

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 28th, 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held May 14th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the letter of intent received from the City of Burwell regarding the consolidation of law enforcement. Sheriff Johnson stated that he is continuing discussions with the City Administrator and will get more information and clarification.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a 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 1:32 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 Lin Gumb with Gumb Auction and Realty. At 1:55 p.m. motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Krause. Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Commissioner Zulkoski to negotiate and discuss further offers with the realtor, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:57 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. Deputy County Assessor, Shelisa Lytle, presented a permissive exemption for parcel 000411600. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the permissive exemption as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:59 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. Discussion was held on the guard rail project for the dam top road. Currently the irrigation district maintains that the issue should be the County responsibility. County Attorney Sikyta will refer to the agreement from 1980 and send correspondence to the irrigation district on behalf of the County.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Fiscal Year 2024/2025 match request, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Krause signed the contract with Central Plains Valuations that was approved at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

Protest hearing dates were set for July 9, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the resignation of the Library Director, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-10; Authorize transfer funds CDBG to County General. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-10, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the liquor license manager change for the Calamus Golf Course to Mary Dobbins, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Maximus Consulting contract, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on some complaints received from landowners about the problem leafy spurge in the County and what can be done to enforce landowners to spray and help control the issue. Garfield County landowners Matt Lowery and Doug Bode were both present to address the issue and ask what the County can do to enforce the spraying and control to all landowners.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 2:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and to protect the public interest, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Weed Superintendent Petersen and County Clerk Koenigsberg briefly. Motion made by Krause to come out of the closed session at 3:12 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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