

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 14th, 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 Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 23, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-09; Law Enforcement Salary. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-09, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:37 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with applications for permissive exemption (form 451) in Garfield County. Jessica VandeWalle was representing Sandhills First Steps and Tim & Haley Groshans were representing Community Memorial Hospital. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve permissive exemptions for the following parcels, 000116600, 000121000, 000408600, 000118000, 000152600, 001023500, 001000500, 00518000, 005015800, 005026400, 005027800, 000114400, 000124600, 000144600, 001000200, 001000200, 000131800, 000439000, 006033800, 000408800, 000166000, 000409900, 000188000, 000189800, 000131600, 000110600, 000416800, 000125800, 000128800, 000401400, 000411200, and 00530440, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:49 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He recently submitted a grant through the congressionally directed spending request-Fiscal year 2025 and reported that the category z through FEMA for administrative costs has been submitted at around \$181,000.

Kinney also reported that the NDOT may be moving the guard rail on the dame top road, rather than fixing the edge. He was going to check with the Sate on a proposed MOU stating that if the irrigation district does not fix & has to move, that the County agrees to move the road in. MOU to be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiating a contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:05 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, County Clerk Koenigsberg and Lindsay Gumb with Gumb Auction and Realty. At 2:44 p.m. motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:45 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Krause to enter into closed session for the purpose of employee performance review for Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, second by Hurlburt. Roll call, Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:46 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 Gary Kinney.

Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 3:00 p.m., second by Zulkoski. No action taken as a result of the closed session and Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the estimate from Central Plains Valuations for 6-year review, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court month end report for April was reviewed as presented.

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report for April. All were reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to continue with NACO Benefit Services and offer the same plan for Garfield County employees at a deductible level of \$2600 with the HRA buydown to \$500, second by Zulkoski. Roll Call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

There are some SLFRF funds yet to be obligated by the end of the year. Some options were discussed on how best to utilize the funds.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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