



Colfax County Board Minutes



September 28, 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 28th day of September 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; Mejstrik to approve the regular minutes of 9/14/2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the fund balance, July Lodging Tax Revenue and STOP Revenue received.

The June, July and August inmate logs from Platte County were provided to the board and placed on file.

The vet service officer provided claim reimbursements for September 14, 2021 to be placed on file.

Dr. Hoelsing/Schuyler Community School Superintendent and Penny Janousek/Business Manager addressed the board on how the superintendent computes the school budget; handouts of 2020 to 2021 Real Property Value Percentage change by County/State Aid and the calculation cost per student/school across the county were reviewed.

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

Aaron Nygren /Extension Educator gave his last report of the activities of his office; his last day with Colfax County Extension will be September 30th after sixteen years of service.

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

Egis Technologies provided information on migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution. An estimate of the cost of Microsoft 365 compared to or current system was provided. The benefits of migrating to Microsoft 365 Cloud email solution is for security, cyber insurance and end of life on our current system.

The sheriff provided a quote for Everbridge Nixle – 360 which is a communications solution that would allow all Colfax County residents to receive alerts/advisories/community/national weather service messages. The proposal is for a 3-year plan: Year 1: \$5,832.00, Year 2 & 3: \$5,400.00. This would be a cost of 54.4 cents per resident in the first year. Other counties using this service are Otoe, Buffalo, Seward and York. The board requests that the sheriff contact the other counties using the service before they take any action. This item will be placed on October 12, 2021 agenda.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to open a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a conditional use application by Kenneth D. Snyder to establish a 90 Foot Metal Lattice Telecommunications Tower in the Platte River Corridor located in the South West Quarter (SW ¼) of the Platte River Reserve Lot 1W in Section 6, Township 16N, Range 3E, East of the 6th P.M.

(Principal Meridian) of Colfax County, State of Nebraska. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicant wants to establish a 90-foot metal lattice telecommunications tower (prior conditional use requested an 80-foot metal lattice). A map showing proposed location was furnished to the zoning office. Upon completion of construction of the tower and prior to use, an engineer's certification that the tower is structurally sound and in conformance to regulatory standards shall be filed with the zoning office. Notice has been posted and published and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the conditional use application.

The applicant was present to answer any questions.

No opposition to the conditional use application was given.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to close the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve the conditional use application by Kenneth D. Snyder. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to open a public hearing at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation on a conditional use application by Jerry and Rose Mundil aka M & R Thrift Store to conduct a business in the A-1Agricultural reservation district located at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 4, Township 17, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M. (Principal Meridian) of Colfax County, State of Nebraska. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator included in her report that the applicants wants to conduct a business in the A-1 Agricultural reservation district which would be open two days a week. Notice has been posted and published and all fees have been paid. It is the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the conditional use application.

The applicant was present to answer any questions.

No opposition to the conditional use application was given.

Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to close the public hearing at 10:14 a.m. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve the conditional use application by Jerry and Rose Mundil. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. DEE notice that was reviewed: MJM Families R.E. Limited Partnership Animal Feeding Operation on an Approval to Operate LWCF.

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

<u>All Funds</u>		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Health Premiums	41,888.20
Ameritas Life Ins. Co.	Retirement Premiums	16,470.01
EFTPS	FICA/Medicare	18,238.71
<u>Attorney Grant Fund</u>		
Salaries		1,651.58
Cor Therapeutic Services LLC	Service	1,393.80



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Mental & Behavioral Health Inc.	Service	450.00
Sidnee M. Pavel	Cell phone	150.00
Schuyler Community Schools	June/July/August	14,168.76

911 Wireless Service

Century Link	Service	776.51
Century Link	Service	504.30
Century Link	Service	249.92
Century Link	Service	2.42
Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer to E911 Holding Fund	10,635.39
Frontier	Service	409.12
Pinnacle Bank	Century Link payment	224.50

E911 Fund

Century Link	Service	105.89
Century Link	Service	68.76
Century Link	Service	34.08
Century Link	Service	0.32
Frontier	Service	55.79
Pinnacle Bank	Century Link payment	30.61

ROD P & M Fund

MIPS	Microfilming/Deeds on Line	283.48
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Inheritance Tax Fund

Colfax County Treasurer	Transfer to General Fund	600,000.00
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Road Fund

Salaries		56,966.70
AG 91 Energy LLC	Fuel/propane/tank	7,780.27
All Makes	Copy overage	54.14
Arps Gravel & Concrete	Dirt	432.00
Bailey Ag Supply	Pasture grass	310.00
Barjes Enterprises LLC	Material hauling	2,437.50
Bongaars Supply	Shop supplies/tools/bolts/grease	387.58
California Custom Products	Conditioner	14.00
Cech Excavating, LLC	C19(556)	19,849.19
Century Link	Repair buried cable	2,637.80
Century Link	Service	119.36
City of Clarkson	Utilities	66.54
Colfax County Press	Notices	556.00
Columbus Steel Supply, Inc.	Steel product	68.27
Cooperative Supply Inc.	Fuel	103.25
Culligan	Water	111.55
Dept. of Utilities	Services	238.02
Doernemann Farm Service, Inc.	Equipment parts/shop supplies	382.75
Eakes Office Solutions	Janitorial/office supplies	192.55
Russell R. Engelbart	Easements	2,804.00
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel/chemicals	230.72
Fastenal	Bolts	173.75
Fremont Sanitation	Service	120.00
Frontier	Phones	121.55

Herbst Construction Inc.	C19(551)(553)(554)	163,035.48
Urban & Alice Imholte Trust	Easements	40.00
J & B Auto Parts	Tools/shop supplies	5.98
Jackson Services Inc.	Janitorial supplies	38.66
John Deere Financial	Equipment parts	829.12
John's Tire Sales	Tire repair	36.00
Kroeger Sand & Gravel Co.	Gravel/hauling	116,159.48
Leigh Motor Service	Mower rent/equip. repair	286.45
Loup Public Power-Columbus	Services	491.16
Main Express LLC	Fuel	262.16
Mainelli-Wagner & Associates Inc.	Contract/engineering fees	104,462.52
Matheson-Linweld	Oxygen/shop supplies	156.65
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	Culverts/lumber/signs/grader blades	30,323.01
Nebraska Machinery	Equipment parts/labor/oil	7,879.83
NNSWC Landfill	Demolition waste	412.32
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	1,302.32
Power Plan	Equipment parts/labor	5,295.20
Pruss Excavation	Shell Creek	60,710.00
Road Builders	Equipment parts/labor	959.45
Safelite Auto Glass	Equipment parts/labor	220.28
Schutt Construction Inc.	Excavator	3,200.00
Schuyler Cooperative Assn.	Fuel/heating fuel	7,127.74
Ernest Shonka	Clay	1,750.00
Marvin Slavik, Trustee	Easements	352.00
Straight-Line Striping, Inc	Stripe roads	4,130.00
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	35.00
Verizon Connect	Service	431.75
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	112.25
Village of Howells	Service	75.77
Village of Leigh	Service	16.25

General Fund

Salaries		184,202.57
Daniel Acosta	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Advance Correctional Healthcare	Pharmacy	22.05
Mark L. Arps	Meals	29.05
AT&T Mobility	Internet	560.56
Mary Kay Bailey	Registration	25.00
Brandi Baldassano	Money order	80.00
Viola Bender	Mileage	73.92
Black Hills Energy	Service	96.49
Jeffrey Black Jr	Uniform/cell	100.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Rolled Spit Hood	52.99
Bomgaars Supply	Equipment	36.98
Boone County Sheriff's Dept.	Paper service	30.00
Butler County Detention Center	BOP	11,550.00
Cenex Voyager Fleet	Fuel	5,035.86
Center of Education & Employment Law	Subscription	119.00
CenturyLink	Service	337.81
CenturyLink Communications	Long distance	310.85
City of Schuyler	Yard waste key	125.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	179.00
Colfax County Court	Court costs	802.00
Colfax County Press	Proceedings/notices	1,069.00
Colfax County Sheriff	Uncollected fees	103.12



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Colfax County Treasurer	Road Fund Transfer	374,432.96
Columbus Motor Company	Key fob	314.30
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Service	223.46
Creative Product Source	Coloring books/door hangers/stickers	2,579.38
Culligan	Equipment/water	491.55
DAS State Account-Central Finance	Network serv	1,596.95
David City Discount Pharmacy	Pharmacy	181.76
Angelica Deleon	Witness fee	20.00
Dell	Computer/monitor/hard drive	2,696.24
Department of Utilities	Utilities	4,141.56
Brenda Dolezal	Mileage/postage	115.68
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	16.72
Douglas County Sheriff	Paper service	20.59
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies/chairs/copies	3,141.03
Egan Supply Company	Janitorial supplies	97.44
Egis Technologies	Monthly service	3,777.80
Egr, Birkel & Wollmer	Atty's fees	2,387.50
Farmers Union Coop Gas	Fuel	561.91
Fiala Automotive Inc.	Oil changes	158.90
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Participation fee	27.50
Daniel Freed	Uniforms/cell phone/meals	100.00
Fuelman	Fuel	209.21
Great American Financial Services	Copier/copies	120.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone/internet	422.83
Carl E. Grotelueschen	Mileage	64.96
Caleb Hamernik	Uniforms/cell phone/fuel	100.00
Hampton Inn	Lodging	212.00
Hanel Oil, Inc.	Fuel	91.15
Juana Hanson	Mileage/cell phone	96.84
Health & Human Services	Beatrice	93.00
	Norfolk	93.00
	Lincoln	372.94
Robert Herling	Cemetery maintenance	450.00
Emilee Lynn Higgins	Atty's fees	974.10
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Lodging	359.80
Hometown Leasing	Copiers	1,100.65
Indoff	Office supplies/wireless keyboards	805.75
Iowa Prison Industries	Locked file cabinet	462.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniform	31.44
Jackson Services Inc.	Service	61.94
Johns Tire Sales	Tires/repair/vehicle repair	1,582.66
Just Another Mini Mart	Fuel	547.89
Janis Kasik	Mileage	62.72
Stacey Keys	Lodging	131.00
Denise Kracl	Mileage/meals/lodging	883.25
Julia Kreikemeier	Mileage/program supplies	369.25
Alyssa Ledon	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Lehman Reporting Services	Copies	123.65
Lens Equipment	Safety equipment/hood mount	689.00
Lodge at Deadwood	Lodging	1,062.00
Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	Paper service	89.36
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Life/LTD insurance	68.26

Main Express LLC	Fuel	981.94
Mebulbs	Janitorial supplies	1,476.81
Minda McKitrick	Postage/water/plates	13.03
James J. Mejstrik	Mileage	73.92
Menards	Office/janitorial supplies	216.93
Shawn Messerlie	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Service	Service	290.00
Mid-American Benefits Inc.	Deductible reimbursement	7,447.44
MIPS	Software support/website	3,142.00
ML Smith Law Office	Atty's fees	1,168.50
Thomas Morrison	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Rita Mundil	Mileage	73.92
NE Sec. of State-Election Division	Registration	40.00
Katelynn Ness	Program supplies	5.02
Oak Hall Industries LP	Judges robe	539.95
Lorene E. Oehlich	Notary stamp	106.18
Sharon Oltmer	Mileage	146.60
One Office Solution	Office supplies	123.69
Cody Parker	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Parkview One Stop	Fuel	480.14
Pinnacle Bank	Light/apparel/candy/steamlight	2,187.93
Platte County Detention Facility	BOP	19,550.00
Platte County	Vet Service contract/reimbursements	2,561.73
Platte County Sheriff	Paper service	19.18
Plymouth County Sheriff's Office	Paper service	93.00
Jill Pokorny	Cake	33.31
Positive Concepts	Law enforcement supplies	185.95
QC Supply LLC	Tool boxes	209.22
Quill Corp.	Office supplies	182.06
June Racely	Mileage	87.80
Ramada Midtown Conference Center	Lodging	288.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	2nd quarter	6,855.75
Natalia Ruiz	Witness	20.00
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Fuel	616.73
Schuyler Home & Building Supply	Janitorial supplies	23.63
Shop 4-H/National 4H Council	Program supplies	34.90
Mark Shultz	Zollman Cemetery	250.00
Sioux City Night Patrol	Security	480.00
Sipple/Hansen/Emerson/Schumacher	Atty's fees	5,969.80
Specialtee Screen Printing	K-9 supplies	164.00
Stanton County Sheriff	Paper service	67.56
Brett Struebing	Uniform/cell phone/camera	292.59
The "Write" Hand of Justice, LTD	Atty's fees	807.50
Thomson Reuters-West	Westlaw	879.27
Shane Titus	Uniforms/cell phone	100.00
Trouba Law Offices LLC	Contract/Atty fees	6,244.32
U & I Sanitation Service	Service	152.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	71.29
Luis Venzor	Uniform/cell phone	100.00
Verizon	Cell phone	120.53
Chad Willison	Covers	80.00
911 Custom	K9 supplies/heavy belt	4,948.00

The highway superintendent provided an update on road and bridge projects. Culvert project on Road 7 South of Road C is completed. Disaster 4420 (2019 flood) quarterly report is due.



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A letter of resignation from the Weed Superintendent/Road employee was presented to the board. The board directed the highway superintendent to advertise the position in all the county's newspapers. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to accept the written resignation of Weed Superintendent effective September 30, 2021. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Two Lumen contracts were presented to the board. 1) Fiber and internet bundle that has a 100M instead of 50M (doubling the speed) for an increase of \$50.00 per month; the whole courthouse will be able to use the faster internet. A previous contract was approved at the September 14th meeting with the 50M. 2) Upgrading our 3-year PRI contract to 3-year IQ SIP Trunk service saving the county around a \$110/month. Egis Technologies recommends we contact Americom to verify our current system is compatible before signing the contract. This item will be placed on our October 12, 2021 agenda.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve 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 along with providing faster internet for the entire courthouse for a monthly fee of \$219.00. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk reviewed the contract with gWorks for the implementation of a Clerk/Election Commissioner WebGIS Tab. This feature will allow 20 layers to view such as: Voting Precincts, County Commissioner, City Limits, City Council and much more. It will also provide shape files that will need to be given to political subdivision by November 1st. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the 3-year contract with gWorks in the amount of \$5500 for the first year and \$4500 for the 2nd and 3rd year. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOC at 11:20 a.m. to meet again October 12, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. 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 29th day of September, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk