

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 11, 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, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners' meeting held July 28, 2026, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to unfinished business regarding auto gate installation application submitted by Brett Gumb on May 12, 2026. Comments were heard from Lin Gumb and Lynn and Amy Ballagh. Motion made by Hurlburt to formerly deny the installation of the 2 auto gates citing the request fails to meet public safety and the auto gates installed allowing 100 cow/calf pairs to walk across the road right of way that is significant and a crucial concern to the stability and financial burden to the county and would substantially affect the safety and welfare of the traveling public, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:58 p.m., Chairman Hurlburt recessed the regular meeting and opened the board of equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with tax list corrections 600, 601, and 602. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax list corrections as presented, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: all; Nay, none. At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Hurlburt reconvened the regular meeting.

Kali Bolli, County Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented a contract update and proposed update to the comprehensive plan from Marvin Planning Consultants. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the contract with the option to pay the cost of \$31,000 in two separate budget years, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to public comments. No comments.

Paul Bruning, representing NPPD presented updates and information on the R-Project.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the specs he sent out accepting motor grader bids.

1. No update on Virginia Smith Dam payment, NDOT advised not to pay until final costs are updated.
2. Working on updating the road agreement with NPPD with the R-Project.
3. Discussion on road department applications. Hurlburt stated that she would like to explore options for employee training to obtain CDL.
4. It was suggested that Kinney reach out to Jeffres to request they limit the use of the equipment in the purchase agreement signed July 28, 2026.
5. Discussion on 473rd Ave needing patched again.

Resolution 2026-17; Signing of County Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2026-17, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all;

Nay, none. The certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification was signed by Chairman Hurlburt.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the county annual certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Board Appointments Report:

Hurlburt- reported on Loup Basin RC&D, Area Agency on Aging, and Region 26 Council.

Zulkoski-recently attended the Planning and Zoning meeting

Krause-reported on Loup Basin Public Health Department

District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

The report of a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing, disbursement report and semi-annual statement was reviewed as presented by the County Treasurer.

County Attorney, Joshua Salter:

1. LB663-Shot clock law explanation for Planning and Zoning required training.
2. Waiting on survey Land purchase agreement
3. Rodeo update from his vantage point

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Clint Hurlburt as the Calamus Area Golf & Rec Club manager, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, Zulkoski and Krause; Nay, none; Abstain, Hurlburt.

Discussion was held on the new Garfield County website and NACO Central District meeting to be held in Kearney on September 17, 2026.

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Hurlburt adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Diana Hurlburt,
Chairman of the Board