



Colfax County Board Minutes



June 23, 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 23rd day of June 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 6/09/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance and April Lodging Tax Revenue (no STOP Revenue received).

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

The vet service officer provided his May 12th and June 9th claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will all be placed on file.

The sheriff reviewed the agreements with GeoComm for Dispatch Mapping software and Consulting & Project Management Services Agreement with the board. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the agreements with GeoComm for Dispatch Mapping software - 3 years of support totaling \$18,365.00 and Professional Service Agreement – 12 months for \$6000.00. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed three informal bids for a 2018 Ford Explorer with the sheriff's recommendation of accepting the Kansas Highway Patrol bid. Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Kansas Highway Patrol bid for a 2018 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$28,750.00. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Julia Kreikemeier and Aaron Nygren/Extension Educators gave a report of the activities of their offices. The county fair will be closed to the public with 4-H and FFA events only and no livestock will be housed on the grounds. Discussion was held on hiring for the Assistant position.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:50 a.m. and gave a report of the activities of her office. An update on Colfax County Drug fund was given; a heat monitor for the City of Schuyler's canine unit will be purchased using this fund.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Emergency Management Director for 2020/2021 Fiscal year. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to renew the appointment of Michelle Evert as Deputy Emergency Management Director for 2020/2021 Fiscal year. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to renew the appointment of Mark Arps/Emergency Manager to the Governance Board of Emergency Management Regional group known as East Central Region and Michelle Evert/Deputy Emergency Management as alternate. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The 2018 & prior delinquent tax list and delinquent personal property was reviewed by the board and the treasurer.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	44,513.16
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	14,750.47
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	15,946.97

<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		746.60
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy	4,039.61

<u>Vet's Aid Fund</u>		
Robert Bender	Mileage	25.53
Cecil Fields	Mileage	15.53

<u>911 Wireless Service</u>		
Century Link	Service	475.64
Century Link	Service	196.81
Frontier	Service	385.88
SCG Consulting Services LLC	Consulting	4,980.00

<u>E911 Fund</u>		
Century Link	Service	97.42
Century Link	Service	40.31
Frontier	Service	79.03
Geo-Comm Inc.	Dispatch mapping	3,122.05
SCG Consulting Services LLC	Consulting	1,020.00

<u>E911 Holding Fund</u>		
Geo-Comm Inc.	Dispatch mapping	15,242.95

<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>		
MIPS Inc.	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	276.70

<u>Visitor Promo Fund</u>		
American Legion Post #37	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Javier Arizmendi	Mileage	25.30
City of Clarkson	Supplies	92.40
Clarkson Opera House Inc.	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Clarkson Public Library	Visitor Promo	70.00
Kathy Heard	Mileage	8.05
Howells Community Club	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Howells Community Fund	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Howells Historical Society	Visitor Promo	500.00
Howells Knights of Columbus	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Leigh Community Club	Visitor Promo	1,000.00
Nancy Schaad	Mileage	8.05
Schuyler Community Development	Visitor Promo	1,000.00



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Schuyler Ducks Unlimited	Visitor Promo	560.00
Schuyler Historical Society	Visitor Promo	900.00

Road Fund

Salaries		54,344.86
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	3,397.67
Alan Dean Arps	Hauling	1,030.00
Benes Service	Equipment repair	424.12
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/lawn mowers	382.30
Century Link	Service	369.75
City of Clarkson	Service	74.94
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies/tools	62.44
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	63.60
Dept. of Utilities	Services	487.18
Eakes Office Solutions	Office and janitorial supplies	307.21
Electronic Engineering	Radio equipment	1,066.54
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	43.51
Frontier	Service	118.60
Gene Steffy Ford	Vehicle repair	850.14
Howells Journal	Notices/ad	196.88
J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts/shop supplies	70.58
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	37.56
John Deere Financial	Grease kit	44.10
John's Tire Sales	Equipment parts	376.51
Kit Held Trucking, LLC	Hauling	13,877.82
Kobza Auction & Realty	Steel nails/spikes	350.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	100,580.88
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices	112.60
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	356.82
M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc.	C19(519)	54,110.29
Main Express LLC	Fuel	131.38
Nancy Marty	Postage	8.25
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	61.86
MBFS USA LLC	Truck	77,986.95
Menards	Concrete materials	454.48
Nebraska Machinery	Equip. parts/labor/Bruce Broom rental	2,993.85
NIRMA	Insurance	49,118.00
NNSWC landfill	Demolition material	281.90
Occupational Health Services	Screening	62.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	800.25
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	2,951.69
QC Supply LLC	Shop supplies	4.99
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.	Fuel	737.60
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	3,623.44
Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	3,713.88
Tracker Systems	GPS	666.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Vacha Excavating LLC	Crushed rock	6,535.10
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	83.29
Village of Howells	Service	66.27
Village of Leigh	Service	43.23

General Fund

Salaries		157,469.47
Ag Spray Equipment	Parts	376.19
Animal Care Equipment & Service LLC	Ketch-all pole	945.33
Applied Connective Technologies	Camera/equipment	2,250.78
Awards Plus	Polo/sweat shirt	204.00
Mary Kay Bailey	Hand sanitizer	38.77
Robert J. Bender	Per diem	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	85.95
Jeff Black Jr.	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Bomgaars Supply	Flowers	26.85
Burke Brown III	Atty's fees	142.50
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	6,800.00
Cass County Court	Certified copy	3.50
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,345.63
CenturyLink	Extension & Weed	122.13
	General	321.68
Lavern Clausen	Danish Lutheran Cemetery	550.00
CMRS-FP	Postage	300.00
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	152.00
Colfax County Press	Envelopes/notices	3,881.90
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	157.79
Constellation NewEnergy Gas	Service	450.68
Corral Auto Repair & Towing	AC system charge	126.00
Culligan	Water cooler/water	218.50
DAS State - Central Finance	Network Service #6507	569.27
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David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	315.19
Susanne Dempsey	Atty's fees	123.50
Department of Utilities	Utilities	2,915.81
Douglas County Court	Certified copy	2.50
Brenda Dolezal	Supplies	93.36
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/chair/copies	3,206.91
Don Eckstein	Per diem	25.00
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/computer/equip	3,334.60
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	1,662.50
Farm & Home Publishers LTD	Plat books	960.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	368.61
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/vehicle repair	276.92
Cecil Fields	Per diem	25.00
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/mileage	80.00
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	130.03
Caleb Hamernik	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	42.13
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Helena Agri-Enterprises LLC	Chemicals	2,544.50
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	705.43
Howells Journal	Notices/subscription/proceedings	760.66
Indoff	Office supplies/shredder	1,089.65
J & B Auto Parts	Gloves/light	62.51
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms	211.99
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	60.44
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Surveys	3,600.00
John E. Reid & Assoc. Inc.	Conference	575.00
Johns Tire Sales	Oil changes	180.22



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Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	218.62
Kansas Highway Patrol Car Fund	2-2018 Ford Utilities	57,600.00
Janis Kasik	Envelopes	10.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices	294.38
Main Express LLC	Fuel	365.66
Mebulbs	Building repair	300.71
Minda McKitrick	Supplies	35.92
Mel's Construction	Building repair	2,593.00
Menards	Janitorial supplies/fan	47.83
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,730.19
Midwest Alarm Services	Fire inspections	351.00
MIPS	Software support	2,876.22
Thomas Morrison	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Nebr. Assn. of County Officials	Membership	1,885.92
NIRMA	Insurance	56,009.00
Aaron Nygren	Mileage/program supplies	104.00
One Office Solution	Office supplies/typewriter	849.41
Lambert Perina	Per diem	25.00
Pinnacle Bank	Filters/program supplies	146.45
Pinnacle Bank	Registration/cameras/tv	1,546.00
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	2,200.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimb.	1,961.55
Poster Compliance Center	Office supplies	69.95
QC Supply	Gloves	20.43
June Racely	Training	189.00
Reinecke Motor Co.	Vehicle repair	300.65
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/chemicals	111.45
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Building repair	100.79
Sec. of State Election Division	Office supplies	20.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	1,139.05
Brett Struebing	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Tax Valuation Inc.	Rural residential review	12,500.00
Thomson Reuters-West	West Law	862.03
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Tower Plastics MFG Inc.	Auto ID jacket	1,151.56
Trane	Building repair	778.07
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract	5,666.67
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	145.25
United States Treasury	PCORI Fees	134.75
Luis Venzor	Uniform/cell phone	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	123.70
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	485.91
Watchguard Video	Safety equipment	433.35
Wayne's Repair Services	Oil change	43.80
Woods & Aitken	Service	842.70

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Colfax County Bond Schedule for July 1, 2020. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the Water Treatment Service Agreement with Garratt Callahan for the amount of \$3,896.00 to be paid in 8 quarterly payments of \$487.00. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Officials and department heads met with the board to discuss the FY20-21 proposed county budgets; the CPI for May was 1 percent. Discussion was held on the inconsistent wage of new employees throughout the county offices. Direction of allowable increases will be given at the next meeting.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; DEE notice on Darryl Hegemann Livestock Animal Feeding Operation for Notice of Application Received was reviewed.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:03 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation for a conditional use application by Allan Kracl & etal to split off an existing farmstead of less than five acres in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District located at the North Half of the South East Quarter (N1/2 SE1/4) on part of the 80 acres in Section 35, Township 18N, Range 4E, East of the 6th P.M. (Principal Meridian) of Colfax County, State of Nebraska. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicants want to create a 3.29 residential acreage. A copy of the survey was furnished to the zoning office. Notice has been posted and published and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the lot split application.

The applicants were not present.

No opposition to the conditional use application was given.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve the conditional use application by Allan Kracl & etal. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation for a conditional use application Adam Kluck to establish a Private Use Grass Landing Strip in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District located at the West Half of the North West Quarter (W1/2 NW1/4) of 200 acres in Section 10, Township 17N, 2E, East of the 6th P.M. (Principal Meridian) of Colfax County, State of Nebraska. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicant is wanting to establish a private grass landing strip for his use only by using his property that was used for a grass buffer between the road and a corn field. Notice has been posted and published and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the conditional use application.

Applicant was present to answer any questions.

No opposition to the conditional use application was given.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik second Grotelueschen to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve the conditional use application by Adam Kluck. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. Discussion was held on the language that needs to be included for the interlocal agreement on a traffic study for the proposed Highway 30/64 link.

Bids for Project C19 (480) that were publicly opened and read at the June 9th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Six companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to award the bid to Herbst Construction Inc. for Project C19 (480) totaling \$1,077,054.90. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The one bid for a new 2019 or 2020 manufactured rear articulated all-wheel drive motor grader that was publicly opened and read at the June 9th – 10:30 deadline was reviewed. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to award the 2019 motor grader bid to Nebraska Machinery for the purchase price of \$238,680.00 which includes a trade of a \$56,250.00 for a 2010 - 12H Caterpillar motor grader. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Resolution 6-23-2020(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 Suppl. #1. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee is recommending the re-appointment of Robert Bender for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2020 and appointing Duane Schlautmann to finish the remainder of Richard Dostal term ending June 2024. Motion Grotelueschen, second Cattau to approve the re-appointment of Robert Bender and the appointment of Duane Schlautmann to the veteran service committee. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. to meet again July 14, 2020. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. 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 23rd day of June, 2020. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:15 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau, Carl Grotelueschen and Jim Mejstrik, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Viola Bender, County Assessor and June Racely, County Appraiser. 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.

Recreational land owners on the Platte River addressed the board on concerns of values along the river; the board suggested to the land owners that they will need to file a protest which needs to be done by June 30th.

Recessed at 12:00 p.m. to resume at 1:00 p.m.

The board conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 2:30 p.m. to meet again June 30, 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 24th day of June, 2020.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk