



# Colfax County Board Minutes



January 14, 2020  
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 January, 2020. 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 Cattau; second Mejstrik to re-organize for 2020 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as county board chair and authorize Lynton Cattau and Jim Mejstrik to sign documents in absence of county board chair. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Cattau; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Mejstrik; East-Central Health District-Cattau; Colfax County Safety Committee-Cattau; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Lisa Svehla and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3 year term)-Robert Dahlstedt. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/23/19. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 and STOP revenue received. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD notifying local municipalities that they are accepting applications to create recreational opportunities for citizens located within the boundaries of this NRD was read.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the district court clerk.

The sheriff's December monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

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

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Sterling Staack as weed superintendent. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to authorize the chairman to sign the State Report. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

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

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 9:00 a.m. to discuss pending litigation on Case ID: CI 18 126. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:15 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen on approval of the settlement agreement on CI 18 126. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board provided an opportunity for county employee's to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the meetings of the board as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's and have the county website: [www.colfaxne.com](http://www.colfaxne.com) as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2020. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-14-2020(1) that authorizes the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Michelle Evert as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Lisa Svehla as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik on approving the letter consenting to initial refugee resettlement in Colfax County. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Resolution 1-14-2020(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the position of public defender with Jerod L. Trouba; a two-year agreement in the amount of \$68,000.00 (\$5,666,67) monthly installments; effective date January 14, 2020. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the revised mileage rate of 57.5 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees beginning January 1, 2020; further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to Leigh Volunteer Fire Department for an event on February 15, 2020 to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; DEE notices that were reviewed: Paul Shonka Livestock Animal Feeding Operation on Notice of Application Received and Chile Flats, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on Approval to Operate LWCF-Phase III.

Motion Cattau second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Sharon Oltmer as Zoning/Flood Plain Administrator. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The apprentice highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; country roads are currently being graded.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. and to meet again January 28, 2020. 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 15th day of January, 2020.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk