

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, 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. 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 with the exception of moving payroll and claims to the end of the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 9th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that she had recently attended a city council meeting and they expressed agreement to progress with consolidation of law enforcement operations. Deputy Sheriff Cox stated that there is a lot of work that needs to be done and some arrangements that will need to be discussed and ironed out before the consolidation happens. The Sheriff department would like to possibly have at least one other employee hired on the department before the busy summer season begins. The committee will meet again prior to the next regular meeting.

At 1:43 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented tax list correction #587. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax list correction as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. Stated that he recently had a water issue on Dumas Avenue that has been resolved. Discussion was held on a federal aide route project of 4.25 miles on Cedar River Road. The overall estimated cost of the project is \$500,000-\$700,000 per mile with the cost of 10-20% for Garfield County. Motion made by Zulkoski to apply for grant project 'Garfield County Nebraska, Cedar River Road Asphalt Project-Full Depth Reclamation With 4" Overlay', second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to create a cash reserve fund with the intention of all interest earned in NPAIT to be applied to the cash reserve fund, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all. Nay, none. The proposed resolution to create the fund will be at the next regular meeting.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a minor subdivision plat for Carl and Margaret Hensley. Motion made by Krause to approve the plat as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the CDBG grant drawdown #5, second by Zulkoski, Aye, all; Nay, none.

Due to a recent mistake with fuel handling made at the local Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Garfield County did have some minor damages to a vehicle that incurred some repairs. In order for Bosselman to cover the costs of the property damages they request a general liability release form to be signed by the County. Motion made by Hurlburt to direct County Attorney Sikyta to send a letter stating the County is not willing to sign the release until they know more about damages that were possibly incurred, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 2:13 p.m. for the purpose of negotiating contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and County Clerk Koenigsberg. Motion made by Krause to come out of the closed session at 2:42 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

SLFRF obligated funds were discussed as there is \$3005.72 in funds that need to be obligated by the end of 2024.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for evaluation and performance review of Weed Department, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:50 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and Weed Superintendent Petersen. At 3:42 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session. Next meeting will be the Road Department.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of filling out the evaluation form, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:45 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. At 3:57 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting and asked the County Clerk to file the evaluation form in the personnel file for James Petersen.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of April, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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