

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places & broadcast by KNLV Radio, Ord, NE. Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held October 24, 2023, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the keno review. Krause stated that he had met with a few businesses in Burwell about their thoughts on having keno. Hurlburt stated that she discussed with Paul Schumacher through Community Lottery Services what they offer compared to Hastings Keno. At this time, there would be no change in keno operators, just discussion.

Discussion was held on the janitorial/maintenance for the courthouse. At this time, it may not be feasible for the county to hire a full-time employee for this position.

Discussion was held about the snow removal for this season. Jimmy Petersen said that it may be possible to use the skid loader from the SWMA.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, had nothing new to report on the status of the FEMA reimbursement from DR4420, other than FEMA is working on looking at permits and Environmental review.

Resolution 2023-24; Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2023-24, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Year End Certification of Highway Superintendent, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Kinney presented information on the calamus dam top project #80888. The bid for the dam top and the guard rail came in high for \$582,200. The payments will be allowed to be paid to NDOT over a three-year period while utilizing STP funds in the amount of about \$251,000 and the remaining balance to be made in 2026. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve moving forward with the project as proposed, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2023-25; NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2023-25, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented the monthly revenue report, disbursement reports for October/November and a change in pledged collateral. Also presented was a report of distress warrants issued.

Motion made by Hurlburt to strike the taxes on Parcel 0001099600, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on LB 77 and how it impacts county employees. Due to liability concerns, Garfield County will not be changing the policy currently in place.

Motion made by Krause to approve a new three-year proposal for 2024, 2025, 2026 with the Nebraska State Auditors, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the CDBG drawdown request, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that she has continued to work on the surcharge for 911 communication centers. She stated that the issue has now been sent to the appropriations committee for review.

Also reviewed was the District Court month-end report for October as presented by the Clerk.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Scott L. Krause,
Chairman of the Board