



Colfax County Board Minutes



April 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 April, 2020 by teleconference. 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 (in commissioners' room and Colfax County website).

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the minutes of 3/24/2020. 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, change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank, 2019 fuel refund and Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership 2019 Annual Report. The County Board workshop is June 3-5, in Kearney. Correspondence from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice states that the Colfax County Jail facility was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of the inspection.

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

The acting sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the board and it will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his monthly report to the board and it will be placed on file.

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

The board received a copy of the March public defender report which will be placed on file.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; he is going to see if grant funds are available for the purchase of an UTV.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department; a report of the number of criminal filings was given.

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

The treasurer discussed the purchase of an outside drop box for her office. The boards recommendation is to see if the public will use the drop box purchased by the Secretary of State for ballots (due to encouraging early voting because of the COVID 19 Virus) before purchasing another drop box.



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On April 1, 2020 the chairman ordered for the safety of the public and our staff the suspension of access of the public to the Colfax County Courthouse and annex buildings due to the COVID 19 Virus. Offices will accept phone calls, mail, email and scheduled appointments as determined by each office. To hold one monthly meeting was discussed, but decided that since the meetings are held by teleconference, they will keep the meetings as previously approved. An email was sent to all Treasurers requesting the use of the driver license rooms to be used by the Driver License Division who are helping with data entry work for the Department of Labor due to the extremely high volume of unemployment requests. The board agreed to let Driver License Division use Colfax County driver license room.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. Two DEE notice were reviewed, 1) Folken Feed Yards, Ltd. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on a NPDES General Permit for Operation Confining Cattle, 2) Scott Schmid Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on a NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle.

The acting sheriff asked the board about purchasing another vehicle for the department. He was informed that if it is not a state bid, he would need to acquire three informal bids. The board stated if it is in the budget he may proceed.

Six applications for the sheriff position were received by the April 10th deadline. The board will hold interviews for the Sheriff position on April 23, 2020. The clerk will send out the notice to inform the public of the special meeting.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department. Nebraska Department of Roads provided a Project Information Fact Sheet for N-91 South Project; the public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this project. May 12, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. will be the bid letting date on four box culvert projects C-19 (539, 498, 517, 504).

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 4-14-2020(1) authorizing the chairman to sign the program agreement between Colfax County and Nebraska Department of Roads for County Bridge Match Program Agreement BL 2012. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again April 28, 2020. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 14th day of April, 2020 by teleconference. 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, Viola Bender, County Assessor and Denise J. Kracl, County Attorney. 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 reviewed the one application for exemption on Form 457 (for Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations). Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve Ministerio Internancional Dios Es Amor for Form 457 request for motor vehicle tax exemption status as presented by the county treasurer. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board approved one tax list correction submitted by the assessor - statement #2310.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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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 April, 2020.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk