

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 12th, 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 the minutes of the last County Commissioners' meeting held October 22, 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. Some suggestions were made and what changes may need to be made. Sikyta stated that the agreement is still on hold pending the appointment of the new Sheriff.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and the committee will be meeting to review the proposed interlocal agreement.

At 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor Bolli presented with a report of overvalued, undervalued, clerical error, or omitted real property. Motion made by Krause to approve the report as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:47 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He stated that the Lowery bridge project will not begin until February of 2025 and the dam top has asphalt covered and the guard rail will be replaced this week.

Resolution 2024-18; Signing of the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-18, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the year-end certification of the County Highway Superintendent, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the re-appointment of Kori Hurlburt to a new 2-year term on the GLW Extension Board, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Abstain, Hurlburt.

The District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Krause to approve the 8th Judicial District appointed fee rate of \$125 per hour effective January 1, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a minor subdivision application for Randy and Layla Worden. Motion made by Krause to approve the minor subdivision as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the December 2024 meeting dates. Motion made by Hurlburt to adjust the meeting time on December 24, 2024, to 10:00 a.m. and to close the courthouse at 1:00 p.m. on both December 24 and December 31, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment for Sheriff, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:00 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 Deputy Sheriff Cox. Motion made by Hurlburt to exit closed session, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Krause to appoint Paul Cox as the Garfield County Sheriff with the term ending January 2027, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve changes that need to be made to the Garfield County Sheriff financial account at First Interstate Bank. Need to remove Corey Johnson as authorized user and add Paul Cox as authorized user of account, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of employee reimbursement policy, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:36 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. Motion made by Hurlburt to exit the closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:57 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Brief discussion was held on the county creating a formal policy on how county expenses will be reimbursed to employees and a credit card policy for county purchases. County Attorney Sikyta will draft for future approval.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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