



# Colfax County Board Minutes



April 28, 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 28th 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 Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of April 14, 2020 and the special meeting minutes of April 23, 2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, February Lodging Tax Revenue and STOP Revenue received. City of Schuyler provided two public hearing notices: 1) Application to amend the zoning map 2) Minor Subdivision Application. The County Board workshop that was scheduled for June 3-5, 2020 in Kearney has been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The 1st quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Julia Kreikemeier/Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of her office; the county fair and if 4-H will be able to participate was discussed.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office; she will be renewing the contract for the traffic diversion program (STOP) with Traffic Safety Plus.

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

### All Funds

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	52,176.32
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	14,986.49
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	16,230.29

### Attorney Grant Fund

Salaries		883.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy officer	4,039.61

### 911 Wireless Service Fund

Century Link	Service	475.64
Century Link	Service	196.29

Frontier	Service	385.88
Geo-Comm Inc.	Support/maintenance/GIS	10,483.06

E911 Fund

Century Link	Service	97.42
Century Link	Service	40.20
Frontier	Service	79.03
Geo-Comm Inc.	Support/maintenance/GIS	1,798.94

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	276.70
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Road Fund

Salaries		53,958.94
A&R Construction Co.	C19(518)	37,585.89
Ag Spray Equipment	Equipment parts	27.63
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	5,894.47
Alan Dean Arps	Hauling crushed concrete	585.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/equip. parts	260.24
Century Link	Service	373.03
City of Clarkson	Service	72.70
Clarkson Body Shop Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	205.00
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Bolts	5.99
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	82.28
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Equipment parts/labor	4,873.51
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,127.09
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equip. parts/fuel	354.30
Eakes Office Solutions	Janitorial supplies	139.66
Electronic Engineering	Radio equipment	18.13
Faltys Enterprises LLC	Hauling	8,418.79
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	161.21
Fremont Sanitation	Service	64.03
Frontier	Phones	120.04
Gene Steffy Ford	Equipment parts	41.08
Howells Plumbing, Heating & Air Cond.	Building repair	137.80
J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts	49.24
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	37.56
John's Tire Sales	Service call/tire repair/tires/oil change	5,384.99
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel/hauling	4,366.95
Kerford Limestone Co.	Gravel/hauling	3,442.97
Kit Held Trucking	Hauling	22,870.09
Jack David Koehn	Easements/fence repair	570.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	31,041.20
Lincoln Journal Star	Ad	36.90
Loup Public Power Dist.	Services	487.49
M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc.	Projects	38,723.70
Main Express LLC	Fuel	113.88
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	5,751.31
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	293.29
Menards	Building repair/tools	126.49
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Grader blades/signs/posts/culvert	22,018.97
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equip. parts/labor/shop supplies	8,443.55
O'Reilly First Call	Shop supplies	20.97
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,280.30
Pinnacle Bank	Sanitizer	378.00
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	11,826.94
QC Supply LLC	Safety supplies	20.96



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Reinecke Motor Co.	Labor	132.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	634.41
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/heating fuel	1,955.34
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	7,745.98
Tom' Auto Service	Tires/mounting/balance	938.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Vacha Excavating LLC	Crushed concrete	6,570.08
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	83.52
Village of Howells	Service	66.27
Village of Leigh	Service	43.20

## General Fund

Salaries		161,344.70
All Makes	Toner	95.01
Kenneth Bang	Cell phones/uniforms	80.00
Black Hills Energy	Service	284.05
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Cell phones/uniforms	80.00
Bomgaars Supply	Fertilizer/key/padlock/bait	102.89
Burke Brown III	Atty's fees	522.50
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	13,100.00
Lynton Cattau	Mileage	65.55
Genex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,243.19
CenturyLink	Long distance	286.94
Century Link	Extension/Weed	122.13
	General	321.82
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	49.01
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	102.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	119.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	6.50
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	294,093.13
Consolidated Management Company	Meals	329.51
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	1,030.19
Culligan	Equipment/water	275.30
DAS State Central Finance	Network serv #6507	1,017.27
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David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	326.76
Susanne Dempsey	Atty's fees	365.75
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,852.51
Didier's Grocery	Alcohol wipes	3.18
Dugan Business Forms	Early voting envelopes	490.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	779.99
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	414.27
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	2,249.90
Egr, Birkel, & Wollmer	Atty's fees	845.50
Election System & Software	Primary election	3,321.51
Michelle Evert	Cell phone	13.91
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	439.99
Fiala Automotive Inc.	Tire repair/oil change	161.75
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage meter	77.85
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier	130.16

Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	65.55
Caleb Hamernik	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	53.81
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	1,936.85
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,002.89
Howells Journal	Proceedings/notices	1,886.35
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies	1,286.51
J & B Auto Parts	Fuse/windshield wash	27.09
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	60.44
Jarecki Maul PC LLC	Atty's fees	3,350.50
John's Tire Sales	Oil change	47.95
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	61.29
William E. Kaiser	Consultant	1,225.00
Denise Kracl	Training reimbursement	168.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices	870.90
Main Express LLC	Fuel	651.25
Maximus Inc.	Cost allocation	2,310.52
Menards	Janitorial supplies/supplies	133.20
Shawn Messerlie	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	2,806.80
Miller Funeral Home	Transport	575.00
MIPS	Software support/website	2,876.22
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	465.50
Thomas Morrison	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Nebraska Assn. of County Officials	Directory	20.00
Nebraska Law Enf. Training Center	Material fee	145.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Conference	190.00
Nebraska State Patrol	User fee	300.00
Neopost/Quadient Finance USA Inc.	Postage	12,000.00
Occupational Health Services	Examination/screening	754.00
Officenet Inc.	Toner	679.80
William Ouren	Autopsy costs	225.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy costs	2,050.00
Pinnacle Bank	Program supplies/STOP funds	702.98
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	4,600.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract	1,833.34
QC Supply LLC	Gloves	16.48
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	195.19
Julie Reiter	Atty's fees	361.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	332.50
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	21.89
Timothy E. Sopinski	Atty's fees	655.50
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Tax Valuation Inc.	April payment	12,500.00
The "Write" Hand of Justice, LTD	Atty's fees	798.00
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	845.13
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Tower Plastics Mfg. Inc.	Office supplies	1,152.20
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract/atty fees	6,545.42
Steven Twohig	Atty's fees	703.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.50
University of Nebraska	Envelopes	231.19
Luis Venzor	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00



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Verizon	Cell phone	123.84
Verizon Connect NWF Inc.	Cell phone	12.20
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	1,188.90
Vigilnet	GPS monitoring	305.80
Woods & Aitken	Service	708.00
911 Custom	Safety equipment	529.00

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the annual renewal agreement with Trane for the heating/cooling system of the courthouse for the cost of \$3,775.24 (which includes a 3% discount for full payment). Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to appoint Shawn Messerlie to fill the vacancy of Colfax County Sheriff with an effective date of May 1, 2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the appointment of Caleb A. Hamernik to deputy sheriff with an effective date of April 3, 2020. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; the new road employee will start the beginning of May. An aerial map containing the Platte River/Lost Creek and Wolfe's jetty/levy system was reviewed, an estimate is needed to determine the cost of a study.

One gravel bid was received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline and was publicly opened and read. The highway superintendent recommended accepting the bid for the gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand & Gravel.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to accept the bid for gravel and hauling with Kroeger Sand and Gravel. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. to meet again May 12, 2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. 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 28th day of April, 2020 by teleconference. The County Board of Equalization met at 10:45 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 approved one tax list correction submitted by the assessor - statement #2311.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on real and personal property exemptions by qualifying organization (Form 451). Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county assessor provided the board with one new request for Tax Exemption of Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations; the applicant is Howells Historical Society. The recommendation of the county assessor is to approve the exemption.

No public was present and no opposition was given.

Motion Cattau; second Mejsrik to close the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejsrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejsrik to approve Howells Historical Society on Form 451 for real and personal properties that request tax exempt status. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejsrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejsrik; second Cattau to adjourn BOE at 11:10 a.m. Voting YES: Mejsrik, 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 29th day of April, 2020.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk