



Garfield County Board Minutes



Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 10th, 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 pm with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Hurlburt and Jeffres.

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

Motion by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioner meeting held August 27, 2019, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business, Kinney presented with alternative routes suggested by Blaine Lowe for 834th Road. Matter tabled until the conclusion of Board of Equalization.

At 1:40 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. All property valuation protests that were filed with the County Clerk were reviewed by the Board on parcels 003208600, 003205000, 003206600 and 003204800. Motion by Hurlburt to reduce the value based upon the County Assessor's recommendation for parcels 003208600, 003205000, 003206600 and 003204800, second by Jeffres. At 1:50 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular County Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Krause directed the meeting to discussion of 834th Road. Discussion was held about possibly pumping water out for a temporary fix to allow cattle to be transported out. Matter tabled until the conclusion of Budget Hearing.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Budget Hearing. Information was presented by Donald O. Nelson, CPA. At 2:05 p.m., Chairman Krause closed the Budget Hearing.

Resolution 2019-27; County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, prepared by the Budget Making Authority on the 10th day of September, 2019. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2019-27, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 2:10 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Final Tax Request Hearing. Chairman Krause closed the Final Tax Request Hearing at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened the regular County Commissioners meeting.

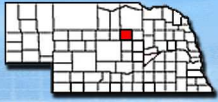
Resolution 2019-28; Whereas the Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Garfield County Board of Commissioners passes, by a majority vote, a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount, The Governing Body of Garfield, by majority vote, resolves that the 2019-2020 property tax be set at \$1,278,890.00. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2019-28, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Krause directed the meeting back to discussion of 834th Road. It was suggested that Road Superintendent Kinney check on getting the water pumped out for a temporary fix.

In other unfinished business, Kinney stated that the culvert to be placed at Zulkoski's was to be reviewed soon and he also updated about the Cedar River Road.

The monthly revenue report submitted by the County Treasurer was reviewed.

The Clerk of the District Court month end report was reviewed.



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Motion made by Jeffres to approve overtime payment to Road Department employees through September, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt asked if the extra road help was still necessary. Kinney stated that Dean Copsey was done and his contract is over with Garfield County, but Gene Harris will continue to maintain roads.

Evaluations of Road department employees were reviewed by the Board. Motion made by Jeffres to go into closed session at 2:30 p.m. to discuss personnel, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all, Nay, none. Those included in the closed session, were Commissioners Krause, Hurlburt and Jeffres. At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular Commissioners meeting, with no action taken by the Board.

Hurlburt addressed George Buhlke and discussed his annual raises and wage adjustments from 2016-present and informed him that salaries and raises will be evaluated in January of 2020 and not at this time.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with information on the emergency watershed program through NRCS. Upon recommendation by the Board, Kinney will submit a letter stating that Garfield County is not ready at this time, but has eligible projects.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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