



# Colfax County Board Minutes



October 13, 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 13th day of October, 2020. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau and Carl Grotelueschen, County Commissioners, and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. Absent: Jim Mejstrik, County Commissioner. 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 Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve the minutes of 9/22/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. 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, STOP Revenue received, a change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank; the 2019-2020 Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Annual Report and receipt of NIRMA's dividend check which was deposited with the treasurer. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD notifying local governments that they are accepting applications for their Community Forestry Incentive Program. A thank you from the Clarkson Library board and director was read.

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

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

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

The board received a copy of the September public defender report.

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

Julie Kreikemeier and Aaron Nygren/Extension Educators provided a rough draft of an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Division for the new hire position (salaried 40/hour work week) with the Extension office. Colfax County will be billed quarterly by the University for the salary and benefit cost. Amanda Jedlicka's

name was submitted to serve a three-year term on the Colfax County Extension board. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve the appointment of Amanda Jedlicka to serve a 3-year term on the extension board. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the 5-year contract with Great Plains Communications for phone service for the Extension/Road building.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve the 5-year contract with Great Plains Communications for a monthly recurring charge of \$250.80. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.



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The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his office; discussion was held on the benefits of spraying in the fall.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office.

The board provided an opportunity for county employee's to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The Emergency Manager provided a Closed Point of Dispensing Plan (POD) which partners with East Central District Health Department (ECDHD) to operate a Closed POD for Colfax County employees and their family members. Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve Colfax County Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) Plan. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on different options for this year's Colfax County employee appreciation meal due to the pandemic; a gift card will be sent to all employees instead of having an appreciation meal. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve \$850.00 for Colfax County's employee appreciation by receiving a gift card. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to approve the certification statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 with Maximus for determining indirect cost associated with administration of child support services conducted by the District Court Clerk. Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve the 5-year extension of Interlocal Agreements with the libraries of Clarkson, Howells, Leigh and Schuyler for continued county support in the fiscal year budget. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

No report from the Zoning/Flood Plain administer.

Bids for Project C19(556) that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Four companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to award the bid with Cech Excavation for the amount of \$134,299.54.

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

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given.

Discussion was held to move project C19(537) from the six-year plan to the one-year plan.

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

Motion Cattau; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. and to meet again October 27, 2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. 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 13th day of October, 2020. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:05 a.m. Present were: Lynton Cattau and Carl Grotelueschen, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, and Viola Bender, County Assessor. Absent: Jim Mejstrik, County Commissioner. 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.



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The board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county's political subdivisions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to approve the following tax request and adopt the following tax rates of the political subdivision of the county Pursuant to 77-1601(1). Voting YES: Cattau and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. Motion carried.

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2020-2021 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	
5,473,119.31	General Fund.....	0.284748	-	1,922,089,641.00	
<b><u>City and Village Levies</u></b>					
792,628.00	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.374827		211,465,011.00	
139,606.40	City of Clarkson.....	0.5		27,921,272.00	
69,640.00	Village of Howells (General).....	0.249423		27,920,464.00	
33,938.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.121552	0.370975	27,920,464.00	
111,294.06	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.499999		22,258,876.00	
12,665.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.056898	0.556897	22,258,876.00	
15,701.76	Village of Rogers.....	0.45		3,489,280.00	
11,395.00	Village of Richland.....	0.248841		4,579,232.00	
<b><u>Fire District Levies</u></b>					
189,057.12	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.017664		1,070,285,596.00	
25,000.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.002336	0.020000	1,070,285,596.00	
86,181.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.02		430,905,844.00	
61,184.86	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.013332		458,924,311.00	
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.006668		458,924,311.00	
26,683.20	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.005814	0.025814	458,924,311.00	
67,881.54	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.012883		526,907,675.00	
37,500.00	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.007117	0.020000	526,907,675.00	
	Dodge Fire District (Dodge sets)	0.024207			
<b><u>School Levies</u></b>					
<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
3,217,874.37	39	General.....	0.726493		442,932,633.00
46,843.00	39	Building.....	0.010576		442,932,633.00
682,071.00	39	Bond (K-12) .....	0.15399	0.891059	442,932,633.00



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3,126,351.10	58	General.....	0.7796		401,019,895.00
40,101.99	58	Building.....	0.01	0.789600	401,019,895.00
3,783,682.85	70	General.....	0.515		734,695,419.00
580,808.00	70	Building.....	0.079054	0.594054	734,695,419.00
14,474,727.00	123	General.....	1.036862		1,396,013,215.00
1,119,004.00	123	Bond .....	0.080157		1,396,013,215.00
505,051.00	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.036178	1.153197	1,396,013,215.00
	595	North Bend General.....	0.648584		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Bond (3/12/13) .....	0.036199		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Building .....	0.075514		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Capital Purpose.....	0.019703	0.780000	(set up by Dodge)

### Special Levies

2,085,736.86	Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)	0.015		13,904,912,886.00
551,745.54	Pathways 2 Tomorrow (Dodge sets)	0.006857		5,517,461,820.00
2,608,410.23	Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)	0.015		17,389,401,531.00
37,871,510.00	Central Comm. College- General (Hall sets) .....	0.069217		55,322,152,105.00
11,064,430.00	Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets) .....	0.018139		55,322,152,105.00
4,149,162.00	Central Comm. College-Haz Mat (Hall sets)	0.004644	0.092000	55,322,152,105.00
115,325.38	Colfax County Ag Society- General.....	0.006		1,922,089,641.00
115,325.37	Colfax County Ag Society- Capital.....	0.006	0.012000	1,922,089,641.00
3,018.83	Platte Valley Drainage District.....	0.005042		59,875,278.00
4,512,659.80	Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets) .....	0.024367		18,519,441,146.00
3,480,714.52	Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets) .....	0.033831		10,288,708,813.00
0	SID #1 .....	0		5,179,080.00
0	Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC	0		1,323,185.00

The board approved one tax list correction submitted by the assessor - statement #2312.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Cattau to adjourn BOE at 11:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Absent: Mejstrik. 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 14th day of October, 2020.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk