

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 8th, 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 & on the Garfield County website. 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. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held September 24, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the law enforcement operations and the proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed as presented by County Attorney Sikyta. City Administrator Jeff Pohl was present and noted that the City Council will review the agreement as well. Chairman Krause directed the meeting to the opening of a letter of resignation by Sheriff Corey Johnson, effective October 31, 2024. The board suggested the County Clerk advertise the open position for 2 weeks in the Burwell Tribune and Grand Island Independent. The appointment for the remaining term needs to be made in 45 days upon vacancy.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and at this time the committee still needs to have a meeting to work on the proposed interlocal agreement.

Discussion was held on the available SLFRF funds and the remaining \$3005.72 needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2025. No decision made at this time.

The meeting was directed at clearing trees on 832nd Road. A concern from property owners, Dylan and Kortney Miller, was expressed toward the condition of the trees that were recently cleared leaving an unattractive mess and ruined a potential wind break. They requested that the job be cleaned up and made right by the County. Road Superintendent Kinney stated that the area will be cleaned up and made more attractive.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department and the updates on the bridge match program with NDOT. The program will go through 2029 for remaining potential bridge updates. He stated that the County should be receiving \$175,000 of the \$250,000 grant as submitted.

The Sheriff quarterly report was reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated CVB interlocal agreement, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Jessica VanDewalle, Burwell Economic Development Director, was present to share updates with the CVB office. They previously hired Rachelle Stolzer as the part-time program assistant. Also discussed were the holiday events to be held on December 5th by the City of Burwell/Burwell Chamber of Commerce. Request to use the greenspace for the live reindeer as well as the front lobby of the courthouse for activities. Motion made by Hurlburt to allow for the use of the courthouse lobby and lawn, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented. Motion made by Krause to appoint Steven Johnson to a new term on the Veterans Service Committee, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-17; Property Tax Tables. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-17, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

The revenue listing and disbursement report along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed as presented.

The County Attorney quarterly report was reviewed, as presented.

Discussion was held about the pathway building and the rent that is due from the current tenants. County Attorney Sikyta will address the issues and relay to the Board at the next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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