

Garfield County Board Minutes



Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 24th, 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.

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

Motion by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioner meeting held October 27th, 2020, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business the matter of overdue case account reports for the District Court were discussed and County Attorney Crandall informed the Board that he submitted all requests and District Court Clerk Koenigsberg confirmed that the signed orders had been received and filed. The matter of matured county tax sale certificates was also discussed and Attorney Crandall stated that the title search has been started. Krause asked the item be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

Discussion was held about the status of the Courthouse limiting the traffic from the public. Emergency Manager, Larry Donner, suggested that the courthouse should remain at the current status until at least December 31st, 2020. Matter to be discussed at second meeting in December.

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

Kali Swett, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with a final plat for Homestead Knolls. Rob Watts presented with information. Motion by Krause to approve the final plat, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for a conditional use permit for public recreational use owned by Tom Messenger. Findings of Fact from the Planning and Zoning Board along with a letter from Tom Kruml and a map of the proposed RV sight for Conditional Use Permit were presented by the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Swett. Public testimony and comments were given by Tom Messenger, Jennifer Svoboda, Weston Svoboda, Anne Elliott, Mary Parsley and Betsy Messenger. At 2:48 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Matter tabled until December 8th Board meeting.

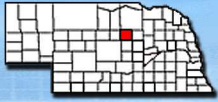
Chairman Krause directed the meeting to a 5 minute recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Judy Petersen, CNEDD Executive Director, met with the Board via ZOOM to update with information on policies needing approval for a tourism grant. Motion by Krause to approve exhibit C1, exhibit C2, exhibit O2 and exhibit D, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Swett, presented with a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board with a change in the bylaws, to go from a 9 member board to a 7 member board. Motion by Hurlburt to approve the change, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion by Krause to appoint Tammy Hitchcock as the Garfield County Treasurer effective December 1, 2020, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Deputy Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented with an updated listing of Distress Warrants.



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County Clerk Koenigsberg stated that the courthouse and library are still looking for a part-time maintenance position and that the county has not yet received any bids for snow removal at this time. Chairman Krause said to proceed with advertising for the position and bids with discussion to be held at next meeting.

Motion by Krause to approve the cost allocation plan from IV-D indirect cost for Clerk of the District Court, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Garfield County Sheriff, Larry Donner, presented with his letter of resignation to be effective December 31, 2020. He has been the Sheriff of Garfield County since 1987.

Gary Kinney; Road superintendent gave a roads update and stated that he has received one application for the position he had published in the paper and the Board recommended he go ahead with the hiring process. Kinney also stated the 834th Road was ready to begin work.

Motion by Krause to enter into closed session so that the Board may hold a strategy session 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 Jeffres. The room was cleared for the closed session, with the discussion in closed session limited to strategy with legal counsel regarding Case No. CI 18-2. Present for the closed session were members of the Board, County Attorney Crandall, Attorney Brandy Johnson and Planning and Zoning Administrator Kali Swett. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting at 3:50 p.m. with no action taken during the closed session.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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