



Colfax County Board Minutes



April 27, 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 27th day of April 2021. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, 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 Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the regular minutes of April 13, 2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, February Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership 2020 Annual Report. The State Auditor provided the county's audit report and management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Notice of the county's fiscal year audit being completed was sent to the Colfax County Press. City of Schuyler sent their annual report of the 2021 Annual Tax Increment Project Report for the Schuyler CDA.

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipts from Homestead Bank of Schuyler.

The 1st quarter CASA report was provided to the board.

The vet service officer provided claim reimbursement for April 13, 2021 which will be placed on file.

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

Aaron Nygren/Extension Educator gave a report of the activities of his office; the new hire will start on June 1st.

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

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office; she will be renewing the contract for the traffic diversion program (STOP) with Traffic Safety Plus. An agreement between University of Nebraska Medical Center and Colfax County which specifies the duties and responsibilities for timely completion of forensic and crime lab services was reviewed. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the Agreement between University of Nebraska Medical Center and Colfax County for forensic and crime lab services. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the following claims and issue checks for them. Voting YES: Grotelueschen. Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

All Funds

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	42,408.00
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	15,994.44
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	17,593.16

Attorney Grant Fund

Salaries		1,424.00
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	2,624.00
Good Life Counseling & Support LLC	Service	540.00
Mental & Behavioral Health Inc.	Service	360.00
Owens Educational Services Inc.	Service	428.72
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00
Schuyler Community Schools	Truancy officer	9,311.99

911 Wireless Service Fund

Century Link	Service	1,518.97
Century Link	Service	487.08
Century Link	Service	240.63
Century Link	Service	46.46
Century Link	Service	240.31
Frontier	Service	395.18

E911 Fund

Century Link	Service	268.04
Century Link	Service	85.95
Century Link	Service	42.46
Century Link	Service	8.19
Century Link	Service	42.40
Egis Technologies	Switch/cable	39.00
Frontier	Service	69.73

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	282.09
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State Drug Law Fund

TruckValult	F-Series Pickup Mag 2 Drawer	2,100.00
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Road Fund

Salaries		57,652.05
A&R Construction Co.	2020 Box culverts	431,538.59
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane	4,606.01
All Makes	Office supplies	20.46
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Crushed concrete	1,181.63
Bahns Automotive Repair	Tire repair	21.50
Bailey Ag Supply	Rye/oats/ditch mix	788.00
Jim Bohaty	Temporary Easement	50.00
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/gloves/equip. parts	261.55
CenturyLink	Service	80.84
Elsie M. Cerny	Temporary Easement	50.00
City of Clarkson	Service	72.70
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Shop supplies	47.86
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	100.81
Culligan	Equipment/water	69.85
Dept. of Utilities	Services	1,491.83
Doernemann Farm Service Inc.	Equip. parts/fuel	89.60
Eakes Office Solutions	Janitorial supplies	45.86
Egis Technologies	Switch	27.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	178.33
Freightliner Truck Center Companies	Equipment parts	117.89
Fremont Sanitation	Service	120.00
Frontier	Phones	120.61
Peter and Betty Hamata	Temporary Easement	50.00
Herbst Construction Inc.	C19(551)	189,228.64



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J & B Auto Parts	Equipment parts/additive	1,383.35
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	77.32
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	818.75
John's Tire Sales	Oil change/service call/tire repair	207.95
Kit Held Trucking	Hauling	3,101.86
Gerald & Joann Kratochvil	Temporary Easement	50.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	102,791.04
Lincoln Journal Star	Ad	43.80
Loup Public Power Dist.	Services	448.01
Gene Macholan	Rock/haul	1,761.60
Main Express LLC	Fuel	470.31
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	5,386.82
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	66.20
Menards	Janitorial supplies/pothole patch	377.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Equip. parts/signs/bolts/chains	2,515.29
NE Assoc. of County Hwy Supt.	Registrations	220.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	4,058.21
Patrick Palensky	CDL reimbursement	32.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,432.37
Naoma F. Pencil	Temporary Easement	50.00
Pinnacle Bank	Poster compliance	67.95
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	1,305.19
Richard's Garage Inc.	Equipment parts/labor	295.00
Sahling Kenworth Inc.	Equipment parts	161.83
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	6,033.89
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Barricades	31.40
Sunbelt Rentals	Message boards	2,546.96
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Roger Vavricek	Temporary Easement	100.00
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	112.25
Village of Howells	Service	67.19
Village of Leigh	Service	43.25

General Fund

Salaries		174,878.07
Daniel Acosta	Cell phones/uniforms	80.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	5.20
All Makes	Toner	79.15
Americom Communications Corp.	Travel/labor	510.00
AT&T Mobility	Air cards	17.34
Mary Kay Bailey	Mileage/tape	75.81
Viola Bender	Mileage	73.21
Black Hills Energy	Service	284.17
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Cell phones/uniforms	80.00
Blue to Gold LLC	Law enforcement training	1,272.00
Bomgaars Supply	Fertilizer/grease/trap/cage	188.86
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	14,050.00
Butler County Clerk	Book	32.98
Butler County Sheriff	Paper service	78.21
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	2,243.02
CenturyLink	Long distance	179.21

Century Link	General	344.92
CHI Health	Coroner duty	84.07
CiShirts	Polos/jackets	651.00
Clerk of Supreme Court	Court Costs	126.00
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	213.00
Clerk of the District Court Grand Island	Certified copy	7.75
Colfax County Court	Court Costs	234.00
Colfax County Press	Subscriptions/proceedings	562.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	83.00
Colfax County Treasurer	Road transfer	327,355.51
Consolidated Management Company	Meals	148.69
Creative Product Source	Stickers/coloring books/vaping G & A	2,783.50
Culligan	Equipment/water	392.50
Cummins Central Power LLC	Generator maintenance	1,769.88
DAS State Central Finance	Network service	1,596.95
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	167.77
Dell Marketing LP	STOP funds	5,168.10
Department of Utilities	Utilities	3,202.24
Brenda Dolezal	Mailer envelopes	9.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Office/janitorial supplies/chairs	2,882.40
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	381.81
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	3,777.80
Egr, Birkel, & Wollmer	Atty's fees	4,541.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	443.08
Fiala Automotive Inc.	Tire repair/oil change	76.15
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	30.00
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage meter	89.85
Daniel Freed	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Garratt-Callahan Co.	Water treatment	487.01
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	941.98
Great Plains Communications	Internet/telephone	440.15
gWorks	Subscriptions/redistricting	14,885.00
Caleb Hamernik	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	44.20
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	1,065.90
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,308.99
Indoff	Office supplies	782.41
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Belts/badge/boots/holder	370.72
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	89.94
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Surveys	680.00
John's Tire Sales	Tires/tire-vehicle repair/oil change	635.80
Jones Automotive Inc.	Dock/support	968.01
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	320.18
William E. Kaiser	Consultant	735.00
Kiesler Police Supply	Firearms	3,214.00
Denise Kracl	Airfare/Adobe	360.46
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage/program supplies	1,116.64
Latimer Reporting	Depositions	665.00
Kelly Legge	Witness fee	36.80
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices	241.98
Lutheran Family Service of NE Inc.	Translation	456.25
Madison County Sheriff Dept.	BOP	400.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	58.52



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Main Express LLC	Fuel	746.06
Mebulbs	Building repair	753.29
Rebecca M. McCracken	Transcript	183.45
Menards	Janitorial supplies/ceiling fan/mulch	96.12
Shawn Messerlie	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	3,234.71
MIPS	Software support/website	2,941.86
Jacqueline Moran	Mileage	272.83
Thomas Morrison	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Nebraska Assn. of County Officials	Workshop registrations	360.00
Nebraska Public Health Service System	Laboratory	46.50
Nebraska State Patrol	2021 Mach license	384.00
Stacie Nelson	Book	39.95
Aaron Nygren	Mileage	164.25
One Office Solutions	Office supplies	25.75
Cody Parker	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Pictometry International Corp	Imagery license payment	17,057.52
Pinnacle Bank	Poster compliance	135.90
Pinnacle Bank	NADCP reg/Microsoft subscription	1,414.89
Platte Co. Detention Facility	BOP	10,900.00
Platte County District Court	Certified copy	8.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursement	2,499.93
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	14.87
Quadient	Postage	4,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Lease	1,045.80
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	141.94
Ramada Inn	Lodging	69.00
Reinecke Motor Co.	Vehicle repair	282.94
Julie Reiter	Atty's fees	479.75
Saunders County Clerk	Bailiff share	17,694.93
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel/chemicals	1,479.54
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	10.89
Scottsbluff County Treasurer	NADA textbook	215.00
Software Unlimited Corp.	Software maintenance	2,874.60
Sterling Staack	Meal	15.32
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Sunset Law Enforcement	Training	770.80
Tracy Svoboda	Bailiff reimbursement	985.79
Thomson Reuter-West	Westlaw	862.03
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Total Fire & Security Inc.	Service call	240.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract/atty fees	5,951.67
Steven Twohig	Atty's fees	1,510.50
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	153.78
US Cellular	Cell phone	135.09
Luis Venzor	Cell phone/uniforms	80.00
Verizon	Cell phone	568.50
Verizon	Cell phone	120.52
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	560.14
Watchguard Video	Kit/battery/microphone	80.25
Woods & Aitken	Service	286.50

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve the annual renewal agreement with Trane for the heating/cooling system of the courthouse for the cost of \$4,025.50 (which includes a 3% discount for full payment). Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for a special designated liquor license on Timberwolf Lounge and Grill for an event on May 30, 2021 to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Susie Jarecki/CASA Connection Director gave a brief presentation of what CASA Connection is and how the funds she is requesting goes toward the volunteer program that helps children who are in the court system. The CASA Connection Director asked for our continued support of \$10,000.00 per year for the CASA Program.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Alyssa Ledon to deputy sheriff with an effective date of April 12, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held where we currently have jail contracts with Platte and Butler County for housing prisoners. The sheriff explained we have also used Antelope and Madison County. The auditors would like the sheriff to have contracts with all jail facilities that will hold prisoners for Colfax County. Both counties have sent their contracts which the county attorney will review before the sheriff signs them.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; she plans on attending a Flood Management workshop July 21 – July 22 in Kearney.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; the new road employee will start April 29, 2021. May 25, 2021 will be the bid letting date for the 2019 flood damaged bridges on Road K and Road 14 with the condition of the approval from FEMA before construction can begin.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. to meet again May 11, 2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 27th day of April, 2021. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Viola Bender, County Assessor and Denise J. Kracl, County Attorney. 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.

The county assessor reviewed the case studies which are similar to the Village of Howells protest. Her recommendation is the property should be exempt.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the protest on Intent to Tax by the Village of Howells and exempt property - Lot 2 Exc N 159' & Tract in SE Corner, Block 42, Original Town, Village of Howells, 8.71 Acres (P#124-1513). Voting YES: Wendt and Mejstrik. Voting NO: Grotelueschen. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:05 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 28th day of April, 2021.



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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk