



# Garfield County Board Minutes



## Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 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 Commissioners present: Krause, Jeffres and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Jeffres to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of the last County Commissioners meeting held July 9th, 2019, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of the Board of Equalization protest hearing held July 10th, 2019, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to authorize overtime payment for the Road Department employees through the month of August, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve all claims and payroll submitted for payment for the month of July, second by Hurlburt. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Abstained, Jeffres; Nay, none.

At 1:39 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Destroyed real property requests were reviewed. Motion made by Krause to deny request #1 due to lack of supporting documentation, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Krause to deny the request due to lack of supporting documentation for parcels 00320660, 003204800, 003205000 and 003208600, second by Jeffres. Motion made by Jeffres to reassess the value by 33% for parcel 000141800, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular County Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Jeffres to appoint Brenda Brockman to a new five year term on the Garfield County Library Board, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The semi-annual statement and reports of unpaid taxes submitted by the County Treasurer were reviewed as presented.

The quarterly report submitted by the Garfield County Sheriff was reviewed as presented.

Resolution 2019-20; tax money allocated to the Garfield County Frontier Fair Association for \$47,153.00. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve resolution 2019-20, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Abstained, Jeffres; Nay, none.

Resolution 2019-21; Transfer \$74,000.00 from County Inheritance Tax Fund to County General Fund and \$2,000.00 from County General Fund to County Road Fund. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2019-21, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Krause reviewed and signed the engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditors.



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Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Swett, informed the Board that the current Planning and Zoning consultant, Orval Stahr had recently passed and the County will now only have Keith Marvin with Marvin Planning Consultant as the primary consultant.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the public hearing for the conditional use permit for recreational use. Testimonies were given with several comments from the public. At 3:00 p.m., with no action taken by the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Krause closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular County Commissioner’s meeting. Chairman Krause stated that the public has spoken and it is unanimous that there is strong opposition to the conditional use permit and that he will abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. At 3:02 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the meeting. At 3:13 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the meeting and open discussion was held. Kali Swett, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented the Board with a statement of Findings of Facts from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Barry Geweke, attorney for Dennis and Diane Fiscus, presented with a recommended motion. Commissioner Jeffres stated that he does not believe that the County has any obligation to enforce the covenants. Several comments from the public were heard. Recommendation by County Attorney, Dale Crandall, that the Board take time to digest all the information presented before a decision was made. Matter tabled until August 13, 2019.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented with information on the road department. Contracts for Dean Copsey and Gene Harris were completed. Also, Kinney stated that he contacted several landowners about trimming and removing trees from right of ways.

Resolution 2019-22; Elected Officials Salary for 2020. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2019-22, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

In other new business, Linda Buhlke addressed the Board and Road Superintendent to ask who is responsible for employee pay increases and how they are decided. Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, stated that he is responsible for the Road Employees pay raises. Discussion held with no action taken by the Board.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keri L. Koenigsberg  
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Krause  
Garfield County Board Chairman