



Colfax County Board Minutes



October 12, 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 12th day of October, 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 Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 9/28/2021. 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 a change of safekeeping receipt from Pinnacle Bank. Correspondence from Lower Elkhorn NRD notifying local governments that they are accepting applications for their Community Forestry Incentive Program. A thank you from the Sons of American Legion Squadron #155 (Howells) was read.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report from the district court clerk along with a report of Local Drug Court paid fees and expenditures.

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

The vet service officer provided his claim reimbursements for September 28, 2021 which will be placed on file. (No September Veteran Service office report submitted).

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

The treasurer provided a change of safekeeping receipt from Homestead Bank.

The board provided an opportunity for county employee's to attend an "Agenda-less meeting".

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. The sheriff contacted other counties using this service who have used it for more than ten years. Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the contract with Everbridge, Inc. for a 3-year plan: Year 1: \$5,832.00, Year 2 & 3: \$5,400.00. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The contract with Lumen to upgrade our 3-year PRI contract to 3-year IQ SIP Trunk service was reviewed. A phone conference with Monte Montelegre/Egis Technologies stated that the current systems is working as is and we should leave in place until we know for sure if we want to go to SIP or a new system. The county's Toshiba phone systems will no longer be supported by the manufacturer, which means the county's phone system will be locked in time, without



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support or add-ons for hardware, software and licensing. A new system is expensive and will need to be budgeted. The board gave direction to Monte/Egis Technologies to get more information on a new system by a one-time purchase or a subscription service. No action will be taken on the Lumen contract at this time.

Jake Kleine/Quadiant reviewed a proposal on a DS-641 Folder-Insertor. This machine would save hundred of hours of hand/folding and stuffing envelopes. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the proposal with Quadiant for the DS-641 Folder-Insertor with a monthly fee of \$453.99. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer discussed the 2020 & prior delinquent tax list with the board. The treasurer's recommendation is to have three County Sales Tax Certificates written. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the treasurer to write three County Tax Sale Certificates (parcel numbers: 0126023500, 0120640600 and 0122083500). Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer provided a copy of the distress warrant list which is now paid in full as of October 1, 2021.

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

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department. Two public hearing will be held at the October 26th meeting. It has been six years since Colfax County has passed its zoning regulations. Discussion was held that there are some areas that we could update. The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator will contact Keith Marvin to start this process.

The Emergency Manager provided a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which covers the middle northeast portion of Nebraska. Having a CWPP in place can help people be proactive in their approach to wildfires. It also may increase opportunities for counties and rural fire districts to seek grant funding for activities related to fire protection. Motion Wendt, second Mejstrik to approve the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Colfax County. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The assistant highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. Currently they are holding interviews for the weed superintendent/road employee position.

Discussion was held for this year's Colfax County employee appreciation. Last year a gift card was sent to all employees instead of having an appreciation meal. Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to approve \$850.00 for Colfax County's employee appreciation meal hosted by the Treasurer's office. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the certification statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 with Maximus for determining indirect cost associated with administration of child support services conducted by the District Court Clerk. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney gave a report of the activities of her office. An amended grant award for 22-CB-505 was reviewed. Additional funds of \$1,071.00 were allotted in mental health services. Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to approve the amended grant award for 22-CB-505 for the amount of \$86,399.00. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mejstrik; second Grotelueschen to adjourn BOC at 11:10 a.m. and to meet again October 26, 2021. Voting YES: Mejstrik, Wendt and Grotelueschen. 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 12th day of October, 2021. The County Board of Equalization met at 11:10 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 board acknowledged receiving nine Order of Hearing and Notice of Hearing from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission: Case No: 20A 0087, 20A 0088, 20A 0009, 20A 0010, 20A 0011, 20A 0012, 20A 0013, 20A 0014, 20A 0015.

The board reviewed the tax requests and tax rates of the county's political subdivisions. Motion Grotelueschen; second Mejstrik to approve the following tax request and adopt the following tax rates of the political subdivision of the county Pursuant to 77-1601(1). Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>2021-2021 County Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
5,514,456.46	General Fund.....	0.284883	-	1,935,690,187.00
<u>City and Village Levies</u>				
865,570.00	City of Schuyler (General).....	0.373928		231,480,687.00
139,019.00	City of Clarkson.....	0.499998		27,803,919.00
71,836.00	Village of Howells (General).....	0.249481		28,794,232.00
109,116.00	Village of Howells (Bond).....	0.37895	0.628431	28,794,232.00
110,739.00	Village of Leigh (General).....	0.499999		22,147,861.00
12,665.00	Village of Leigh (Bond).....	0.057183	0.557182	22,147,861.00
15,469.00	Village of Rogers.....	0.449978		3,437,727.00
11,284.00	Village of Richland.....	0.248841		4,534,631.00
<u>Fire District Levies</u>				
141,933.94	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.013085		1,084,669,704.00
75,000.00	Schuyler Fire Prot. Dist. (Fire & Rescue Equip.)	0.006915	0.020000	1,084,669,704.00
87,742.00	Clarkson RFD (General).....	0.02		438,709,687.00
62,215.70	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.013406		464,078,485.00
30,600.00	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.006594		464,078,485.00
31,465.73	Howells Fire Prot. Dist. (Bond).....	0.00678	0.026780	464,078,485.00



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68,878.54	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (General).....	0.01295		531,892,680.00
37,500.00	Leigh Fire Prot. Dist. (Sinking).....	0.00705	0.020000	531,892,680.00
	Dodge Fire District (Dodge sets)	0.023938		

<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School Levies</u>	<u>cents/\$100</u> <u>Actual Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Levy</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
3,362,698.51	39	General.....	0.748543		449,232,794.00
92,204.00	39	Building.....	0.020525		449,232,794.00
692,383.00	39	Bond (K-12).....	0.154126	0.923194	449,232,794.00
3,179,092.00	58	General.....	0.7796		407,785,018.00
40,778.50	58	Building.....	0.01	0.789600	407,785,018.00
4,014,857.40	70	General.....	0.534368		751,327,774.00
454,545.00	70	Building.....	0.060499	0.594867	751,327,774.00
13,969,474.00	123	General.....	0.992092		1,408,082,779.00
505,051.00	123	Special Building.....	0.035868		1,408,082,779.00
1,125,506.00	123	Bond	0.079932		1,408,082,779.00
404,040.00	123	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.028694	1.136586	1,408,082,779.00
	595	North Bend General.....	0.62499		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Bond (3/12/13).....	0.035838		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Building	0.07476		(set up by Dodge)
	595	North Bend Capital Purpose.....	0.020414	0.756002	(set up by Dodge)

Special Levies

2,117,839.00	Educational Service Unit #2- General (Dodge sets)	0.015		14,118,924,679.00
	Pathways 2 Tomorrow (Dodge sets)	0.00557		
2,664,964.08	Educational Service Unit #7- General (Platte sets)	0.015		17,766,427,212.00
	Central Comm. College- General (Hall sets).....	0.068813		
	Central Comm. College- Capital (Hall sets).....	0.01919		
	Central Comm. College-Haz Mat(Hall sets)	0.003821	0.091824	
38,713.80	Colfax County Ag Society- General.....	0.002		1,935,690,187.00
193,569.02	Colfax County Ag Society- Capital.....	0.01	0.012000	1,935,690,187.00
3,124.84	Platte Valley Drainage District.....	0.004942		63,236,533.00
4,382,016.30	Lower Elkhorn NRD- General (Madison sets).....	0.023236		18,859,137,296.00
3,480,714.52	Lower Platte NRD- General (Saunders sets).....	0.03345		10,406,030,147.00
0	SID #1	0		5,224,440.00
0	Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC	0		1,323,185.00
0	Loves Travel Stop	0		2,809,500.00

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to adjourn BOE at 11:20 a.m. 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 13th day of October, 2021.



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Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk