



Colfax County Board Minutes



November 9, 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 9th day of November, 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 agenda. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Wendt; second Mejstrik to approve the minutes of 10/26/2021. 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 receipt of NIRMA's dividend check which was deposited with the treasurer. County Government Day will be held November 22nd.

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

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

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

The vet service officer provided his October Veteran Service Office report which will be placed on file.

Judge Christina Marroquin addressed the board regarding the planning and zoning office space. The request for the additional office space is due to security and privacy concerns, along with appropriate accommodations for the bailiff, court reporter and jury trials. The board stated they have dedicated the office space to be used by emergency manger who will use the office daily.

The county attorney provided a written report of the activities of her office.

The treasurer provided a copy of the distress warrant list as of November 1, 2021.

Motion Grotelueschen; second Wendt to designate The Leigh World, Colfax County Press, Schuyler Sun and Howells Journal as newspapers within the county for publication of the official notices with Schuyler Sun responsible for publication of the county board minutes for calendar year 2022. Voting YES: Wendt, Grotelueschen and Mejstrik. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

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



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The annual increase of the Law Enforcement Contracts with the City of Clarkson and Villages of Howells, Leigh, Richland and Rogers were discussed. Per contract agreements the consideration for the law enforcement services shall be adjusted by using the Consumer Price Index for August established by Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor which is a 5.3 percent increase that will take effect December of 2021. The sheriff has provided this information to the entities.

The Zoning/Flood Plain administrator gave a report of the activities of her department; DEE notice on Mark Kratochvil Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation on a NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle was reviewed. The Zoning/Flood Plain administration informed the board that her last day with Colfax County will be December 15th. Discussion was held on combining her position with the road clerical and emergency manager. The road clerical will start working with the Zoning administrator beginning December 1st and will be appointed the zoning administrator January 1, 2022. The emergency manager has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Flood Plain administrator. A notice of a public meeting to gather input and discuss flooding problems within the Rawhide Creek Watershed on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fremont City Auditorium was distributed. Discussion was held on the Maple Creek Watershed proposals. The board recommends anyone who has concerns regarding the studies of proposed dams on the North end of the county need to attend the public meetings hosted by Lower Elkhorn NRD.

The assistant highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department; an update on road/bridge projects was given. The recommendation for the appointment of the weed superintendent/road employee was given. Motion Mejstrik; second Wendt to approve the appointment of Anthony S. Zakrzewski as weed superintendent with an effective date of October 29, 2021. Voting YES: Grotelueschen, Mejstrik and Wendt. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The county attorney entered the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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 November 23, 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 10th day of November, 2021.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk