

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 9th, 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 Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held November 25, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department.

The federal subaward in the amount of \$15,318.00 for the SFY Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Technology was signed by Chairman Zulkoski.

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

The monthly revenue listing and disbursement report for November with a change in pledged collateral and the semi-annual statement was reviewed, as presented.

At 1:57 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the public hearing for the conditional use permit for VMSG for dredging and mining of sand and gravel. The statement of findings of fact from the Garfield County Planning and Zoning Board were presented for approval with the following conditions: a) A copy of the NDOT approval letter be on file b) A copy of the NDEE approval letter be on file c) Floodplain permits to be filed as needed. Vance Jeffres was present and representing VMSG. No comments from the public. At 2:07 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Conditional Use Permit for VMSG for dredging and mining of sand and gravel, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the conservation easement application for Tyler Kunzman & United States of America, USDA NRCS, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski signed the application.

Resolution 2025-21; 2026 Salaries. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2025-21, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Resolution on file with the County Clerk.

Resolution 2025-22; Deputy Salaries. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-22, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Resolution on file with the County Clerk.

Resolution 2025-23; Salaries Increase. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-23, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Resolution on file with the County Clerk.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the 2026 meeting dates for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Discussion was also held over the courthouse hours and employee holidays in December. Garfield County employees will

be done working at noon on December 24 and 31 and all-day December 25 and 26, 2025 with the courthouse hours reflecting these times. The courthouse will also be closing at noon on December 18, 2025, to allow employees to attend the NACO conference in Kearney, NE.

County Attorney Sikyta requested a closed session with the Board to discuss letters he will be sending out for possible litigation of outstanding matters. Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation matters, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:53 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 Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 3:47 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting. Action taken as a result of the closed session: Motion made by Zulkoski to direct the County Attorney to send letter to former Weed Superintendent to recover missing County records and property, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board