



# Colfax County Board Minutes



August 24, 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 24th day of August 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 Grotelueschen to approve the regular minutes of 8/10/2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, June Lodging Tax Revenue, STOP Revenue received and a change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank.

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt 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; she attended a Drug Problem Solving Court conference in Maryland.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	44,094.16
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	16,587.31
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	18,280.42

<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,134.96
COR Therapeutic Services LLC.	Service	1,948.40
Mental & Behavioral Health Inc.	Service	270.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	75.00

<u>911 Wireless Service Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	776.52
CenturyLink	Service	504.30
Frontier	Service	409.12

<u>E911 Fund</u>		
CenturyLink	Service	105.88

CenturyLink	Service	68.76
Frontier	Service	55.79
Pinnacle Bank	Phone cords	81.94

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	283.48
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Road Fund

Salaries		57,199.20
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel	6,803.42
All Makes	Copies	20.81
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Dirt	648.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Barricades	1,137.64
Bomgaars Supply	Shop supplies/bolts/landscaping	144.58
Century Link	Cable repair	886.26
Century Link	Service	119.36
City of Clarkson	Service	63.04
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	40.13
Culligan	Equipment/water	88.30
Dept. of Utilities	Services	221.15
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts	21.20
Electronic Engineering	Radio repair	1,484.30
Ernst Auto Center	Oil change	72.60
Farmers Union Coop Supply Co.	Fuel	144.97
Fremont Sanitation	Service	120.00
Frontier	Phones	121.39
Gene Steffy Ford	Pickup repair/labor	1,774.51
Herbst Construction	C19(553) & (551)	268,181.28
High Plains Enterprises	2019 EWP's	413,729.10
J & B Auto	Shop supplies/fuel	779.20
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	38.66
John's Tire Sales	Tires	8,840.26
Kit Held Trucking LLC	Hauling/rock	3,022.87
Kohl Construction Inc.	Hauling/clay	1,290.00
Kracl Garage & Wrecker Service	Equipment parts/labor	1,632.28
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	109,217.68
Justin Laudenklos	Landscaping	35.00
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	347.45
Gene Macholan	Hauling/rock	5,982.39
Main Express LLC	Fuel	264.90
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	10,574.19
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen	311.52
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Signs/culverts/barricades/shop supplies	50,912.46
MIPS	Printer/computer install	160.55
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Registrations	50.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Equipment parts/labor	6,095.55
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	384.00
NNSWC Landfill	Bridge demolition	179.05
Occupational Health Services	Screening	62.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	959.80
Platte Valley Pest Control	Service	125.00
Road Builders	Equipment parts	1,000.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel	8,167.48
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Barricades	300.00
Ernest Shonka	Clay	188.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00



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Vacha Excavating LLC	Rock	6,170.12
Roger Vavricek	Easements	720.00
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	415.85
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	113.69
Village of Howells	Service	71.73
Village of Leigh	Service	16.25

## General Fund

Salaries		185,581.52
Daniel Acosta	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
AT&T Mobility	Internet	146.12
Black Hills Energy	Service	73.03
Jeffrey Black Jr.	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Bomgaars Supply	Janitorial supplies/strap	24.06
Burke Brown III	Atty fees	2,054.85
Bob Burt	Air boat rental	1,900.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	8,600.00
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical expense	2.98
Century Link	Long distance	185.31
Century Link	General	337.81
CHI Health	Medical expense	1,708.00
Circulation Payment Center	Subscription	54.00
Clarkson Plumbing & Heating	Microwave	239.00
Clerk of the District Court	Court Costs	71.00
Clerk of the District Court	Certified copy	5.50
CMRS-FP	Postage Machine	500.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notice/envelopes	1,916.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	13.00
Columbus Motor Company	Vehicle repair	725.33
Connecting Point	Adapter	39.99
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Service	118.69
Creative Product Source	Law enforcement supplies	2,529.61
Culligan	Equipment/water	257.80
DAS State Acct-Central Finance	Network serv #6507	2,200.72
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	48.55
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,296.94
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage/pencil box	174.46
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	154.87
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	140.49
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	3,777.80
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	3,849.50
Electronic Engineering	Radio diagnostic fee/shipping	27.45
Fairfield Inn	Lodging	124.95
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	723.44
Fiala Automotive, Inc.	Oil change/vehicle repair	678.35
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	25.00
For the Record LLC	Deposition	296.50
Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postage Machine	89.85
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Gall's Inc.	Safety equipment	775.99

Great American Financial Services	Copiers	143.70
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	422.83
Caleb Hamernik	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	151.15
Juana Hanson	Cell phone	44.20
Health & Human Services	Norfolk	93.00
	Beatrice	93.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty fees	142.50
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,007.21
Howells Journal	Notices/subscriptions	182.00
Indoff	Office/janitorial supplies/flag	1,015.80
J & B Auto Parts	Batteries/wiper blade	82.13
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	61.94
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Surveys	960.00
John's Tire Sales	Tires/mount/oil change	1,007.30
Karel & Seckman	Atty fees	180.50
Janis Kasik	Mileage	72.80
Katelynn Ness	Mileage/supplies	340.44
Denise Kracl	Mileage/registration	858.16
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage	529.20
Latimer Reporting	Deposition	283.05
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Notices/ad	532.58
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	68.26
Main Express LLC	Fuel	936.16
McArther Sheet Metal Works	Law enforcement supplies	956.45
Monty McCord	Sheriff patches	542.67
Menards	Janitorial supplies/building repair	166.50
Shawn Messerlie	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	1,843.11
MIPS	Software support/website/computer	4,693.69
Thomas Morrison	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Registrations	475.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Annual inspection	120.00
Nebraska.gov	Certified copy	1.50
Aaron Nygren	Mileage	243.38
O'Reilly First Call	Jack	1,419.94
Sharon Oltmer	Mileage	146.60
Omaha Tactical LLC.	Law enforcement supplies	9,310.00
Cody Parker	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	274.06
Pinnacle Bank	Safe deposit box	54.00
Pinnacle Bank	Adapter/flags/Tv/cert. copies	425.62
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	1,945.48
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	18.59
Postmaster	PO Box	196.00
Public Agency Training Council	Registration	525.00
Ray Allen Manufacturing	K-9 costs	976.83
Reinecke Motor Co.	Oil change/vehicle repair	301.77
Schuyler Community Development	Training	225.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	731.63
SHI International Corp.	Dell latitude hardware	5,544.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty fees	6,677.65
Sleuth Systems	Annual maintenance	2,505.00



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Sterling Staack	Title reimbursement	11.00
Brett Struebing	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	879.27
Shane Titus	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Maintenance contract	5,382.36
Trouba Law Office LLC	Contract	5,666.67
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	153.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Entry paper	70.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Soybean sample	20.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Registration	85.00
UNMC	Drug analysis	154.50
US Cellular	Cell phone	136.83
Luis Venzor	Cell phone/uniforms	100.00
Verizon	Cell phone	120.53
Verizon Connect	Vehicle tracking	189.50
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	32.04
Vigilnet	GPS monitoring	215.45
Zee Medical Service Company	Safety supplies	73.90
911 Custom	Law enforcement supplies	89.00

The board reviewed the proposed FY21-22 county budget with the county clerk. The certified valuation of the county was provided from the assessor.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 8-24-2021(1) that sets the final levy authority for those political subdivisions under the authority of the county board as follows:

Colfax County Agricultural Society	.020000
Rural Fire District-Clarkson	.050000
Fire Protection District-Howells	.050000
Fire Protection District-Leigh	.050000
Fire Protection District-Schuyler	.050000
Platte Valley Drainage District	.010000

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

Motion Wendt; second Grotelueschen to set Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. as the date and time for the FY21-22 county budget hearing and approximately 8:30 a.m. (following the county budget hearing) as the hearing for approval of the county's tax request. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to increase restricted funds of the FY21-22 budget by an additional 1% over the allowable 2.5%. 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; a public hearing will be held September 28th.

Recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

The county treasurer provided verification of the distress warrant list received from the sheriff.

The assistant highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The board gave direction to place a notice in all local newspapers stating restrictions on crops growing in the county's right-a-way.

Bids for Projects C19: (530), (531), (534), (535), (541), (463) and (516) that were received by the 10:30 a.m. deadline were publicly opened and read. Five companies submitted bids. Discuss, consider or take action will be at September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion was held on purchasing a motor grader by state bid. Murphy Tractor & Equipment was present to answer any question. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to authorize the purchase of a 2021 John Deere motor grader by state bid for the purchase amount of \$318,500.00 less trade of 2013 Caterpillar 140M2 in the amount of \$80,000.00 totaling \$238,500.00. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to adjourn BOC at 10:50 a.m. to meet again September 14, 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 25th day of August, 2021.

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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk