

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 27th, 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 1:31 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held May 13, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Twin Loups, Tyler Klabenes, presented with a request for Garfield County to pass a resolution in support of Twin Loups Reclamation District obtaining local ownership through federal title transfer from the Bureau of Reclamation. He stated that he is reaching out to all stakeholders in support of their efforts. The question was raised as to what would happen with the PILT funds that Garfield County is currently receiving from the Department of the Interior for Federal lands. Klabenes stated that he would check on that and revisit at the next meeting with more information.

Loup County Sheriff, Dustin Spanel, presented with safety concerns about the traffic traveling along the newly surfaced roadway on the Calamus dam top as well as the potential need for enforcing the speed limits but without enough manpower to patrol. There have been multiple wrecks since project completion. Will look into the issue more and add to the next regular meeting agenda.

At 1:57 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the opening of bids from a gravel pup trailer. One bid was submitted from RDO Truck Centers in the amount of \$18,000. Motion made by Hurlburt to reject the bid and look at more options, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates. Kinney stated that the Lowery bridge was now open for public use. He reported update on a request for driveway access to county road at the Prairie Ridge Subdivision that he was going to disapprove.

Jimmy Petersen, County Weed Superintendent, presented information on options for purchasing chemical supply for spraying right of ways. Hurlburt stated that he should order what is needed to combat the weeds. Hurlburt also mentioned that she had received calls from landowners asking about spurge being sprayed up north. Petersen stated that he has been up there several times and has sprayed right of ways and some chemicals take days before you notice the effects on the spurge.

Chairman Zulkoski signed the Central Plains contract that was approved at the May 13 meeting.

Protest Hearing dates were set for the morning of July 8 and carry over to July 9, 2025.

Motion made by Krause to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Match request for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The claims and payroll were presented for approval. Motion made by Zulkoski to seek reimbursement for a questionable credit card charge for a meal and will discuss with the Weed Dept., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve payroll and claims for the month of May, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt stated that she would like the County to look into a time clock app with GPS capabilities. Will add to the next regular agenda.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 3:17 p.m. to discuss possible litigation, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 4:10 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Hurlburt made a note to point out that Garfield County was listed in the NIRMA publication as being a recipient of a \$500 grant for submitting minutes of the quarterly safety meetings.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board