



Colfax County Board Minutes



August 25, 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 25th day of August 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 Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of 8/11/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue and STOP Revenue received.

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

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

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

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department; she received notice that the enhancement grant for technology (three computers) which she applied for was approved. The State Grant Award (20-EB-0611) will be placed on our September 8th meeting.

Monte V. Monteagle and Patrick Kush/Egis Technologies provided two options for better internet service for the road/extension building. Option 1 is to stay wireless and build a tower; Option 2 is to contract with Great Plains Internet. Discuss, consider or take action will be at our September 8th meeting.

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.

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	44,913.16
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	15,068.74
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	16,547.46
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		942.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	150.00
<u>911 Wireless Service Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	204.06

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Frontier	Service	395.18
	<u>E911 Fund</u>	
CenturyLink	Service	36.01
CenturyLink	Service	85.95
Frontier	Service	69.73
	<u>ROD P & M Fund</u>	
MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	282.09
	<u>State Drug Law Enf. Fund</u>	
Jones Automotive Inc.	Install heat alert/fan guard kit	2,153.20
	<u>Road Fund</u>	
Salaries		56,629.58
Advanced Cleaning Equipment Inc.	Equipment repair	1,080.50
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	4,009.55
Bomgaars	Shop supplies/tools/push mower	581.08
Dale & Marj Jo Brichacek	Easements	728.00
Leon Bruhn	Easements	444.00
Century Link	Service	373.61
City of Clarkson	Service	65.95
Colfax County Treasurer	Title/tire tax	30.00
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	125.70
Culligan	Equipment/water	99.75
Dept. of Utilities	Services	271.76
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies	233.59
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel/chemicals	204.60
Fremont Sanitation	Service	120.00
Frontier	Phones	119.90
Gene Steffy Ford	Pickup repair/labor	451.80
Herbst Construction	C19(480)	288,776.25
J & B Auto	Shop supplies	13.63
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	37.56
John's Tire Sales	Oil change/tire repair	245.95
Kit Held Trucking LLC	Hauling/rock	6,388.87
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	62,022.84
KV Quality Construction	Concrete	8,312.00
Leigh Motor Service	Switch for mower	29.90
Lincoln Star Journal	Notice	58.66
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	415.02
Main Express LLC	Fuel	122.01
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	356.50
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Equip. parts/signs/culverts/barricades	3,820.60
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equip. parts/labor/grease/oil	7,201.36
O'Reilly First Call	Shop supplies/extinguisher	324.95
Occupational Health Services	Screening	347.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,156.89
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	161.33
Pruss Excavation	C19(557)	127,808.32
QC Supply LLC	Equipment parts	18.99
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.	Fuel	664.40
Schieffer Signs	Vinyl lettering	270.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	1,748.30
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Adhesive	19.56



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Spencer Quarries, Inc.	Rock	2,668.80
SPS Companies Inc.	Pipes	26.54
Larry & Susan Strudl	Temp Easement	60.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Vacha Excavating LLC	Crushed concrete	6,373.18
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	83.95
Village of Howells	Service	66.27
Village of Leigh	Service	43.14
Bruce & Jean Wendt	Easements	288.00
Lavern & Joyce Wendt	Easements	392.00
Dennis Zoubek	Easements	932.00

General Fund

Salaries		163,458.94
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Agri-City Insurance Agency LLC	Bond	50.00
Americom	Travel/labor	207.50
Black Hills Energy	Service	76.34
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies	139.53
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	8,700.00
Butler County Sheriff	Paper service	18.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	1,874.32
Center of Education & Employ. Law	Deskbook Encyclopedia	254.95
Century Link	Extension/Weed	125.13
	General	346.81
Century Link	Long distance	480.70
Clarkson Motor Company	Oil change	68.83
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	135.00
CMRS-FP	Postage Machine	500.00
Colfax County Clerk	Postage	96.93
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	112.45
Colfax County Treasurer	Deposit books	83.97
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	174.66
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	91.81
Virgil Crumley	Airboat rental	200.00
Culligan	Equipment/water	242.30
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	1,550.95
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	297.00
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,730.41
Brenda Dolezal	Batteries/mileage/tablecloths	190.68
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/stand floor dispensers	2,425.56
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial/Covid supplies	862.53
Egis Technologies	Monthly service/digital certificate	2,611.20
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	475.00
Election Systems Software	Election supplies	1,155.00
Electronic Engineering	Radio installation	6,770.85
Wendy L. Elston	Atty fees	1,092.50
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	103.95

Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/vehicle repair	288.12
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Great American Financial Services	Copiers	134.21
Gworks	Subscription/support	15,440.00
Caleb Hamernik	Uniforms/cell phone	80.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	43.87
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,300.35
Howells Journal	Notices/proceedings	1,595.69
Indoff	Office supplies	737.94
Iowa Prison Industries	Law enforcement supplies	71.90
J & B Auto Parts	Batteries/windshield wash	314.08
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	90.66
Kyle Jedlicka	Mileage	19.55
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Surveys	1,280.00
John's Tire Sales	Tire repair/oil change	87.95
Karel & Seckman	Atty fees	190.00
Kracl Funeral Chapels	Transport	710.00
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage	250.70
Language Line Services	Service	76.88
Latimer Reporting	Deposition	291.75
Madison County Sheriff Dept.	Paper service	28.29
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	54.20
Main Express LLC	Fuel	375.52
MeBulbs	Building repair	540.22
Minda McKitrick	Water	15.00
Menards	Janitorial supplies/building repair	186.07
Shawn Messerlie	Cell phone/uniforms/fuel	98.01
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	6,959.49
MIPS	Software support/website	2,941.86
ML Smith Law Office	Atty fees	1,064.00
Thomas Morrison	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Nebraska Survey Record Repository	Filing fee	5.00
Aaron Nygren	Mileage	275.31
O'Keefe Elevator Co. Inc.	Maintenance	5,211.53
Occupational Health Services	Screening/physical examination	811.00
William Ouren	Autopsy	75.00
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	54.00
Pinnacle Bank	Mailbox	98.43
Pinnacle Bank	Armor carrier/taser	2,860.00
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	1,700.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract	1,833.33
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	20.00
Postmaster	PO Box	150.00
Pottawattamie County Sheriff	Paper service	36.00
QC Supply LLC	Janitorial supplies	36.20
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	275.14
June Racely	Mileage	91.31
Ramada Inn	Lodging	156.00
Sarpy County Dept. of Corrections	BOP	216.00
Schieffer Signs	Vinyl lettering	1,710.00
Schuyler Community Development	Training	200.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	281.03
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Building repair/janitorial supplies	134.58



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Shop 4-H/National 4-H Council	Program supplies	23.90
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	2,531.75
Sterling Staack	Meals	23.78
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Lisa R. Svehla	Postage	53.67
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	1,291.03
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract	5,666.67
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	158.75
Luis Venzor	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	124.45
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	520.13
Yankton County Sheriff	Paper service	52.50

The board reviewed the proposed FY20-21 county budget with the county clerk. The certified valuation of the county was provided from the assessor.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Resolution 8-25-2020(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the county board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

Voting YES: Mejstrik and Cattau. Abstaining: Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to set Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for the FY20-21 county budget hearing and 9:45 a.m. as the hearing for approval of the county's tax request. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to increase restricted funds of the FY20-21 budget by an additional 1% over the allowable 2.5%. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; a list of permits issued was reviewed.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a conditional use application by Kenneth D. Snyder to establish an 80 Foot Metal Lattice Telecommunications Tower in the Platte River Corridor located in the South West Quarter (SW ¼) of the Platte River Reserve Lot 1W in Section 6, Township 16N, Range 3E, East of the 6th P.M. (Principal Meridian) of Colfax County, State of Nebraska. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicants want to establish an 80-foot metal lattice telecommunications tower. A map showing proposed location was furnished to the zoning office. Upon completion of construction of the tower and prior to use, an engineer's certification that the tower is structurally sound and in conformance to regulatory standards shall be filed with 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 conditional use application.

The 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 10:05 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

The county treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the sheriff.

The Colfax County Local Emergency Operations Plan which provides for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Colfax County, the City of Schuyler and other cities and village in Colfax County was presented to the board for their approval. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-25-2020(2) for the adoption of 2020 Local Emergency Operation Plan (which supersedes all previous approved LEOs). Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the appointment of John S. Dodge to deputy sheriff with an effective date of August 10, 2020. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. No interlocal agreement to conduct a traffic study for the proposed Highway 30/64 link was submitted to the board. This item will be placed on our agenda once our county attorney reviews it.

The board reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form and Resolution 8-25-2020(3) authorizing the chairman to sign the certification which replaces the annual filing of the One- and Six-Year Plan and the former Standardized System of Annual Reporting with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Reference LB82, 2019. Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve Resolution 8-25-2020 (3) authorizing the chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. to meet again September 8, 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 26th day of August, 2020.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk