

# Garfield County Board Minutes



## Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 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 arrived at 1:35 p.m..

Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt with the addition of COVID-19 updates. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Jeffres.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 28, 2020, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Jeffres.

County Treasurer, Linda Thoene, stated that she plans to advertise for a part time position in her office and asked the Board what they planned to advertise with her position. Motion made by Hurlburt to go into closed session at 1:35 p.m. to discuss personnel, second by Krause. Those in attendance were County Board members and County Treasurer. At 1:55 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action was taken during the closed session. Motion made by Jeffres to advertise the position of the County Treasurer in the Burwell Tribune, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The Courthouse maintenance position was discussed and decided to go ahead with advertising for a part time position, to begin with 40 hours a month.

Librarian, Shelley Ruterbories, presented with policy from the library and an example of the job evaluation procedure used by the library to establish wage adjustments. Motion made by Krause to approve the schedule, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

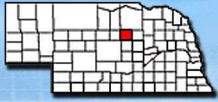
Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, stated that he is working on FEMA funds and shared updates with the Board on the status.

At 2:15 p.m., motion made by Krause to go into a closed session to hold a strategy session with County's legal counsel on pending litigation in Garfield County District Court Case No. CI 19-6, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those present for the closed session were, Attorney Paige Hall, members of the County Board, County Attorney Crandall, and the County Clerk. At 2:55 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. The discussion in closed session was limited to obtaining guidance from legal counsel in case No. CI 19-6. No action was taken during the closed session.

Motion made by Jeffres to go into a closed session so that the Board could hold a strategy discussion with the County's legal counsel regarding pending litigation, specifically the case of Weber vs. Garfield County, which is Case No. CI 18-2 in Garfield County District Court, second by Hurlburt. Motion carried, and Krause cleared the room at 3:00 p.m. for the closed session. Those present for the closed session were Attorney Brandy Johnson, the members of the Board, the County Attorney, the Zoning Administrator and the County Clerk. At 3:20 p.m., Krause reconvened the regular meeting in open session. The discussion in closed session was limited to obtaining guidance from legal counsel in Case No. CI 18-2. No action was taken during the closed session.

At 3:25, Chairman Krause took a short recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Discussion was held on the status of COVID-19 in the County and what should be done in the Courthouse. Recommendations can be posted on the front doors, but the Courthouse will not require masks be worn by the public. The Board will rely on the Health Department to keep them informed of any changes and recommendations.



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

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott L. Krause,  
Chairman of the Board