



Colfax County Board Minutes



July 13, 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 13th day of July, 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 Grotelueschen 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 6/22/2021. 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 correspondence from NIRMA stating five Employment Practices Seminars will be held between August 4-27.

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 monthly report and claim reimbursements for June 22, 2021 and July 6, 2021 to be placed on file.

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

The officials/department heads provided a report of vacation/necessary/comp time of their employees.

Colfax County's audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 will be done by the state; the chairman signed the audit engagement letter.

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

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

Julia Kreikemeier/Extension Educator introduced Carrie Gottschalk/Engagement Zone Coordinator and their new employee, KateLynn Ness to the board. Discussion was held on how Extension and their programs continues to support our local communities.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; adding additional line items to his budget was discussed.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office. The grant award packet for the 2022 Community-based Juvenile Services grant was submitted for signatures. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the chairman or designee to sign the Juvenile Service Grant award in the amount of \$85,328.00 - (CB) \$57,210.00 (EB) \$28,118.00 with



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the crime commission (Grant Award Period: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The contracts for mental health providers for the juvenile services grant were reviewed. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the agreements between COR Therapeutic Services LLC; Colegrove Counseling Center LLC; Mental & Behavioral Health Inc.; Embark Counseling; Professional Mental Health Services LLC and Colfax County to provide mental health services for our juvenile services grant. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Recessed at 9:20 a.m. to resume at 9:30 a.m.

The county treasurer provided the supporting schedule-comparison statement of uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2021 to the board and it will be placed on file.

Carrie Rodriguez/Chief Probation Officer for District 5 Probation reviewed their budget request and gave a presentation and provided a report of services on Colfax County clients in 2020.

The board reviewed the budgets submitted from the officials and department heads. The board gave direction for the officials to follow Resolution 1-9-18(3) for their wage increase and 5% allowance for the hourly employees. The board commented this is what they will allow for the budget but does not guarantee that will be the amount of increase given in January.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; a report of permits issued was reviewed.

The Colfax County Veterans Service Committee recommended Joseph Bohaboj or Marvin Hladky to fill the vacancy of Lambert Perina who moved out of Colfax County. The vet service officer visited with both applicants and his recommendation of appointment is Joseph Bohaboj for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2021 with the term ending June 2025. Motion Grotelueschen, second Mejstrik to approve the appointment of Joseph Bohaboj to the veteran service committee. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The assistant highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; correspondence from Nebraska Department of Transportation asking for comments on the effectiveness of the STIP consultation process, the proposed change from letter to email correspondence and the proposed consultation process used in the development of the LRTP was read.

Discussion was held on moving projects from the six-year plan to the one-year plan, direction was given to have these projects placed on our July 27th meeting for board action. August 24, 2021 at 10:30 will be the bid letting date for Projects C19: (530), (531), (534), (535), (541), (463) and (516).

Discussion was held on the highway assistance pay due to him taking more responsibility; starting the month of July his hourly rate will be \$30.00.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to recommend approval for a special designated liquor permit to CK Park Place for an event held August 7, 2021 at the Colfax County Fairgrounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. and to meet again July 27, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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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 13th day of July, 2021. The County Board of Equalization met at 12:45 p.m. Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County and Clerk, 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.

The board reviewed protests and conducted valuation protest hearings with property owners.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 5:15 p.m. and to meet again July 21, 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 14th day of July, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk