

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, 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. 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held January 9, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the accept the final completion letter and closeout of the CDBG project, Olsson project #021-02708 and pay the pay app through the claims, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of January, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Vernyce Weber presented a list of properties in Garfield County inquiring the County Board members and the Zoning Administrator as to whether they have counted any livestock at these listed locations. Hurlburt stated that in time the County will check everyone with feedlots. Bolli, Zoning Administrator, stated that she checks NDEQ website frequently for updates and changes to registered facilities in Garfield County. After much discussion between Mrs. Weber, the County Board and the Zoning Administrator, it was decided that Mrs. Weber and the Zoning Administrator set a time to discuss the matters at hand and try to make a plan moving forward.

Jeff Pohl, City of Burwell Administrator, presented information on a possible consolidation of law enforcement between the City and County and what that may potentially look like. At this point, just in the discussion of feasibility and if it would work, how to plan for the consolidation.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, presented the year reports from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Garfield County received another perfect score on the evaluation, which Krause signed for acknowledgement. Petersen stated that he will attend the NWCA conference in Norfolk in February when he will become the president.

Due to the recent snowstorm, Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, was unable to attend the meeting.

Kali Bolli, Zoning Administrator, presented a minor subdivision for Hoerle Ranch, LLC. Motion made by Krause to approve as presented, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on handbook updates for bad weather policy. The handbook committee will meet and discuss possible changes.

To remain in compliance with State Statute 35-901, the Burwell Volunteer Fire Department is asking the Garfield County Board of Commissioners, who is the taxing authority, for

authorization to bill for ambulance services in 2024. Motion made by Krause to approve, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

A request was made by GLW Extension to add a mailbox at the south of the building outdoors for a pickup/drop-off location for GLW families. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the placement of a mailbox in the rock area on the south of the building, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-07; New Fund-Other Special Revenue/PILT Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-07, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt at 2:30 p.m. to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and County Clerk Koenigsberg. At 3:05 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action taken as a result of the closed session. The item of Wage Discussions for County Road Superintendent to be added to the next agenda.

Motion made by Krause at 3:07 p.m. to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation matters, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and Attorney Michael Borders. At 3:29 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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