



# Colfax County Board Minutes



January 12, 2021  
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 12th day of January, 2021. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk and Denise J. Kracl, County Attorney. 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 Grotelueschen to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to re-organize for 2021 and appoint Carl Grotelueschen to serve as county board chair and authorize Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt to sign documents in absence of county board chair. Voting YES: Mejstrik and Wendt. Abstaining: Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Mejstrik; CNJHA-Wendt; Region 4/MH-Grotelueschen; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Mejstrik; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Wendt; East-Central Health District-Wendt; Colfax County Safety Committee-Mejstrik; LEOPC-Grotelueschen; Judicial Committee-Grotelueschen; NENEDD Non-Elected Representative-Lisa Svehla and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3-year term)-Robert Dahlstedt. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 12/22/2020. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

No general assistance report given.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP revenue received.

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

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

The board received a copy of the December public defender report and summary of hours worked for year 2020.

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

No weed report given.

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

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the meetings of the board as the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's and have the county website: [www.colfaxne.com](http://www.colfaxne.com) as an additional method of providing notice for Colfax County for 2021.



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Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 1-12-2021(1) that authorizes the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Michelle Evert as Title VI/ADA Coordinator. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Lisa Svehla as GA Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-12-2021(2) which sets the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under the authority of the county board. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the revised mileage rate of 56 cents/mile for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees beginning January 1, 2021; further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional 3 cents/mile for paper service. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 1-12-2021(3) authorizing the chairman to sign the Agreement between Region 4 Behavioral Health System and Colfax County to ensure that mental health and substance abuse services are available to the residents known as Region 4. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

A phone conference was held with Russell Vaughn/Ascend Technology Group where he suggested the county to have a network and security assessment completed which would allow his company to provide a proposal for IT services. The board decided the network and security assessment is not necessary at this time.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to renew the appointment of Sharon Oltmer as Zoning/Flood Plain Administrator.

Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to renew the appointment of Mark Arps as Highway Superintendent. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the official's bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:05 a.m. and to meet again January 26, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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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 13th day of January, 2021.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk