



Garfield County Board Minutes



Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 22nd, 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioner meeting held December 8th, 2020, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business the matter of matured county tax sale certificates was discussed and Attorney Crandall stated that he has been unable to complete the work and plans to work on the certificates in January. Krause asked the item be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

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

Motion made by Jeffres to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Public Recreational Use owned by Tom Messenger. Chairman Krause opened the floor for public comments regarding the Conditional Use Permit. Public comments were given by Jennifer Svoboda, Mary Parsley, Tom Messenger, and Anne Elliott. County Attorney, Dale Crandall, informed the Board of a related matter in a newly filed District Court case which involves parties concerned with the Conditional Use Permit. Attorney for Tom Messenger, Jennifer Rawling, requested information from the District Court Clerk as to the parties involved in the case.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Judy Petersen, Executive Director for CNEDD, presented with information on the the grant. The total cost for the project is \$745,000.00 with the grant request at \$450,000.00. No comments from the public. At 2:04 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the memorandum of understanding between Garfield County and Garfield County Fair Association, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Abstained, Jeffres.

Resolution 2020-31; Authorizing Chief Elected Official to Sign an Application for CDBG Funds. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve resolution 2020-31, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Abstained, Jeffres.

Chairman Krause turned the meeting back to discussion on Conditional Use Permit. More comments from the public were given and Kali Swett, Planning and Zoning Administrator, answered questions pertaining to floodplain and reiterated the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission in the Findings of Fact presented at the public hearing held November 24th, 2020. With the motion still on the table by Jeffres to approve the Conditional Use Permit with conditions set forth by the Planning Commission, Hurlburt seconded the motion. Aye, all, Nay, none.

The Conditions set forth by the Garfield County Planning and Zoning Commission for the Conditional Use Permit for Public Recreational Use owned by Tom Messenger:

- A) All electrical boxes are 1 foot above base flood elevation.
- B) Campers need to be licensed and road ready due to being in the flood plain.
- C) There are no other structures to be located in the flood plain.
- D) If improving the driveway, NDOT approved permit to the Zoning Administrator.



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E) Approved NDEE permit to the Zoning Administrator to put in the file.

Motion made by Jeffres to approve the agreement between Garfield County and Maximus for consulting services for development of cost allocation plan, second by Hurlburt, Aye, all; Nay, none.

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

County Assessor, Kali Swett, presented with Central Plains Valuation Contract. Motion by Hurlburt to approve the contract as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2020-32; Elected Officials Salaries for 2020 Calendar Year. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2020-32, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2020-33; Deputy Salaries for 2020 Calendar Year. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2020-33, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney; Road Superintendent, informed the Board that the County should be receiving some FEMA funds from Disaster 4420. Discussion was held on concerns over Pebble Creek Road. Kinney will contact new land owners along the Road to discuss trimming trees and look into posting advisory speed signs. Kinney also stated the 834th Road project is nearly complete and culvert had been installed.

Motion by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue, second by Jeffres. At 2:26 p.m., the room was cleared for the closed session. Present for the closed session were members of the Board, County Attorney Crandall, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Kali Swett. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting at 2:45 p.m. with no action taken during the closed session.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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