



Colfax County Board Minutes



September 14, 2021
Budget Hearing
Minutes

The Budget Hearing for Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 14, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. in the in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. Advance notice of the hearings was given by publication in the Schuyler Sun and Colfax County Press on September 1, 2021.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The board chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One media reporter appeared for the hearing.

The clerk presented the final FY21-22 budget document and explained expenditures, revenues, transfers and the property tax request.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to close the Budget Hearing at 8:25 a.m. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Grotelueschen for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were: Carl Grotelueschen, Jim Mejstrik and Terry V. Wendt, County Commissioners and Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk. One media reporter appeared for the hearing.

The clerk informed the board that this year's tax request of \$5,514,456.46 will require a levy of .284883 which is higher than last year's levy of .284748

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 8:40 a.m. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt, and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

September 14, 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 14th day of September, 2021. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. following the Budget Hearing in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska. 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 agenda. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.



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Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 8/24/2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 county attorney entered the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve Resolution 9-14-2021(1) for Adoption and Appropriations of the FY21-22 county budget. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen, Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the Resolution 9-14-2021(2) that sets the tax levy request for the current year at .284883. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen second Mejstrik to approve Resolution 9-14-2021(3) that provides a transfer of \$3,369,896.66 from the General Fund to the Road-Bridge Fund. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the resolution 9-14-2021(4) that provides a transfer of \$10,635.39 from the 911 Wireless Fund to the E911 Holding Fund. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the resolution 9-14-2021(5) that provides a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the board with a copy of her monthly fees and STOP Revenue received. Correspondence from NIRMA notifying the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be October 22, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Kearney in conjunction with NIRMA's annual Self Defense conference for County Officials. A thank you from the Clarkson Library board and director was read. Nebraska Forest Service provided the Draft 2021 Middle Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Colfax County and is asking for comments during this review period. Lower Elkhorn NRD is having an open house on September 15, 2021 at the Howells Ballroom to discuss creating a watershed plan to help reduce flooding within Maple Creek Watershed.

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

The vet service officer provided his August Veteran Service Office report and claim reimbursements for August 3, 2021, August 17, 2021 and August 31, 2021 to be placed on file.

The sheriff's August monthly report was provided to the board and placed on file.

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

The Weed Superintendent gave a report of the activities of his office; spraying vegetation on the bridges and the inlet of Hughes Payzant Ditch are his current projects.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office; she recently received an "Award of Appreciation" after being nominated by District Court Judge Marroquin.

Egis Technologies will provide information on migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution at the next board meeting on September 28, 2021.

The sheriff provided a 3-year contract with Lumen to provide fiber internet so the E911 department will be able to receive cell phone texts for emergency services. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the 3-year contract



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with Lumen to provide fiber internet for a monthly fee of \$169.00. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to recommend approval for the special designated liquor permit to K & L Brass Rail LLC for an event on October 16, 2021 to be held at the Colfax County Fair Grounds. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; two public hearings will be held at our next meeting on September 28, 2021.

The highway superintendent assistant gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given.

Bids for Projects: C19 (530), (531), (534), (535), (541), (463) and (516) that were publicly opened and read by the August 24 - 10:30 a.m. deadline were reviewed. Five companies submitted bids. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to award the bid to A & R Construction for Projects C19: (463) and (516) for \$447,440.89. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to award the bid to Midwest Sales and Service for Projects C19: (530), (531), (534), (535), (541) in the amount of \$239,194.38. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 10:30 a.m. and to meet again September 28, 2021. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. 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 15th day of September, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk