



Colfax County Board Minutes



September 8, 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 8th day of September, 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 Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 8/25/2020. 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 and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members where the election will take place during the October 2, 2020 Annual Membership meeting. It will be conducted online/virtually since the in-person meeting normally scheduled and held in Kearney in conjunction with the NIRMA Self Defense Conference has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The vet service officer provided his August Veteran Service Office report which will be placed on file.

The sheriff's August monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

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

A letter of resignation from the county's part-time building and grounds employee was read. The board directed the clerk to place an ad in the Howells Journal and Schuyler Sun.

Public comment was made on the Railroad Bridge.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his office; with assistance from Platte County they will be spraying phragmites.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The county attorney reviewed the State Grant Award for technology (three computers) with the Nebraska Crime Commission. Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to authorize the chairman or designee to sign the State Grant award 20-EB-0611 in the amount of \$4,560.00. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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The board reviewed the proposal submitted by Egis Technologies to upgrade internet services for the extension and road department. Option 1 is to stay wireless and build a tower; Option 2 is to contract with Great Plains Internet. Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve Great Plains Internet with firewall protection for extension/road. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to Centennial Park Inc. for an event on September 19, 2020 to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board provided an opportunity for county employees to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the taxpayers relating to the county's FY20-21 budget. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No public was present. The clerk presented the final FY20-21 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers and the property tax request.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to close the public hearing at 9:35 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-8-2020(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY20-21 county budget. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to open a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the taxpayers for approving a tax request different than the prior year tax request. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No public was present. The clerk informed the board that this year's tax request of \$5,473,119.31 will require a levy of .284748 which is lower than last year's levy of .284936

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to close the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the Resolution 9-8-2020(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .284748. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-8-2020(3) that provides a transfer of \$2,946,199.52 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-8-2020(4) that provides a transfer of \$12,998.86 from the 911 Wireless Fund to the E911 Holding Fund. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the resolution 9-8-2020(5) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. 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.

The highway superintendent apprentice gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. No interlocal agreement was provided. This item will be placed on the agenda once it is received.



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

Motion Mejsirik; second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 10:55 a.m. and to meet again September 22, 2020. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejsirik. 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 9th day of September, 2020.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk