries		1,224.30
Columbus Area United Way	Service	408.00
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	71.34
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

Dixon Construction Co.	C19(570)	269,813.85
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911 Wireless Service Fund

CenturyLink	Service	795.77
CenturyLink	Service	550.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Calculation correction	196.48
Frontier	Service	464.91

E911 Fund

CenturyLink	Service	231.16
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ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	289.25
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Road Fund

Salaries		62,246.68
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/heating fuel	8,528.47
Albracht Disposal Service Inc.	Garbage collection	57.68
All Makes	Overage charge	20.35
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Hauling	6,337.50
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/equip. parts/tools/oil	531.34
City of Clarkson	Service	65.70
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Equipment parts	49.21
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	64.03
Culligan	Water/equipment	109.75
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,049.21
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equipment parts	48.08
Eakes Office Solutions	Janitorial supplies	356.52
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	116.77
The Fort	Boots	189.89
Frontier	Phones	83.68
Patrick Graybill	5 Beavers	250.00
Hegemann Hardware	Shop supplies	20.75
Herbst Construction Inc.	C19(555)	309,850.20
Jeremy Indra	11 Beavers	550.00
J & B Auto Parts	Switch	18.41
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	61.67
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	68.72
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	6,215.50
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	498.86
Main Express LLC	Fuel	484.50
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	83.56
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/bolts/signs/equip parts/labor	4,347.11
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil	6,517.84
O'Reilly First Call	Equipment parts	8.99
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	565.10
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	3,056.70
Prochaska Tire LLC	Tires/repair	21,493.60
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	46.30
Road Builders	Equipment parts	2,786.73
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	473.85
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Heating fuel/fuel	6,281.10
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Building repair/line locate	477.56
Stanton Telecom	Internet	50.90
Stealth Broadband	Internet	550.65
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	82.88
Village of Howells	Service	77.13
Village of Leigh	Service	22.25
Volkman Plumbing & Heating	Building repair	181.00

General Fund

Salaries		229,347.29
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Antelope County Sheriff	BOP	1,240.00
Mark L. Arps	Meals	16.50
AT&T Mobility	Air card	51.41
Samantha H. Barnes	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Viola Bender	Prior service	23.08
BK The Floor Store of Nebraska	Material	255.24
Black Hills Energy	Service	427.90
Blue360 Media/LB413164	Law manuals	469.63
Jean Blum	Prior service	192.00
Lynn Blum	Prior service	92.32
Aleisha Bohaboj	Mileage	239.73
Bomgaars	Janitorial supplies	28.47
Jordon A. Brichacek	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	6,450.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,904.48
CenturyLink	Long distance	72.18
CenturyLink	General	896.90
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	73.00
Colfax County Press	Subscriptions/notices/proceedings	1,332.08
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	79.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	331,379.15
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	92.80
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	772.27
Culligan	Equipment/water	415.90
Cummins Sales & Service	Generator maintenance	1,467.62
DAS State - Central Finance	Network service	2,217.82
David City Discount Pharmacy	Prescriptions	36.98
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,736.92
Didier's Grocery Inc.	Programming supplies	10.32
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/copies/laminator	293.52
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	6,780.00
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	1,487.50
Eugene Figgner	Prior service	180.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	22.50
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell	100.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	487.01
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	236.57
Great Plains Communications	Internet/phone	424.32
Hanel Oil Inc.	Fuel	1,942.36
Ronald Hanel	Prior service	46.16
Health and Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	711.25
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	767.96
Beverly A. Huerter	Court reporter	332.00
Indoff	Office supplies/chairs	1,640.89
J & B Auto Parts	Battery/additive/de-ice	199.81
J & L Automotive	Service call/supplies	224.40
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	111.52
Larry J. Karel	Prior service	144.00
Janis Kasik	Prior service	92.32
Erik C. Klutman	Atty's fees	240.00
Norman Kment	Prior service	80.78
Keif C. Kratochvil	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Linda Ladwig	Prior service	23.08
Lancaster County Weed Control	Dues	350.00
Language Line Services	Interpretation	83.19
Alyssa Ledon	Uniform/cellphone	100.00
Madison County Sheriff Department	Paper service	29.90
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	208.94
Main Express	Fuel	288.45
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	4,351.56
MIPS	Software support/website	1,483.89
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
National Assoc. of Court Management	Dues	150.00

NE District Court Clerks Assoc.	Dues	50.00
Nebraska Assoc. of Emergency Mgrs.	Member renewal	50.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Conference	525.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc.	Membership	580.00
Nebraska Supreme Court	Index	57.00
Katelynn Ness	Mileage	45.85
Eleanor Pacas	Prior service	300.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	149.82
Pinnacle Bank	E-Banking	500.00
Pinnacle Bank	Law enforcement supplies	208.81
Pinnacle Bank	Office supplies/lodging/scanner	981.72
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	2,150.00
Platte County/Eric Mullally	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,256.96
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	20.07
Platte Valley Printing	Office supplies	255.97
Prochaska Tire LLC.	Oil changes/tire repair	238.85
QC Supply LLC.	Gloves	2.60
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease payment	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	353.43
Radio Time Billing	Winter auto safety	267.00
RR Donnelley	Office supplies	124.42
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	1,069.88
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Keys/janitorial supplies	14.49
Rosie Scoggins	Notary bond/renewal	75.00
Richard T. Seckman	Prior service	34.62
Shirts Are Us, LLC	Badges	64.00
Eugene Sindelar	Hours/mileage	247.38
Tonia Soukup	Dues reimbursement	98.00
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson	Public defender contract	8,333.33
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Diann F. Svatora	Prior service	11.54
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	607.00
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
University of Nebr. Lincoln	Salary reimbursement	12,800.24
US Cellular	Service	7.39
Verizon	Cell phone	122.11
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	208.45
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	44.25
Wex Bank	Fuel	184.91
William White	Meals	42.79

A proposal to paint the offices of the Assessor and Clerk was reviewed. The Board is requesting a second bid.

The Emergency Manager reported that he submitted on behalf of Colfax County a disastrous Winter Storm declaration for the event that happened on January 8, 2024. The bid letting date for the Wolfe Jetty project C19(562) will be February 13, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. Discuss, consider and/or take action will be February 27, 2024.

The Highway Superintendent gave a report on the activities of his department; projects in the one-year plan and six-year plan were reviewed. The public meeting for comments of projects to be placed on the One- & Six-Year Road Improvement plan will be held in Howells on January 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. The hearing date for 2024 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement Plan will be February 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:15 a.m. to meet again February 13, 2024. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 24th day of January 2024.


Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk