



# Colfax County Board Minutes



December 22, 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 22nd day of December 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 minutes of 12/08/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

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

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Homestead Bank.

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

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

Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 8:55 a.m. to discuss potential contract negotiations regarding the Highway Department. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:30 a.m. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

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     | 43,305.46 |
| Ameritas Life Ins. Co.             | Retirement Premiums | 15,961.62 |
| EFTPS                              | FICA/Medicare       | 17,443.76 |
| <u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>         |                     |           |
| Salaries                           |                     | 1,163.00  |
| Good Life Counseling & Support LLC | Service             | 810.00    |
| Mental & Behavioral Health Inc.    | Service             | 180.00    |

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| Sidnee M. Pavel            | Cell phone | 75.00    |
| Schuyler Community Schools | Truancy    | 4,656.00 |

E911 Fund

|                        |                 |        |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Century Link           | Service         | 85.95  |
| Century Link           | Service         | 36.14  |
| Century Link           | Service         | 223.58 |
| Electronic Engineering | Radio equipment | 146.86 |
| Frontier               | Service         | 69.73  |

Wireless Service Fund

|                        |                 |        |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Century Link           | Service         | 487.11 |
| Century Link           | Service         | 204.81 |
| Century Link           | Service         | 239.39 |
| Electronic Engineering | Radio equipment | 832.22 |
| Frontier               | Service         | 395.18 |

ROD P & M Fund

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| MIPS | Microfilming/Deeds on Line | 282.09 |
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Road Fund

|                               |   |            |
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| Salaries                      |   | 54,376.18  |
| AG 91 Energy LLC              | Fuel/propane                            | 3,148.13   |
| All Star Auto Glass           | Equipment parts/labor                   | 356.37     |
| Alan Dean Arps                | Install culvert                         | 630.00     |
| Bomgaars Supply               | Shop supplies/tools/chains/equip. Parts | 280.32     |
| Century Link                  | Service                                 | 370.73     |
| City of Clarkson              | Service                                 | 74.80      |
| Clarkson Plumbing & Heating   | Shop supplies/bolts                     | 24.22      |
| Cooperative Supply Inc.       | Fuel                                    | 38.06      |
| Corral Auto Repair & Towing   | Equipment parts/labor                   | 709.35     |
| Culligan                      | Equipment/water                         | 69.85      |
| Dept. of Utilities            | Service                                 | 729.91     |
| Dry Creek Farms               | Easement                                | 300.00     |
| Eakes Office Solutions        | Janitorial supplies                     | 48.30      |
| Farmers Union Coop Gas        | Fuel/shop supplies                      | 235.36     |
| Fremont Sanitation            | Service                                 | 120.00     |
| Frontier                      | Phones                                  | 121.73     |
| Peter & Betty Hamata          | Easement                                | 2,295.00   |
| Hegemann Hardware             | Shop supplies/tools/grease              | 76.68      |
| Herbst Construction Inc.      | C19(480)                                | 128,116.58 |
| J & B Auto Parts              | Shop supplies                           | 29.91      |
| Jackson Services Inc.         | Janitorial supplies                     | 38.66      |
| John's Tire Sales             | Tires/repair/mounting                   | 3,076.80   |
| Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.     | Gravel/hauling                          | 36,779.40  |
| Loup Public Power-Columbus    | Services                                | 437.66     |
| Main Express LLC              | Fuel                                    | 93.83      |
| Martin Marietta Materials     | Rock                                    | 4,946.18   |
| Matheson-Linweld              | Oxygen                                  | 60.25      |
| Midwest Service & Sales Co.   | Signs                                   | 31.43      |
| Nebraska Machinery Co.        | Equipment parts/labor/oil               | 1,126.92   |
| Overhead Door Co. of Columbus | Building repair                         | 642.02     |
| Parkview One Stop             | Fuel                                    | 1,037.21   |
| Power Plan                    | Equipment parts/labor                   | 3,018.75   |
| Prusa Welding                 | Equipment parts/labor                   | 41.16      |
| QC Supply LLC                 | Safety equipment/additives/lube         | 49.61      |
| Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc.     | Fuel                                    | 35.60      |



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| Schuyler Cooperative Assn. | Fuel       | 3,492.45 |
| Ernst Shonka               | Clay       | 280.00   |
| Tracker Systems            | GPS        | 333.00   |
| U & I Sanitation Service   | Service    | 35.00    |
| Verizon Wireless           | Cell phone | 82.49    |
| Village of Howells         | Service    | 66.27    |
| Village of Leigh           | Service    | 43.20    |

## General Fund

|                                       |                                      |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries                              |                                      | 176,234.63 |
| Daniel Acosta                         | Uniform/cell phone                   | 80.00      |
| All Makes                             | Printer                              | 349.00     |
| Breanna Anderson-Flaherty             | Atty's fees                          | 285.00     |
| Beard-Warren Heating & Air Cond. Inc. | Filters                              | 84.00      |
| Bierman Contracting, Inc.             | Building repair                      | 2,695.00   |
| Black Hills Energy                    | Service                              | 297.49     |
| Jeffrey Black Jr.                     | Uniform/cell                         | 80.00      |
| Mary Jo Brichacek                     | Mileage                              | 38.28      |
| Butler County Detention Center        | BOP                                  | 13,500.00  |
| Cenex Voyager Fleet                   | Fuel                                 | 2,105.56   |
| Century Link                          | Extension/Weed                       | 127.56     |
|                                       | General                              | 294.95     |
| Century Link                          | Long distance                        | 228.93     |
| Circulation Payment Center            | Subscription                         | 54.00      |
| Clerk of the Supreme Court            | Court Costs                          | 176.00     |
| Clerk of the District Court           | Court Costs                          | 108.00     |
| CMRS-FP                               | Postage                              | 500.00     |
| Colfax County Clerk                   | Batteries/fuel/postage               | 38.94      |
| Colfax County Sheriff                 | Uncollected fees                     | 25.00      |
| Colfax County Treasurer               | TVI cancelled check                  | 12,500.00  |
| Colfax County Treasurer               | Road Transfer                        | 327,355.50 |
| Columbus Community Hospital           | Medical expense                      | 110.00     |
| Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div       | Service                              | 266.15     |
| Culligan                              | Equipment/water                      | 298.40     |
| DAS State Central Finance             | Network serv                         | 1,528.95   |
| David City Discount Pharmacy          | Pharmacy                             | 588.05     |
| Department of Utilities               | Service                              | 3,014.74   |
| Douglas County District Court Records | Certified copy                       | 5.50       |
| DS Pumping Services Inc.              | Building repair                      | 350.00     |
| Eakes Office Solutions                | Office supplies/copies               | 1,386.90   |
| Egis Technologies                     | Monthly service/refurbished computer | 4,187.80   |
| Egr, Birkel & Wollmer                 | Atty's fees                          | 798.00     |
| Election System & Software            | Shipping cost                        | 15.67      |
| Farmers Union Coop Gas                | Fuel                                 | 222.30     |
| Fiala Automotive, Inc.                | Oil change                           | 54.45      |
| Daniel Freed                          | Uniform/cell                         | 80.00      |
| Gall's Inc.                           | Vest/gear/uniforms                   | 998.84     |
| Garratt-Callahan Co.                  | Water treatment                      | 487.01     |
| Great American Financial Services     | Copier/copies                        | 126.24     |
| Paula Grotelueschen                   | Mileage                              | 32.17      |
| Caleb Hamernik                        | Uniform/cell phone                   | 80.00      |

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| Juana Hanson                        | Cell phone                     | 43.87     |
| Health & Human Services             | Norfolk                        | 90.00     |
|                                     | Beatrice                       | 90.00     |
| Emilee Lynn Higgins                 | Atty's fees                    | 435.10    |
| Hometown Leasing                    | Copiers                        | 714.07    |
| Howells Journal                     | Proceedings                    | 264.15    |
| Indoff                              | Office/janitorial supplies     | 1,223.13  |
| J & B Auto Parts                    | Battery/additive               | 198.49    |
| J Brian Wessling DDS PC             | Medical expense                | 446.00    |
| Jackson Services Inc.               | Service                        | 89.94     |
| Amanda Jedlicka                     | Mileage                        | 8.45      |
| Just Another Mini Mart              | Fuel                           | 179.47    |
| Jennifer Kappel                     | Mileage                        | 47.15     |
| Karel & Seckman                     | Atty's fees                    | 85.50     |
| Julia Kreikemeier                   | Mileage                        | 94.30     |
| Kevin Kudera                        | Mileage                        | 55.30     |
| Language Line Services              | Interpreting                   | 99.82     |
| Kristen Lynch                       | Autopsy                        | 150.00    |
| Madison National Life Insurance Co. | Life/LTD insurance             | 48.78     |
| Main Express                        | Fuel                           | 140.42    |
| Constanza S. Meier                  | Interpreter                    | 424.75    |
| Menards                             | Janitorial supplies            | 88.78     |
| Shawn Messerlie                     | Uniform/cell phone             | 80.00     |
| Microfilm Imaging Service           | Service                        | 290.00    |
| Mid-American Benefits Inc.          | Deductible reimbursement       | 2,142.27  |
| Midwest Alarm Service               | Fire inspection                | 170.88    |
| MIPS                                | Software support/website       | 3,208.76  |
| Thomas Morrison                     | Uniforms/cell phone            | 80.00     |
| Motorola Solutions Inc.             | Radio equipment                | 39,852.82 |
| Nebraska Dept. of Revenue           | Sales tax                      | 301.67    |
| Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials | Dues                           | 1,885.92  |
| Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc.           | Membership                     | 330.00    |
| Occupational Health Services        | Screening                      | 185.00    |
| Cody Parker                         | Uniform/cell phone             | 80.00     |
| Pinnacle Bank                       | Reg/dues/webcam/uniform/gloves | 805.89    |
| Platte County Detention Facility    | BOP                            | 3,950.00  |
| Platte County                       | Vet Service contract           | 1,833.33  |
| Platte County Sheriff               | Paper service                  | 22.88     |
| Positive Concepts                   | Office supplies                | 179.26    |
| Postmaster                          | PO Box rent                    | 194.00    |
| QC Supply LLC                       | Law enforcement supplies       | 363.99    |
| Quill Corp.                         | Office supplies                | 198.29    |
| Region 4 Behavioral Health System   | 3rd quarter                    | 6,827.25  |
| Marlene Rohde                       | Mileage                        | 47.26     |
| Schuyler Cooperative Association    | Fuel                           | 544.11    |
| Schuyler Home & Building Supply     | Janitorial supplies            | 15.49     |
| SCOMM                               | Radio equipment                | 2,195.00  |
| Secretary of State                  | Office supplies                | 20.00     |
| Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher    | Atty's fees                    | 2,095.70  |
| Tonia Soukup                        | Dues                           | 240.00    |
| Brett Struebing                     | Uniforms/cell phone            | 80.00     |
| Talbot Law Offices PC LLO           | TERC services                  | 67.50     |
| Thomson Reuter-West                 | Westlaw                        | 862.03    |
| Shane Titus                         | Uniforms/cell phone            | 80.00     |
| Total Fire & Security Inc.          | Building repair                | 2,128.96  |
| Trouba Law Offices LLC              | Contract/depositions           | 6,862.82  |



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| U & I Sanitation Service   | Service            | 153.78 |
| University of Neb. Lincoln | Renewal            | 225.00 |
| US Cellular                | Cell phone         | 191.70 |
| Luis Venzor                | Uniform/cell phone | 80.00  |
| Verizon                    | Cell phone         | 120.44 |
| Verizon Wireless           | Cell phone         | 440.11 |
| Drew Wolfe                 | Mileage            | 30.70  |

A contract to provide Indirect Cost Allocation plan and indirect rate calculation for FY 2020 through FY 2026 with Maximus US Services, Inc. was reviewed. Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to approve the agreement between Maximus US Services, Inc. and Colfax County to provide a Central Services Cost Allocation Plan for FY 2020 through FY 2026. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Russell Vaughn/Ascend Technology Group introduced his company and provided a short summary of areas of service his company could offer in IT management services.

Bids for Project C19 (551) that were publicly opened and read at the December 8th - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Five companies submitted bids. Motion Cattau; second Mejstrik to award the bid to Herbst Construction Inc. for Project C19 (551) for the amount of \$788,081.50. Voting YES: Cattau, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; employee evaluations were completed. A map containing the proposed 1- and 6-year projects was reviewed. The public hearing for the 1- & 6-Year Road Improvement plan will be held on January 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Motion Grotelueschen second Cattau to adjourn BOC at 10:45 a.m. to meet again January 12, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Cattau. 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 22nd day of December, 2020. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 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.

Notification was sent to Tax Valuation Inc. of termination of the contract between Colfax County and their company. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to terminate the contract between Colfax County and Tax Valuation Inc. and allow Colfax County to retain the final payment of \$12,500.00. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Cattau, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Cattau to adjourn BOE at 11:15 a.m. 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 23rd day of December, 2020.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk