

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 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 Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Hurlburt, Zulkoski, and Krause. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2026-11, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held June 9, 2026, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to public comments. Lynn Ballagh was present and asked if the County has adopted any regulations on the Data Centers. Hurlburt noted that the county is aware of the recent discussions and issues related to the matter and that the Planning and Zoning Board will be meeting soon to discuss what that means for Garfield County.

At 1:36 p.m., Chairman Hurlburt recessed the regular meeting and opened the board of equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with Tax List Correction #599. Motion made by Krause to approve the correction as presented, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:38 p.m., Chairman Hurlburt reconvened the regular meeting.

Don Nelson, CPA, presented with information about his upcoming retirement. He introduced Jeff Mook who is purchasing his business, and that he can possibly work as a consultant to the County with the upcoming budget.

Time Rowse, County VSO, was presented with a plaque for 18 years of service to Garfield County. He indicated that the Board would need to advertise his replacement and make the appointment with the recommendation of the Veteran's Service Board.

At 2:05 p.m., Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to the opening of Gravel Bids submitted for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. Motion made by Hurlburt to accept and approve the gravel bids, with respect to location, submitted by Emme Sand and Gravel Inc., Ulrich Gravel Inc. and Jeffres Sand and Gravel Inc. for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney stated that he drove Cedar River Road with Timberline for the upcoming R-Line Project. He noted that the County can purchase 1 acre of ground on the north side of the east shop from Lex Bratka. Item to be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

Discussion was held on the illegal dumping on 468th Ave as it has become an eyesore and issues with encroaching the ROW line. Also discussed was 824th road and the encroachment on County Road ROW. County Attorney will draft letters to submit to owners of the property. Also discussed was the maintenance of the town shop and Kinney will advertise accepting bids for painting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve equipment purchase for county road department with financing through Northland Securities for a 7-year plan, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Resolution for final approval will be at July 14 regular meeting.

Resolution 2026-11; Reallocate Budget Authority. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2026-11, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the payroll and claims for June, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Hurlburt adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Diana Hurlburt,
Chairman of the Board