



Colfax County Board Minutes



May 26, 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 26th day of May 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 Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the regular minutes of 5/12/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, STOP Revenue received, March Lodging Tax Revenue and a change of safe keeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank. Leigh and Howells Public Library submitted their annual report stating how each Library is contributing to their communities. The Colfax County Library Association is asking for the county's continued support of \$30,000.00. The Platte County Board of Supervisors approved District #5 Probation budget; Colfax County's portion will be \$20,851.45.

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

Julia Kreikemeier/Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of their offices which are working very closely with the Colfax County Ag Society, 4-H Council, East Central Health District and surrounding counties to provide our youth with the best fair experience possible with keeping their safety as their number one priority.

The county attorney entered the room at 8:35 a.m. and gave a report of the activities of her office.

Motion Grotelueschen; 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	51,244.60
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	14,880.00
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	16,070.85

Attorney Grant Fund

Salaries		964.35
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy contract	4,039.60

Vet's Aid Fund

Robert Bender	Mileage	22.97
Cecil Fields	Mileage	15.20

	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS Inc.	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	276.70
	<u>911 Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	97.42
CenturyLink	Service	40.03
Frontier	Service	79.03
	<u>911 Wireless Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	475.64
CenturyLink	Service	195.49
Frontier	Service	385.88
	<u>Road Bridge Fund</u>	
Salaries		54,415.57
Advanced Fire & Safety	Fire extinguishers/inspections	2,051.18
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	4,384.39
Bader's Highway & Street Maint. Inc.	Asphalt	4,128.00
Melvin & Kitty Bailey	Perm/temp. easement	1,050.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/bolts/parts/tools/grease	367.34
CenturyLink	Service	386.86
City of Clarkson	Service	78.44
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	9.27
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	32.72
Dept. of Utilities	Services	934.99
Eakes Office Products	Janitorial supplies	137.65
Electronic Engineering	Radio equipment	2,008.80
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	29.21
Frontier	Phone	119.78
Howells Journal	Notices	183.37
J & B Auto Parts	Shop supplies/tools/grease	144.85
Jackson Service	Janitorial supplies	75.12
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	548.44
John's Tire Sales	Tire repair/tires/mounting/oil change	1,579.95
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel/hauling	28,852.92
Jorge's Carpet Clean & Auto Detail	Pickup detail	90.00
Corbin Keeshan	Wage	49.62
Kit Held Trucking	Contract/hauling	15,832.52
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	104,299.32
Lawson Products	Janitorial supplies	8.37
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	430.66
M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc.	2018 Box culverts	233,834.88
Main Express LLC	Fuel	184.32
Mainelli-Wagner & Associates Inc.	Contract/engineering	62,642.34
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	1,940.33
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	60.25
Midwest Service & Sales	Culverts/bolts/signs	4,464.90
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor/oil	5,382.21
O'Reilly First Call	Equipment parts/oil	46.19
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	834.29
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	444.24
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.	Fuel	542.70
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	4,198.68
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	9,731.39
Spenser's Trenching & Electric LLC	Building repair	659.62
Diann F. Svatora	Perm/temp. easement	1,050.00
U & I Sanitation	Service	35.00



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Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	86.05
Village of Howells	Service	66.27
Village of Leigh	Service	43.10

General Fund

Salaries		158,716.51
A & J Guns	Safety equipment	172.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	7.58
Applied Connective Technologies	Camera system update	28,600.91
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	210.82
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Jean Blum	Election/mileage	155.80
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies	84.44
Joann M. Burbridge	Notary renewal fee	80.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	7,250.00
Butler County Clinic	Service	24.82
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	806.24
CenturyLink	Services (CH)	345.21
	Agent/Weed	122.13
CenturyLink Communications	Long distance	210.05
Sharon Cerv	Election/mileage	208.10
Clerk of Dist. Court	Court Costs	132.00
Colfax County Clerk	Postage/gun cleaning kit	12.61
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	102.00
Colfax County Press	Ads/election notices	4,091.20
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer	294,093.13
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	658.56
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	Vehicle repair	99.54
Culligan	Bottled water/water cooler	234.55
Cummins Central Power LLC	Generator inspection	472.25
Das State Acct-Cent Finance (6507)	Network serv #6507	1,017.27
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David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	196.75
Dept. of Utilities	Utilities	2,873.52
Divine Mercy Parish	2020 polling place rental	150.00
Dugan Business Forms	Early voting envelopes	345.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office & janitorial supplies	856.11
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/SSD drive	2,458.90
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	912.00
Janet Eisemann	Election/mileage	174.00
Election	Poll workers/polling places	1,689.00
Election Systems & Software	Primary election	2,144.92
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	328.06
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/tire repair/new bulbs	226.59
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phones	80.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	140.36
GWORKS	GIS subscription	3,900.00
Caleb Hamernik	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	42.20
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	53.80

HHS Institution Payments	Norfolk	90.00
	Beatrice	90.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	1,020.30
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,002.89
Howells Journal	Subscriptions/proceeding/notices	2,538.25
Indoff	Office supplies	240.40
J & B Auto Parts	Battery/gloves	208.01
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms	38.85
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	89.06
JEO Consulting Group	Survey	120.00
Jenae Jindra	Election/mileage	155.80
John's Tire Sales	Tires/balancing/repair	1,401.21
Marjorie Johnson	Election/mileage	174.00
Jones Automotive Inc.	Labor/supplies	1,480.00
Kroeger Body Shop Inc.	Vehicle repair	515.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Ads/election notices	894.28
Main Express LLC	Fuel	319.84
Menards	Janitorial supplies	44.67
Shawn Messerlie	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	2,172.02
MIPS	Software support/computer	3,014.78
Thomas Morrison	Cell phone	80.00
Mueller Sprinklers	Vent float	62.00
Rita Mundil	Snacks	30.90
Nebraska Co Attorneys Assoc.	Dues	1,090.00
NIRMA	Legal services	7,082.42
Northeast NE Economic Dev. District	Dues	900.00
Northeast Nebraska Area Agency Aging	County share	4,540.00
Officenet	Color drum unit	608.10
One Office Solution	Office supplies	16.19
Overhead Door Co. of Columbus	Building repair	49.00
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy	437.00
Pinnacle Bank	Zoom video	160.39
Pinnacle Bank	Thermometers/Voted stickers	205.54
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	6,600.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	5,211.93
Platte County Sheriff	Contract buyout	1,603.64
QC Supply LLC	Janitorial supplies	30.44
Quadient Inc.	Seal solution for postage machine	32.93
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	177.83
Joel Ripke	Election/mileage	144.30
Schieffer Signs	Vinyl lettering	140.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	125.51
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Building repair/wood	134.70
Theresa Shonka	Election/mileage	140.85
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,153.30
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Lisa R. Svehla	Mileage	6.96
Tax Valuation Inc.	Reappraisal contract	12,500.00
The "Write" Hand of Justice LTD	Atty's fees	1,643.50
Thomson Reuters-West	West Proflex	862.03
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Trane	Service agreement	3,775.24
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract/atty fees	5,785.42
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	145.75



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Greg Vacha	Election/mileage	202.55
Luis Venzor	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	123.70
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	531.54
Shirley T. Wachal	Election/mileage	148.90
Watchguard Video	Law enforcement supplies	289.00

The board discussed new benefits/options for employees of Colfax County who may need to have more health coverage than their single plan and how to make it more affordable. The following are the new options and changes that will be made to our 2020 NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield endorsed program.

- 1) Cash in Lieu of \$400.00 (for employees who opt out of County's health coverage) will be available to employees who can prove - coverage through Medicare, TRICARE, Medicaid or other employer-sponsored coverage
- 2) The county will pay \$400.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family
- 3) The counties deductible will change from \$1500 to \$2500; once the employee has \$500 applied toward their individual \$2500 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2000 that is applied toward the \$2500 deductible is paid at 100% by the county (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Resolution 5-26-2020(1) for the adoption of Cash-In-Lieu option to our group medical insurance available to the elected officials and full-time employees of Colfax County. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The NACO renewal rate for the county's health insurance will have a 0% increase (PPO plan with \$2500 individual/\$5000 family in-network calendar year deductible), and the dental plan rates will remain the same (Dental PPO Premier Option 3) for period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The county pays 100% of the employees' insurance and an additional coverage of \$400.00 toward Child/Spouse/Family coverage. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the 2020 NACO Subgroup Application Form which shall provide to eligible county employees health and dental coverage through the NACO endorsed program provided by BCBS. Coverage will provide a PPO-\$2500 deductible on Health and a Dental PPO Plan. Once the employee has \$500 applied toward their \$2500 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2000 that is applied toward the \$2500 deductible is paid at 100% by the county (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service. The county will pay \$400.00 toward the Child/Spouse/Family coverage with the employee responsible for the rest of the premiums. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Susie Jarecki/CASA Connection Director gave a brief presentation by telephone conference of what CASA Connection is and how the funds she is requesting goes toward the volunteer program that helps children who are in the court system. The CASA Connection Director asked for our continued support of \$10,000.00 per year for the CASA Program.

Abby Hegemann/Alley, Poyner, Macchietto Architecture Inc. (APMA) per phone call and Jason Reiff/Bierman Contracting, Inc. discussed what option the board is looking at for the repair/rebuild of the courthouse concrete stairs. After examining the concrete stairs at Wayne State College where a coating with a waterproof membrane was used; the board is looking at that option to correct the courthouse concrete stairs. A motion approving the corrective work by using a coating with a waterproof membrane and a timeline for promptly correcting such work where such work is done solely at the contractor's expense will be made at our June 9th meeting.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; next month we will have two public hearings. DEE notice to JAMOR Pork-South Animal Feeding Operation on Revoking of Construction and Operating Permit was reviewed along with of list of zoning permits that were issued.

Discussion was held for security at the front door of the courthouse to be done by a security company due to the courts opening June 1st. The board agreed to allow the sheriff to contract with a security company for 16 to 20 hours per week for security at the front door.

Bids for Project C19 (498), C19 (504), C19 (517) and C19 (539) that were publicly opened and read by the May 12th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Five companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to award the bid to A & R Construction for Projects C19 (498) and C19 (504), C19 (517) and C19 (539) totaling \$932,787.36. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; the bid letting date for Project C19(480) - Road 14 bridge will be June 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. He attended a Schuyler City Council meeting to discuss if the City would be willing to participate in a study to repair the flood damage of the Wolfe's jetty/levy system.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 11:45 a.m. to meet again June 9, 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 26th day of May, 2020. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:45 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 reviewed the finding and orders of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to adjourn BOE at 11:50 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. 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 27th day of May, 2020.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk