

## **Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record**

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 15th, 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 Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 25, 2023, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, had nothing new to report on the status of the FEMA reimbursement from DR4420, 2019 flood disaster.

Walker Zulkoski, representative from Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) presented with information on current rates and information on what is available to the county. Walker explained that there are no rates imposed on the County because the pool is collateralized and that the current daily rate is at 5.32%.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, shared information about various road projects, including patching the 4M road and that the new hire for the road department started recently.

Jay Jenkins, Engagement Zone Coordinator for Nebraska Extension, presented with proposed updated Constitution for Nebraska Extension in Garfield, Loup and Wheeler Counties. Discussion was held on the proposed changes and the matter will be tabled for a future date for proposed corrections to be made to the constitution. Also presented was a revised interlocal agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Garfield, Loup and Wheeler Counties. Motion made by Hurlburt to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the proposed contract agreement with the University, second by Zulkoski. Chairman Krause cleared the room at 2:07 p.m. for the closed session. Those in attendance during the entire closed session were members of the Board and County Attorney Sikyta. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting at 2:17 p.m. with no action taken as a result of the closed session. Motion made by Hurlburt to wait and approve the interlocal after the recommended changes are made to the proposed constitution with approval, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The preliminary budget was reviewed with some minor proposed changes. It looks like it will be necessary for Garfield County to hold a joint public hearing according to LB 644. Along with the budget review discussion took place regarding fund balances and County spending. It was suggested that the County be mindful of spending in the short term to help with cash flow due to a shortfall in available funds and due to the delay in receiving reimbursements from FEMA related to the 2019 flood disaster 4420DR. Discussion was held on employees working from home versus in the office during regular business hours. If work is to be performed after regular business hours it was recommended that the work be done in County offices rather than from home and it was suggested by Hurlburt that a review should be done to include this in the county handbook.

Resolution 2023-17; Fire District Tax Request in the amount of \$122,332.00. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2023-17, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented with the monthly revenue report and disbursement report for July and August along with a change in pledged collateral and fund balance listing was reviewed, as presented.

The District Court month-end report for July was reviewed.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve SDL for Northside Bar & Grill for an event at Kamp Kaleo on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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

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Scott L. Krause,  
Chairman of the Board