

## **Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record**

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 23, 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 9, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the applications for the Weed position to conduct interviews after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Sheriff Cox discussed the graduation they attended in Grand Island at the academy December 18<sup>th</sup> for new deputy Justin Schwisow. He will be riding along with Sheriff Cox and rotating with the other deputies for the next couple of months for on-the-job training. The Commissioners welcomed Deputy Schwisow to the Garfield County Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Hurlburt spoke about NACO and receiving the admiralship award for her term as President for NACO. She will continue to serve on the NACO board for one more year.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney reported that he inquired about leasing a mini excavator for an annual lease, but the road department would need to obtain a trailer to haul the equipment. He will continue to research options.

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

Motion was made to approve the appointment of GLW Extension board member Jerome Danner. Motion made by Zulkoski, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none

County Attorney, Curt Sikyta gave the Commissioners a letter of resignation. Curt will stay on until the county designates someone to fill the position. He suggested his associate; Joshua Salter be appointed as County Attorney and Curt would just change positions in the office.

County Attorney Sikyta requested a closed session with the Board to discuss 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 2:17 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta and his associate Joshua Salter. 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 briefed by the County Attorney, proceed as see fit, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Keri L. Koenigsberg,  
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jerome Zulkoski,  
Chairman of the Board