

Colfax Township
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January 6, 2026 Minutes

General meeting called to order by Supervisor, David Leonard at 7:00 PM 12 attendees.

Roll Call:	Board Members	Present
	David Leonard, Supervisor	X
	Shelby Branch, Treasurer	X
	Joni Gerard, Clerk	X
	Stephanie Haight, Trustee	X
	Stuart Overway, Trustee	Ab

*Motion made by SH to accept amended agenda, 2nd by SB. Voice vote-motion carried.

*Motion made by SB to accept previous months minutes, 2nd by SH. Voice vote-motion carried.

*Motion by DL to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by JG. Roll call SH, Aye; SB, Aye; DL, Aye; JG Aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by SH to accept and pay bills, 2nd by SB. Roll Call vote: SH, Aye; SB, Aye; DL Aye; JG Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

*SB motion to increase minimum wage to reflect current rate of \$13.73 per hour. 2nd by SH. Voice vote carried. Motion passed.

*State gas tax change will cause a loss in revenue sharing. Road commissions will now receive these monies, not the townships.

* Discussion of new USPS changes that will affect postmarking dates.

*Discussion re. establishing a framework for upcoming year budget. Largest expenditure is road brining, costing \$15,000 per brine. Continue needing to place road signs (Hammet Road mentioned) to aid in location of residents during an emergency.

*SB motion to remove former clerk, Corinne Norton, from bank accounts and place Rob Barefoot, deputy clerk, unto said accounts. Also cancel current, expired debit card and replace it with one in the name of Colfax Township. Only authorized signatures allowed to use card, as well as the use on auto-pay accounts (Hughes Net, Quick Books, etc.). 2nd by SH. Voice vote, all Ayes. Motion carried.

*Trustee Stuart Overway is currently dealing with a medical condition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

***Resolution 2026-1** Updating Noise Ordinance (O 2006-2)

DL asked for any questions/concerns re. the updated version of the ordinance from Board and from Public. Word 'annoying' was brought forward as a concern, DL explained in the case of law, words do not necessarily have the same meaning as they do in day-to-day life. The Sheriff Department would make the initial application of the ordinance; the Board has Judicial Control. Also noted that the ordinance can be modified if needed at a later date.

Motion by DL to accept the resolution adopting the new, updated noise ordinance, 2nd by JG.

Voice vote, all Ayes. Motion carried. This will be published in the Echo newspaper and will take effect 30 days after publication.

*Rob Barefoot provided an update on the township website updates.

*Pebama Lake access: Road commission has not acted on the barricaded area, wants to consult lawyer. DNR/EGLE has been involved in the past per Robert Wade, former Supervisor.

DL motioned for adjournment, 2nd by JG. Voice vote, all Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM