



# Colfax County Board Minutes



November 12, 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 12th day of November, 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 Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 10/29/19. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The general assistance clerk gave a report of the activities of her department, no need to enter into executive session.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees, STOP Revenue received, Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers, County Government Day will be Monday, November 25, 2019. Correspondence from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice confirmed that on November 7, 2019 the Colfax County Jail facility will have its annual inspection for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board. A public hearing notice from City of Schuyler on a Special Use Permit filed by Curtis and Patricia Bohac was reviewed.

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

The board received a copy of the October to November 6th public defender report.

The vet service officer provided his October Veteran Service Office report which will be placed on file.

No report from the county attorney.

No need to enter executive session to discuss pending ligation on Case ID: CI 18 126.

Discussion was held on the position of public defender and entering into an interlocal agreement with Butler County for a joint position; no agreement was provided for the board to review. The board decided at this time not to do the interlocal. The clerk will inform Colfax County's three-member policy board to advertise for the position for Colfax County only.

Bryan Meismer provide the board with his resignation as Colfax County's Public Defender as he received the new judgeship in South Sioux City. Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to accept the resignation of Bryan Meismer as Colfax County Public Defender with an effective date of November 6, 2019. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The deputy treasurer provided a copy of the distress warrant list and was available to answer any questions.



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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 and Richland 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 1.7 percent increase that will take effect December of 2019. The sheriff has provided this information to the entities.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; two DEE notices were reviewed: 1) Pond Creek Feeders, LLC Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on Approval to Operate LWCF-Phases I & II; 2) Chile Flats, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on Modified Construction and Operating Permit Issued. A public hearing will be held at our November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jason Reiff/Project Manager with Bierman Contracting Inc. provided a proposal for correction action on the concrete stairs rebuild which was sent to Alley, Poyner, Macchietto Architecture Inc. (APMA) for their review and recommendation. One of the options in the proposal is to coat the surface of the stairs with a waterproofing membrane. The board and APMA would like to physically see and inspect where this product was used before making any decisions.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. Discussion was held to hold an informational meeting with our county’s senators and the City of Schuyler for them to physically view the damage caused by the flood of the jetty/levy system on Wolfe’s property. The road department is also looking for a light sanding unit.

The emergency manager gave a report of the activities of his office. He provided his recommendation of Jackie Farrell as the Colfax County representative for the East Central Long Term Recover Group which consist of Colfax, Butler, Platte, Boone and Nance counties that was created after the flooding to help flood victims that have unmet needs. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the appointment of Jackie Farrell as Colfax County representative to the East Central Long Term Recover Group. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again November 26, 2019. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. 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 12th day of November, 2019. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 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 board approved one tax list correction submitted by the assessor - statement #2308.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, 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 13th day of November, 2019.



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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk