



Colfax County Board Minutes



December 23, 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 23rd day of December 2019. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau and Carl Grotelueschen, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. Absent: Jim Mejstrik, 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. 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 Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve the minutes of 12/10/19. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, October Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank. The clerk reviewed suggestions from the state auditors who performed the county's 2018-2019 audit; 1) State Bid purchases need to be kept on file by pdf. (proof of state bid cost) or have the state bid attached to the claim; 2) Funds given to Keep Schuyler Beautiful needs documentation or receipts of how the money was spent; 3) Update Employee Handbook on Sick leave hours and wording/example of vacation earned on time sheets.

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

The county attorney entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to enter executive session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss pending ligation on Case ID: CI 18 126. Voting YES: Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

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

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	54,971.48
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	15,352.50
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	16,514.10

<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>	
Salaries	930.85

Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	4,039.60

E911 Fund

Century Link	Service	567.30
Century Link	Service	97.42
Century Link	Service	41.31
Frontier	Service	79.03
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	1,050.43

Wireless Service Fund

Century Link	Service	2,769.74
Century Link	Service	475.64
Century Link	Service	201.72
Frontier	Service	385.88
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	5,128.57

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	276.70
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Road Fund

Salaries		55,526.49
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	6,089.06
Benes Service	Equipment repair	108.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/signs/chains/oil/tools	635.59
Butler County Landfill, Inc.	Industrial waste	395.46
Century Link	Service	354.52
City of Clarkson	Service	70.86
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies/bolts	113.54
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	46.63
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair/labor	1,097.80
Dept. of Utilities	Service	771.83
Doernmann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/fuel	143.00
Dennis and Rita Dvorak	Easements	460.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Shredder	604.99
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	163.50
Frontier	Phones	120.99
Hanel Oil	Tire repair	169.80
Howells Plbg, Heating, A/C	Building repair	210.00
J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts/supplies	335.84
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	37.56
John's Tire Sales	Oil change/tire repair/tire	879.90
Dale R. Johnson Ent, Inc.	Ice control	280.17
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	19,814.71
Justin Laudenklos	Meals	14.19
Lawson Products	Shop supplies	52.03
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	451.93
Main Express LLC	Fuel	61.29
Mainelli-Wagner & Associates Inc.	Contract/engineering	12,960.00
Malone Construction Co. Inc.	C19(497)	12,241.39
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	56.05
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/signs/steel plow	10,814.50
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil/fuel	2,786.77
O'Reilly First Call	Equipment parts	51.28
Occupational Health Services	Screening	62.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,010.32
Power Plan	Equipment parts	1,082.79



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QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies/tools	835.33
Road Builders	Equipment parts	155.44
Sahling Kenworth Inc.	Equipment parts	71.86
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.	Fuel	1,685.83
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	3,429.51
Stanley Sindelar, Jr.	Temp easement	100.00
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	1,661.44
Sterling Staack	LP & CDL reimbursement	46.50
Tracker Systems	GPS	721.50
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	29.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	119.83
Village of Howells	Service	65.42
Village of Leigh	Service	43.19

General Fund

Salaries		163,796.19
Ag Spray Equipment	Spray hose	37.20
Americom Communications Corp	Maintenance	270.00
Kenneth Bang	Uniform/cell/postage	180.65
Black Hills Energy	Service	317.76
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Uniform/cell	80.00
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies	34.57
Randall E. Brabec	Mileage	64.56
Mary Jo Brichacek	Mileage	51.09
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	8,350.00
Candlewood Suites	Lodging	549.75
Lynton Cattau	Mileage	150.80
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,234.34
Century Link	Extension/Weed	123.87
	General	344.14
Century Link	Long distance	199.00
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	56.97
Clarkson Motor Company	Service	25.00
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	282.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	160.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	37.00
Colfax County Title & Abstract	Title search	150.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Road Transfer	294,093.12
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div	Service	813.72
Culligan	Equipment/water	203.05
DAS State Central Finance	Network serv #6506	1,017.27
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David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	129.19
Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	107.09
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,668.75
Dodge County Sheriff	Paper service	7.22
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/USB	975.64
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/disposal of drives	2,153.90
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	427.50
Michelle Evert	Meals/cell phone/decorations	130.85
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	642.68
Daniel Freed	Uniform/cell	80.00

Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	199.25
Carl Grotelueschen	Mileage	155.44
Paula Grotelueschen	Mileage	17.74
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	30.50
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	53.24
Health & Human Services	Beatrice	90.00
Deb Hegemann	Mileage	44.08
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	2,541.25
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	329.85
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,300.35
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	235.90
J & B Auto Parts	Battery	262.95
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law enforcement supplies	408.99
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	60.44
Jennifer Joakim	Atty's fees	855.00
John's Tire Sales	Oil changes/tires/vehicle repair	1,148.29
Jennifer Kappel	Mileage	80.04
Janis Kasik	Meals	44.58
Denise Kracl	Mileage/food reimbursement	184.20
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage/program supplies	166.04
Amber Krula	Mileage/program supplies	276.04
Paul Kruse	Culligan/postage/cell phone	153.06
Lancaster County Sheriff	Paper service	18.61
Andrew R. Lange	Dues/attorney services	169.00
Language Line Services	Interpreting	24.80
Lee Enterprises	Notice/Classified ad	802.13
Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	BOP	350.00
Main Express	Fuel	164.41
Mebulbs	Building repair	1,015.07
James J. Mejstrik	Mileage	151.96
Menards	Building repair/supplies	111.46
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Aliesha Meusch	Lodging	58.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	1,396.86
MIPS	Software support/website	2,876.22
Thomas Morrison	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Motorola Solutions Inc.	Radio equipment	10,634.36
Rita Mundil	Mileage	150.80
National Association of Counties	Dues	450.00
NE Floodplain & Stormwater Mgr. Assn.	Membership	35.00
Nebr. Assn. of County Officials	Dues	1,872.47
Nebr. Law Enforcement Training Center	Basic training	145.00
Aaron Nygren	Mileage	97.44
Occupational Health Services	Screening/physical	721.00
Officenet Inc.	Fixed printer	131.50
Sharon Oltmer	Meals/mileage	167.35
Pinnacle Bank	Microsoft	1,299.90
Pinnacle Bank	Printer/program supplies	447.57
Plains Equipment Group	Seal/gasket	25.62
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	3,950.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursement	4,394.39
Postmaster	PO Box rent	150.00
Quill Corp.	Office supplies/keyboard/mouse	250.42
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	3rd quarter	6,818.75



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Reinecke Motor Co.	Oil changes	88.17
Julie Reiter	Atty's fees	190.00
Jose Rodriguez	Atty's fees	465.50
Marlene Rohde	Mileage	42.46
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	441.44
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	17.67
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	911.05
Sleuth Systems	Maintenance renewal	4,534.00
Tonia Soukup	Dues	289.00
Sterling Staack	Meals	55.36
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Talbot Law Offices PC LLO	TERC services	225.00
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	845.13
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Atty's fees	2,470.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	140.00
Luis Venzor	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	124.11
Verizon Connect NWF Inc.	Cell phone	189.50
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	322.60
Vigilnet	GPS	368.35
Tadd Vosberg	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Wahoo/Waverly Advertising	Classified ad	167.40
Watchguard Video	Law enforcement supplies	291.00
Kimberly Wayman	Notary	102.18
Drew Wolfe	Mileage	43.90
Woods & Aitken	Service	58.00

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations to consider to continue to provide for the lawful constitutional right of the public for the election of a County Surveyor by the registered voters of Colfax County, Nebraska by Resolution 12-23-19 (1). Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Per Nebraska Revised Statute § 32-525 it states that if a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants has an elected county surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the county board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor for the county. The county surveyor was present and commented that he would like this position to be kept on the ballot as an elected position.

No public was present and no opposition was given.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 9:35 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve Resolution 12-23-19(1) that the office of County Surveyor shall remain as an elected office to be chosen by the majority of votes cast by the registered voters of Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Daryl Andersen/Lower Platte North NRD addressed the board if the county would be interested to be a pilot county to place cameras on the Platte River to monitor ice jams.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to open a public hearing at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of receiving comments, objections or recommendations from the public on the proposed 2020 One- & Six-Year Plan for Highway Improvement

Plan as prepared by the highway superintendent and road consultant. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejsatrik. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent reviewed the projects in the one-year plan and the six-year plan.

No public was present and no opposition was given.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to close the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejsatrik. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve Resolution 12-23-19(2) for the 2020 One- & Six-Year Plan for County Highway Improvements. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejsatrik. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; employee evaluations were completed. Auditors suggestions were reviewed where State Bid purchases need to be kept on file by pdf. (proof of state bid cost) or have the state bid attached to the claim.

Commissioner Mejsatrik entered the meeting at 10: 55 a.m.

The board interviewed two applicants for the public defender position; discussion was held on the Public Defender contract and review of the interviews. Instruction was given to the clerk to contact the top candidate and offer the position with an effective date of January 14, 2020 where the appointment of public defender would be made.

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

Motion Grotelueschen second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 12:10 p.m. to meet again January 14, 2020. Voting YES: Mejsatrik, Cattau, 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 26th day of December, 2019.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk