

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 13th, 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 Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

County Road Superintendent Kinney presented an update on the road department. He reported a recent accident on the Dam Top Road, during which the newly installed guardrail sustained damage requiring repair. The good news is that the guardrail functioned as intended. Kinney also stated that he recently re-submitted the grant request for Cedar River Road to Senator Fischer and that the county obligation is now at 20%.

Discussion was held regarding a possible agreement between the County and GLW Extension for the employee leave balance beginning July 1, 2025. Jennifer Epp was present on behalf of the extension and requested there be an agreement prior to the beginning of the interlocal agreement going into effect. She will present to the GLW Extension Board and County Attorney Sikyta will help draft an agreement for possible approval in June.

Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented a contract for Central Plains Valuations. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the contract as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Sheriff Paul Cox, presented with bids for patrol vehicles. Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the bid in the amount of \$52,977 with the vehicle being replaced to be sold for \$21,000 to help offset the cost, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the body camera contract currently in place for the sheriff department. The current company is difficult to work with and offers poor customer service. The decision was to let the current contract run out without buying it out.

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

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

A representative with Wave SecureTech Systems, Inc., was present to demonstrate their incident notification system for the courthouse and additional buildings.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services Representative, presented with new information provided by NACO benefit services including 2025 group insurance rates and information on Life insurance, Disability insurance, Employee Assistance plan, Identity Theft coverage, Student Loan assistance program and COBRA administration at no cost to NACO member counties. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve enrollment with NACO benefit services for County insurance, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into a closed session at 3:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and the annual performance review of Road Superintendent, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, Road Superintendent Kinney. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 4:15 p.m., second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 22, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that the Region 26 ARPA project funds have been resolved and the equipment will be installed utilizing a tower north of Burwell according to the purchase agreement.

Options for security in the courthouse were discussed. Will explore additional options and continue looking into the current needs.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board