

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

This being the Reorganization Meeting, County Clerk Koenigsberg asked for nominations from the floor for the Chairman of the Board for the year 2025. Motion made by Krause to nominate Jerome Zulkoski as the Chairman, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Koenigsberg turned the meeting over to Chairman Zulkoski. Motion made by Zulkoski to nominate Diana Hurlburt as vice-Chairman for the year 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 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 Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Zulkoski, Hurlburt and Krause.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held December 24th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to public comments. Lynn and Amy Ballagh were present to make the board aware of some updates with the R-Line project and requested they be informed if there is any communication directed toward the county for signing documents.

Motion made by Krause to reappoint Gary Kinney as road superintendent for 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:45 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for conditional use permit submitted by Rick and Karen Foxworthy. Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with a recommendation from the Garfield County Planning and Zoning Board for approval for the conditional use for a 50-unit storage facility on lot 14 located at Calamus Riverview Subdivision. With no comments from the public, Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to reappoint Jimmy Petersen as Weed Superintendent for 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He shared information on the upcoming lowery bridge project and the county recently purchased a used salt/sand spreader to use on the back of a pickup on the dam face road.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, presented with Nebraska Department of Agriculture year end reports for 2024. Reports were signed by Krause as he was chairman for the 2024 year.

Resolution 2025-1; Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-1, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-2; Deputy Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-2, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-3; Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-3, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-4; Committee Appointments for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-4, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-5; Investment of Excess Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-5, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-6; Capital Stock and Surplus Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-6, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-7; Designate Financial Institutions. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-7, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the discussion of old business with the proposed law enforcement interlocal agreement with the City of Burwell. Discussion was held with City Administrator Jeff Pohl about the proposed agreement and what needs to be done to move forward with an agreement that is mutually beneficial for all parties involved and to effectively continue public safety services in the City of Burwell and Garfield County. Pohl stated that it is still the intent of the City to go forward with the agreement and suggested that there needs to be some further discussion to determine the monetary value given due to the lack of ability of the number of law enforcement on staff as agreed upon previously. The item will be revisited after the City Council has a chance to review the agreement and discuss options moving forward.

The monthly revenue report for December and disbursement report along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed, as presented. County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, also presented with the semi-annual statement.

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

The County Attorney quarterly report was reviewed.

The Sheriff Quarterly Report was reviewed as presented.

Paul Cox, Garfield County Sheriff, presented with estimates for renovation work to be completed for the office space to be utilized by the law enforcement department. Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the informal estimate presented by Quattrochi Construction to be completed in 2 phases, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board