



Garfield County Board Minutes



Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 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 with the addition of 911 Dispatch wages at Region 26, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the 30x30 Initiative and talk of how Garfield County should proceed. Matter tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioner meeting held July 13th, 2021, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Protest number 6 on Parcel ID 0005119600 was heard. Testimony was given by owner of property. Motion made by Krause to that no change based upon County Assessor's recommendation, second by Jeffres. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:44 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular County Commissioners meeting.

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

Garfield County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented with the 3 year plan of assessment for Garfield County.

Resolution 2021-15; tax money allocated to the Garfield County Frontier Fair Association for \$49,782.00. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2021-15, second by Hurlburt. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Abstained, Jeffres; Nay, none.

Bud Steele, resident of Garfield County, shared some complaints about the Board about the Weber feedlot in Western Garfield County and had some questions about what the status was on the catch basin. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, shared that the case is currently pending and the County is currently waiting on a decision from the Supreme Court. Chairman Krause directed Bud Steele to contact NDEQ with questions and concerns related to the catch basin.

Resolution 2021-16; tax money allocated to the Burwell Fire District in the amount of \$114,198.00. Motion by Jeffers to approve Resolution 2021-16, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Garfield County Sheriff, Corey Johnson, presented with information on a possible trade-in deal for a new Sheriff Department vehicle.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, updated the Board on various projects for the Road Department. Kinney stated that he would like to look into establishing a Machine Fund for Road Department equipment. Discussion was held about the possible ways to handle such a fund and how money would be collected to establish said fund. Kinney presented with information on State Statutes regarding tree removal, for information and review by the Board.

Motion made by Krause to go into a closed session so that the Board could hold a strategy session regarding pending litigation, specifically the case of Hughes vs. Garfield County, which is Case No. CI 19-6 in Garfield County District Court, second by Hurlburt. Motion carried, and Krause cleared the room at 2:30 p.m. for the closed session. Those present for



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the closed session were members of the Board, the County Attorney and the legal counsel via Zoom. At 2:55 p.m., Krause reconvened the regular meeting in open session. No action was taken during the closed session.

Commissioner Hurlburt shared with information about Region 26 possibly needing to increase wages of dispatchers and hire more due to the demand with all the nearby recreation areas and the possible financial increase that may be imposed on Counties. Region 26 is currently exploring options.

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