



# Colfax County Board Minutes



May 11, 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 11th day of May, 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 Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 4/27/2021. Voting YES: Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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, STOP Revenue received and change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank. The Visitor Promo Committee will meet May 19, 2021 at the Clarkson City office. Correspondence read: 1) Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District provided information on Return of Investment; 2) Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging stated the county's share for 2022 Fiscal Year will be \$4,796.00.

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

The sheriff provided a copy of his monthly report to the board and it will be placed on file.

The vet service officer provided his April monthly report and April 27, 2021 claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will all be placed on file.

The board received a copy of the April public defender report which will be placed on file.

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

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

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her department; a report of the number of criminal filings was reviewed and will be placed on file. Discussion was held on the addition to her office building. The design, specifications and notice to bidders was reviewed. The notice to bidders will be published in the county's legal newspaper for two consecutive weeks with a bid letting date of June 8, 2021.

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program provided a report for calendar year 2020 which monitored and evaluated Colfax County's Weed Control Authority. No deficiencies were found and the Infestation report and Control plan was neat and complete.

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



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The 2021/2022 renewal for the health and dental benefits offered to NACO members will have a 3.28% increase in health and 0% increase in dental. The board reviewed Colfax County's benefits/options for employees of Colfax County who may need to have more health coverage than their single plan and how to make it more affordable. The following are the options to our 2021-2022 NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield endorsed program.

- 1) Cash in Lieu of \$400.00 (for employees who opt out of County's health coverage) will be available to employees who can prove - coverage through Medicare, TRICARE, Medicaid or other employer-sponsored coverage
- 2) The county will pay \$400.00 toward the premium of Employee & Spouse, Employee & Children or Employee & Family
- 3) The county deductible is \$2500; once the employee has \$500 applied toward their individual \$2500 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2000 that is applied toward the \$2500 deductible is paid at 100% by the county (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the 2021 NACO Subgroup Application Form which shall provide to eligible county employees health and dental coverage through the NACO endorsed program provided by BCBS. Coverage will provide a PPO-\$2500 deductible on Health and a Dental PPO Plan. Once the employee has \$500 applied toward their \$2500 deductible by BCBSNE, the next \$2000 that is applied toward the \$2500 deductible is paid at 100% by the county (administered by Mid-American Benefits, Inc.), to the provider of service. The county pays 100% of the employees' insurance and an additional \$400.00 toward Child/Spouse/Family coverage with the employee responsible for the rest of the premium. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to the Colfax County Ag Society for the county fair activities planned for July 15-18, 2021 at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the ballot for the 2021 Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for the East Central Region. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to vote for Tim Hofbauer for the Board of Director on the NRIN Governance Board for the East Central Region. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Keith Schumacher was not present to address the board, but asked the board to reaffirm their support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. The board gave direction to the county attorney to review how other counties have handled similar situations.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road projects was given. The bid letting date to purchase a motor grader will be June 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Kevin Petersen/NMC provided the board a catalogue and was available to answer questions on a possible purchase of a Caterpillar Motor Grader.

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

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 10:40 a.m. and to meet again May 25, 2021. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 11th day of May, 2021. The County Board of Equalization met at 10:45 a.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Viola Bender, County Assessor, June Racely, County Appraiser 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



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The county assessor reviewed a proposal from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for an appraisal review of commercial and residential properties in Schuyler. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the proposal with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for the amounts of: Residential \$164,420 and Commercial \$61,800. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:00 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 12th day of May, 2021.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk