

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 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 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held May 23, 2023, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the proposed interlocal agreement for joint keno operation with the City of Burwell. It was suggested to wait on feedback from the City before moving forward.

Motion made by Krause to authorize the County Clerk to open a new checking account for Keno funds, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:36 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with tax list correction 579 and a report of overvalued, undervalued, clerical error, or omitted real property. Motion made by Krause to approve all as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:38 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Krause signed the notice to proceed and an agreement with Phil Carkoski Construction for the fairgrounds improvement project through the CDBG Grant. Judy Peterson, Director of CNEDD, informed the Board that there will be a groundbreaking on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. for the Garfield County Fairgrounds improvement project through the CDBG Grant.

Judy Peterson, Director of CNEDD presented with a request for support for Broadband Technical Assistance Grant from the USDA. Motion made by Krause to sign the letter of support, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented with information on submitted disaster projects submitted to NEMA for disaster. He stated that he has completed three projects and the total is around \$374,00 for reimbursement.

At 1:49 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for conditional use permit for Steve Vech Storage units. With no comments from the public, at 1:53 p.m., Chairman Krause closed the public hearing. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the conditional use permit, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:55 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for amending the flex district. Planning and Zoning Director, Kali Bolli, presented with information on the updates and shared the approval from the Planning and Zoning Board. With no comments from the public, at 1:57 p.m., Chairman Krause closed the public hearing. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the amendments to the flex district, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, shared information about various road projects. He stated that they have began the process of utilizing the tree shredder. Discussion was also held on some trees on the Jones Canyon Road and the potential of it creating a hazard to falling onto the roadway. Kinney stated he would look at the trees as discussed and see what needs done.

Cory Hughes, presented with a request to install an autogate on the end of 834th road at the beginning of his private drive. Discussion was held about installing a sign that reads “public road ends, private drive begins” and the Board said there was no problem with him installing the autogate on his private drive.

At 2:15 p.m., Chairman Krause directed the meeting to the opening of gravel bids. Motion made by Krause to accept the gravel bids, with respect to location, submitted by Emme Sand and Grave Inc., Ulrich Gravel Inc. and Jeffres Sand and Gravel Inc. for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, second by Hurlburt. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the bids for all three entities that submitted a bid, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt presented with information on the preliminary budget for Region 26 and shared that it is expected to increase quite a bit this year.

Tagge Max, road department employee, approached the board about wage adjustments for road employees. The board stated that the wages are at the department head discretion and to be presented at the budget workshop.

Motion made by Krause to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Match funds, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

A list of delinquent taxes was presented for review. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the listing, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

PILT funds and how to disperse the funds was discussed. Hurlburt asked if the funds could be remitted to a reserve fund and asked the County Clerk to check with auditors on that. Hurlburt also suggested checking into NPAIT and what options and resources would be available to the County for investments. Hurlburt asked that it be added to the next agenda and further discussed with more information.

The monthly revenue report and disbursement report for May along with a change in pledged collateral and fund balance listing was reviewed, as presented.

The District Court month end report for May was reviewed.

Motion made by Krause to enter into a closed session at 3:03 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to personnel matters, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Clerk Koenigsberg and Weed Superintendent Petersen. At 3:25 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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