

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025, at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska, pursuant to public notice posted in the Burwell Tribune with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Hurlburt and Zulkoski. At 1:15 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski opened the Budget Hearing. The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget was presented by Donald O. Nelson, CPA. With no comments from the public, at 1:24 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski closed the Budget Hearing.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 23rd, 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 the last County Commissioners meeting held September 9, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the agreement with SWMA. County Attorney Sikyta is still looking into this with the Custer County Attorney and recommends not signing the agreement at this time.

No public comments.

Resolution 2025-16; FY 2025-2026 Property Tax Request. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-16, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-17; FY 2025-2026 Budget Approval. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-17, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve payroll and claims for the month of September, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the joint law enforcement agreement and the additions/changes with the permanent agreement are. Some minor details need to yet be determined and ironed out and it was suggested to hold a joint meeting with the City of Burwell possibly in early October to have an agreement for approval at both regular meetings on October 14, 2025.

County Treasurer distress warrant listing was presented as all paid for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Motion made by Hurlburt, second by Zulkoski to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Weed Superintendent Jimmy Petersen, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the maintenance contract for Central Plains Valuation for pickup work for commercial new construction in Garfield County, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to reappoint Sandy Lowery, Ann Freeman, and Leslie Bumstead to the Planning and Zoning Board, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Ryan Ballagh to the Board of Adjustment, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation matters, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:10 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to leave closed session and return to regular meeting, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:12 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss elected official, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:12 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to leave closed session and return to regular meeting, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:25 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board