



Colfax County Board Minutes



June 8, 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 8th day of June, 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 amended agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 5/25/2021. 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 NIRMA/NIRMA II 2021-2022 Billing Statement. Clarkson, Leigh, Howells and Schuyler Public Library submitted their annual report stating how each Library is contributing to their communities. No budget request from The Colfax County Library Association.

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 board reviewed the Internal Controls of the following offices: Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Road Department, Planning and Zoning, Sheriff, Treasurer, Veterans' Aid Service and Noxious Weed.

The vet service officer provided his May monthly report and May 25, 2021 claim reimbursements of services for Colfax County Veterans which will all be placed on file.

The Colfax County Visitors Promotion committee provided the list of the organizations, copies of their invoices, applications and expenses to the board and they will be placed on file.

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

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

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

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; currently he is spraying thistles. Discussion was held on purchasing a 4-wheeler/trailer so he can reach more of the ditch and access more crop/pasture ground while spraying.

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

Bids for the Colfax County Attorney's Office Addition that were received by the 9:00 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. One company submitted a bid. Discuss, consider or take action will be at June 22nd meeting.



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Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to enter executive session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss threatened litigation. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Mary Bailey/District Court Clerk as the signatory for 2021 Child Support documents that are signed by the board so they can be completed online. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement between City of Clarkson and Colfax County for law enforcement service. The addendum will add the patrol with any canine or dog patrol unit for five to ten hours per month in the City of Clarkson. The City of Clarkson paid \$500 to the Colfax County K-9 Fund. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the addendum to the Interlocal Agreement between City of Clarkson and Colfax County for patrol of the canine or dog patrol unit for five to ten hours per month. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the State Auditor to conduct the Colfax County audits for the fiscal year of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to Jim's Fine Wine & More for an event held July 16, 2021 at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to K & L Brass Rail LLC for an event held July 3, 2021 at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. She will not be in the office the week of June 14th, but will be available by phone.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m. to resume at 10:15 a.m.

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

Public comment was made on the Rawhide Drainage Ditch.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The board made comment to keep all the road shops mowed.

Bids for one new 2021 manufactured rear articulated all-wheel drive Motor Grader that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Two companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to award the Motor Grader bid to Murphy Tractor and Equipment for a 2021 – (772 model) all-wheel drive in the amount of \$323,665 less a trade-in of \$74,000 totaling \$249,665.00 Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C19 (553) and C19 (554) that were publicly opened and read by the May 25 - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Four companies submitted bids. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to award the bid to Herbst Construction for



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Project C19 (553) for \$526,017 and C19 (554) for \$506,121.00 contingent upon all Corp permits have been authorized. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:00 a.m. and to meet again June 22, 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 8th day of June, 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 practice and procedures of the county assessor's office were made available for all hearings.

The board confirmed June 22, July 13, July 15, and July 21, 2021, to conduct any hearings on form 422 completed by taxpayer as filed with the clerk. July 23rd is the final day for equalization hearings.

The board reviewed two contracts with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for an appraisal review of residential and commercial properties in Schuyler. Motion Mejstrik, second Grotelueschen to approve the two contracts 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.

The board approved three tax list corrections submitted by the assessor - statement #6195, #3964 and #7896.

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOE at 11:40 a.m. and to meet again June 22, 2021. 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 9th day of June, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk