

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

This being the Reorganization Meeting, County Clerk Koenigsberg asked for nominations from the floor for the Chairman of the Board for the year 2024. Motion made by Hurlburt to nominate Scott Krause as the Chairman, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Koenigsberg turned the meeting over to Chairman Krause. Motion made by Krause to nominate Diana Hurlburt as vice-Chairman for the year 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 11th, 2024 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held December 26th, 2023, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Lee Jeffres, who was appointed to the governing board for the 2023 year, presented with information on changes and a financial statement for the Loup Central Landfill Association.

Tim Rowse, Veteran Service Officer, presented with a quarterly report.

Motion made by Krause to reappoint Gary Kinney as road superintendent for 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to reappoint Jimmy Petersen as Weed Superintendent for 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt presented with information on possible storage for Region 26 pickup in Garfield County. She was trying to help them out with logistics and ideas for storage and thought if Garfield County might have room to store the vehicle, that may be a possibility. Some options were discussed, but it doesn't appear that the County has any excess storage options at this time.

Resolution 2024-1; Deputy Salaries for 2024. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-1, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-2; Salaries for 2024. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-2, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-3; Committee Appointments for 2024. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-3, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-4; Capital Stock and Surplus Funds. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-4, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-5; Investment of Excess Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-5, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-6; Designate Financial Institutions. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-6, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; nay, none.

The monthly revenue report and disbursement report for December along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed, as presented. County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, also presented with the semi-annual statement.

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

The Sheriff Quarterly Report was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Krause to designate The Burwell Tribune as the official county newspaper for 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Information was presented to the Board on Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS). At this time, the County will not participate as recommended by the County Treasurer.

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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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 January 9, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the accept the final completion letter and closeout of the CDBG project, Olsson project #021-02708 and pay the pay app through the claims, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of January, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Vernyce Weber presented a list of properties in Garfield County inquiring the County Board members and the Zoning Administrator as to whether they have counted any livestock at these listed locations. Hurlburt stated that in time the County will check everyone with feedlots. Bolli, Zoning Administrator, stated that she checks NDEQ website frequently for updates and changes to registered facilities in Garfield County. After much discussion between Mrs. Weber, the County Board and the Zoning Administrator, it was decided that Mrs. Weber and the Zoning Administrator set a time to discuss the matters at hand and try to make a plan moving forward.

Jeff Pohl, City of Burwell Administrator, presented information on a possible consolidation of law enforcement between the City and County and what that may potentially look like. At this point, just in the discussion of feasibility and if it would work, how to plan for the consolidation.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, presented the year reports from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Garfield County received another perfect score on the evaluation, which Krause signed for acknowledgement. Petersen stated that he will attend the NWCA conference in Norfolk in February when he will become the president.

Due to the recent snowstorm, Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, was unable to attend the meeting.

Kali Bolli, Zoning Administrator, presented a minor subdivision for Hoerle Ranch, LLC. Motion made by Krause to approve as presented, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on handbook updates for bad weather policy. The handbook committee will meet and discuss possible changes.

To remain in compliance with State Statute 35-901, the Burwell Volunteer Fire Department is asking the Garfield County Board of Commissioners, who is the taxing authority, for

authorization to bill for ambulance services in 2024. Motion made by Krause to approve, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

A request was made by GLW Extension to add a mailbox at the south of the building outdoors for a pickup/drop-off location for GLW families. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the placement of a mailbox in the rock area on the south of the building, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-07; New Fund-Other Special Revenue/PILT Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-07, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt at 2:30 p.m. to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and County Clerk Koenigsberg. At 3:05 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action taken as a result of the closed session. The item of Wage Discussions for County Road Superintendent to be added to the next agenda.

Motion made by Krause at 3:07 p.m. to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation matters, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and Attorney Michael Borders. At 3:29 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause and Zulkoski. Absent, Hurlburt.

Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Hurlburt.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held January 23, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Hurlburt.

Commissioner Zulkoski stated that he was going to be attending the GLW Extension meeting on March 3, 2024, to discuss the proposed interlocal agreement.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, gave an update on the FEMA EHP Review. He had to reach out to Mainelli Wagner for assistance with a letter they requested on the culverts.

The County Treasurer revenue listing and disbursement reports for January and the change in pledged collateral were all reviewed, as presented.

Jessica VanDewalle, Burwell Economic Development Director, presented a letter requesting support from the County Board for a leadership community application. Chairman Krause signed the letter of support for the City of Burwell.

The District Court month end report for January was reviewed.

Motion made by Krause at 1:49 p.m. to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing wages for the County Road Superintendent, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Hurlburt. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, Road Superintendent Kinney and County Clerk Koenigsberg. At 1:58 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Krause to approve amended resolution 2024-2 to resolve the incorrect action due to error in wages on the previously approved resolution, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Hurlburt.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held February 13, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Abstain, Hurlburt.

In other unfinished business, Commissioner Zulkoski stated that he is planning on attending the GLW Extension meeting on March 11, 2024. Jennifer Epp, Extension educator, stated that she had not heard from Loup or Wheeler County regarding the proposed Interlocal Agreement.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented with information on a letter of support for the NDOR with the updated rules for LB 1335. He stated that he had received closeout letters from FEMA for Disaster DR4420. Also shared was that there will be a pre-construction meeting at the Legion Club on March 13 at 10:00 a.m. for the Calamus Dam top project. Hurlburt asked Kinney what the snow routes for the County were during the winter season. He stated that the bus routes are first out east of the county and then each area in the county starts removal as soon as able.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Devyn Ballagh to a new 3-year term on the GLW Extension Board, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Judy Peterson, representing Central Nebraska Economic Development District, shared new timelines and dates on the project. Monitoring will need to be done until the fall and CNEDD will handle that. With no comments from the public, Chairman Krause closed the public hearing at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve claims and payroll submitted for payment for the month of February, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the Courthouse cleaning schedule. Motion made by Hurlburt to close the courthouse at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays beginning March 8 for the purpose of cleaning the courthouse until someone is hired to do the janitorial duties, second by Krause. Roll call vote: aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

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 February 27, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business the matter of FEMA Disaster DR4420 was discussed. Road Superintendent Kinney stated that the final inspection is scheduled for April 1, 2024. Commissioner Hurlburt stated that she spoke with NEMA recently regarding payment and they will be remitting payment for final reimbursement by month end, less the administrative costs.

Commissioner Zulkoski presented information from the GLW Extension meeting he recently attended to discuss the proposed interlocal agreement. He said that GLW Extension was waiting on a County to take the lead on this. Garfield County will initiate conversation with other counties and start the process.

The District Court month end report was reviewed as presented.

At 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the flex district amendment. Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with an amendment to the flex district that was approved by the planning and Zoning Board. With no comments from the public, at 1:50 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the amendment to the flex district as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report. All were reviewed, as presented. The tax sale certificates issued were reviewed and all parcels were sold this year.

Discussion was held about the structure of the Law Enforcement between Garfield County and the City of Burwell. Both entities are having difficulties hiring law enforcement officers. Possible consolidation, with tier payment program offered for new hires. Motion made by Krause to form a committee to explore solutions for consolidation of the sheriff and police department, with those members including Sheriff Korey Johnson, Deputy Paul Cox, City Administrator Jeff Pohl, and Commissioner Diana Hurlburt, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the County building a cash reserve. Hurlburt asked if the interest earned from NPAIT could be used for a cash reserve or how could the County build a reserve. County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, stated that currently the interest goes to County General, but she would check with the State Auditors office and check.

Hurlburt shared on LB1067, the elimination of the inheritance tax. NACO is opposing this bill and asking that the Governor propose a sustainable revenue to replace the inheritance tax.

In other new business, Kali Bolli shared a quarterly report from the safety committee. The only concern currently is a tote that is being stored in the furnace room inside the door that should be moved out of the way or to a different location.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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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 March 12, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the FEMA DR4420 Disaster funds received. The County Treasurer stated that some additional funds from NEMA are yet to come in as well as the management costs.

At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented tax acceleration #584. Motion made by Krause to approve the acceleration as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:36 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Tanya Storer, representative for Legislative District 43, met with the Board to introduce herself and share that she was running for a term representing District 43.

Discussion was held on the proposed law enforcement operations consolidation with the City of Burwell and the proposal for potential new personnel recommended by the committee was presented. County Attorney Sikyta will review the proposal and have something ready for possible approval at the April 9th meeting.

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Krause to approve the CDBG amendment to professional service/consultant agreement with CNEDD, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. In error, the amendment to the agreement with Garfield County and Olsson was not added to the agenda and will be presented for approval at the April 9th meeting.

The draft audit report was discussed. Not many findings were noted this year, so no formal exit would be required. The representation letter was signed by the Chairman, County Clerk and County Treasurer.

Discussion was held on the north door of the courthouse and the possible repairs that need to be made to fix the door jam and update the lock. Commissioner Zulkoski will look at the door.

Hurlburt asked about creating a county cash reserve fund and would like to add all interest earned from NPAIT into that fund rather than just the general fund. Discussion was held on possible solutions for a cash reserve fund. Item for discussion will be added to the April 9th meeting agenda.

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

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

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 March 26, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business the matter of FEMA Disaster DR4420 was discussed. Road Superintendent Kinney stated that projects 1 through 7 have been received and now finishing up the administrative costs for submission.

At 1:32 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Tammy Hitchcock, County Treasurer, presented a Form 457 motor vehicle tax exemption for Kamp Kaleo. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with tax list correction 585 for all centrally assessed in Garfield County and tax list correction 586 for all real estate located in Garfield County. Motion made by Krause to approve tax list correction number 585, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve tax list correction number 586, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Form 457 as presented, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:36 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Krause to approve amendment #3 for professional services/consultant agreement between Garfield County and Olsson, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. This agreement was extended to March 31, 2024 and should have been addressed in March 2024, but was left off of the meeting agenda by accident.

The Sheriff quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

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

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report. All were reviewed, as presented.

Discussion was held on a request made by Kenneth Ferris asking for a possible special permit to drive his utility vehicle on the highway to travel to town for snow removal. He had recently been stopped by local law enforcement for traveling on the highway, which is not legal. Nothing the County Board can do as that is not a licensed motor vehicle and Nebraska State laws do not permit such a use.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the one- and six-year road plan. Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented the proposed projects with an end date of December 31, 2029. With no comments from the public, Chairman Krause closed the public hearing at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting. Resolution

2024-8; one- and six-year road plan. Motion made by Krause to approve resolution 2024-8, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Sheriff, Korey Johnson presented with a concern for the potential liability with the upcoming Concrete Cares of Nebraska fundraiser due to the path of travel and possible alcohol use while operating atv's. The concerns raised prompted discussion as to how far does the County go to allow the event to continue with potential issues. It was suggested that Sheriff Johnson contact the event organizer and relay that if there are any damages or other issues with the event that require law enforcement action, that the event may not be allowed to be held in Garfield County. The County understands that this is a charitable event, but the laws also need to be enforced.

Discussion was held about the law enforcement operations and the potential for consolidating with the City of Burwell. Discussion on finances and wage proposals for hiring new officers was held. Motion made by Krause that it is the intent of Garfield County to continue to work with the City of Burwell for consolidating law enforcement and authorize the Sheriff's Department, County Clerk and Commissioner Hurlburt to continue working as a committee along with City Administrator Jeff Pohl, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the employee reimbursement agreement. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing employee policy and procedure, second by Zulkoski. At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the Board, County Attorney Sikyta and County Clerk Koenigsberg. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of the closed session at 4:06 p.m., second by Zulkoski. At 4:06 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Zulkoski to begin performance and evaluation reviews of all County departments, beginning on April 23 with the Weed Department, and scheduling all other departments in subsequent board meetings, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda with the exception of moving payroll and claims to the end of the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 9th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that she had recently attended a city council meeting and they expressed agreement to progress with consolidation of law enforcement operations. Deputy Sheriff Cox stated that there is a lot of work that needs to be done and some arrangements that will need to be discussed and ironed out before the consolidation happens. The Sheriff department would like to possibly have at least one other employee hired on the department before the busy summer season begins. The committee will meet again prior to the next regular meeting.

At 1:43 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented tax list correction #587. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax list correction as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. Stated that he recently had a water issue on Dumas Avenue that has been resolved. Discussion was held on a federal aide route project of 4.25 miles on Cedar River Road. The overall estimated cost of the project is \$500,000-\$700,000 per mile with the cost of 10-20% for Garfield County. Motion made by Zulkoski to apply for grant project 'Garfield County Nebraska, Cedar River Road Asphalt Project-Full Depth Reclamation With 4" Overlay', second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to create a cash reserve fund with the intention of all interest earned in NPAIT to be applied to the cash reserve fund, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all. Nay, none. The proposed resolution to create the fund will be at the next regular meeting.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a minor subdivision plat for Carl and Margaret Hensley. Motion made by Krause to approve the plat as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the CDBG grant drawdown #5, second by Zulkoski, Aye, all; Nay, none.

Due to a recent mistake with fuel handling made at the local Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Garfield County did have some minor damages to a vehicle that incurred some repairs. In order for Bosselman to cover the costs of the property damages they request a general liability release form to be signed by the County. Motion made by Hurlburt to direct County Attorney Sikyta to send a letter stating the County is not willing to sign the release until they know more about damages that were possibly incurred, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 2:13 p.m. for the purpose of negotiating contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and County Clerk Koenigsberg. Motion made by Krause to come out of the closed session at 2:42 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

SLFRF obligated funds were discussed as there is \$3005.72 in funds that need to be obligated by the end of 2024.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for evaluation and performance review of Weed Department, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:50 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and Weed Superintendent Petersen. At 3:42 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session. Next meeting will be the Road Department.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of filling out the evaluation form, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:45 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. At 3:57 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting and asked the County Clerk to file the evaluation form in the personnel file for James Petersen.

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

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Scott L. Krause,
Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 23, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-09; Law Enforcement Salary. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-09, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:37 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with applications for permissive exemption (form 451) in Garfield County. Jessica VandeWalle was representing Sandhills First Steps and Tim & Haley Groshans were representing Community Memorial Hospital. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve permissive exemptions for the following parcels, 000116600, 000121000, 000408600, 000118000, 000152600, 001023500, 001000500, 00518000, 005015800, 005026400, 005027800, 000114400, 000124600, 000144600, 001000200, 001000200, 000131800, 000439000, 006033800, 000408800, 000166000, 000409900, 000188000, 000189800, 000131600, 000110600, 000416800, 000125800, 000128800, 000401400, 000411200, and 00530440, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:49 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He recently submitted a grant through the congressionally directed spending request-Fiscal year 2025 and reported that the category z through FEMA for administrative costs has been submitted at around \$181,000.

Kinney also reported that the NDOT may be moving the guard rail on the dame top road, rather than fixing the edge. He was going to check with the Sate on a proposed MOU stating that if the irrigation district does not fix & has to move, that the County agrees to move the road in. MOU to be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiating a contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:05 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Clerk Koenigsberg and Lindsay Gumb with Gumb Auction and Realty. At 2:44 p.m. motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:45 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Krause to enter into closed session for the purpose of employee performance review for Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, second by Hurlburt. Roll call, Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:46 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the Board, County Attorney Sikyta and Gary Kinney.

Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 3:00 p.m., second by Zulkoski. No action taken as a result of the closed session and Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the estimate from Central Plains Valuations for 6-year review, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report for April. All were reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to continue with NACO Benefit Services and offer the same plan for Garfield County employees at a deductible level of \$2600 with the HRA buydown to \$500, second by Zulkoski. Roll Call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

There are some SLFRF funds yet to be obligated by the end of the year. Some options were discussed on how best to utilize the funds.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

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Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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Scott L. Krause,
Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

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 May 14th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the letter of intent received from the City of Burwell regarding the consolidation of law enforcement. Sheriff Johnson stated that he is continuing discussions with the City Administrator and will get more information and clarification.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of negotiating a contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:32 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Clerk Koenigsberg, and Lin Gumb with Gumb Auction and Realty. At 1:55 p.m. motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Krause. Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Commissioner Zulkoski to negotiate and discuss further offers with the realtor, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:57 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. Deputy County Assessor, Shelisa Lytle, presented a permissive exemption for parcel 000411600. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the permissive exemption as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:59 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. Discussion was held on the guard rail project for the dam top road. Currently the irrigation district maintains that the issue should be the County responsibility. County Attorney Sikyta will refer to the agreement from 1980 and send correspondence to the irrigation district on behalf of the County.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Fiscal Year 2024/2025 match request, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Krause signed the contract with Central Plains Valuations that was approved at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

Protest hearing dates were set for July 9, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the resignation of the Library Director, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-10; Authorize transfer funds CDBG to County General. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-10, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the liquor license manager change for the Calamus Golf Course to Mary Dobbins, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Maximus Consulting contract, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on some complaints received from landowners about the problem leafy spurge in the County and what can be done to enforce landowners to spray and help control the issue. Garfield County landowners Matt Lowery and Doug Bode were both present to address the issue and ask what the County can do to enforce the spraying and control to all landowners.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 2:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and to protect the public interest, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Weed Superintendent Petersen and County Clerk Koenigsberg briefly. Motion made by Krause to come out of the closed session at 3:12 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held May 28, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:32 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented a report on overvalued, undervalued, clerical error or omitted real property. Motion made by Krause to approve as presented, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:33 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Discussion on the dam top project over how to proceed. County Attorney Sikyta is drafting a letter to send to the Bureau, owners of the dam, on how the project might be handled.

Heidi Borg, Agriculture liaison representative for Congressman Adrian Smith presented with information and projects that Congressman Smith is currently working on.

Motion made by Krause to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiating a contract for the purchase of property and to maintain confidentiality, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:42 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Clerk Koenigsberg and Lin Gumb with Gumb Auction and Realty. At 2:05 p.m. motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:05 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made Hurlburt to approve the purchase contract for one half of the condominium situated on lots 26 & 27, Block 11, Original town of Burwell and to appoint Chairman Krause to sign all documents related to the sale, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Hurlburt stated that she will contact KC Pest Control for inspection and spraying at the Courthouse.

The District Court monthly report for May was reviewed as presented.

The monthly revenue report and disbursement report for May along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the final financial report for the CDBG grant, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

There are some SLFRF funds yet to be obligated by the end of the year. Some options were discussed on how best to utilize the funds. No decision was made.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the NIRMA renewal for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 25th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

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 June 11th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the development of the law enforcement operations and consolidating with the City of Burwell. County Attorney is working with NIRMA to draft a proposed interlocal agreement.

Discussion was also held about property that was recently purchased by the County. County Attorney Sikyta stated that the requested information has been added to the purchase agreement.

Motion made by Hurlburt to proceed with the interlocal agreement with GLW Extension services and that Garfield County will have the interlocal agreement for all three counties to approve. County Attorney Sikyta will draft the agreement.

At 1:52 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. Deputy County Assessor, Shelisa Lytle, presented a report on overvalued, undervalued, clerical error or omitted real property. Motion made by Krause to approve the permissive exemption as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:53 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Leah Smiley, with First Light Child Advocacy Center, presented information on initiative 13 project and what the center does along with a request for financial support of \$1000 from Garfield County. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the financial support in the amount of \$1000, second by Krause. Aye, all; nay, none.

At 2:05 p.m., Chairman Krause directed the meeting to the opening of gravel bids. 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 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Time Rowse, County VSO, presented with a 6 month report.

County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented with a report regarding LB 77-1918, no delinquent taxes.

Shelisa Lytle presented a minor subdivision for Tyler Kunzman for approval. Motion made by Krause to approve the plat as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. Kinney stated that he is continuing to work with the Bureau and Department of Roads for the dam top road regarding the guard rail.

Resolution 2024-11; Create New Fund "Law Enforcement-Operating". Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-11, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of June including the claim to transfer all interest earned through NPAIT on the main account into the Sinking Fund, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to seek an estimate for the exterior stone cleaning at the courthouse, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the library board appointment of Brenda Brockman, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on how the Opioid funds could potentially be distributed and what programs were allowed. Discussion was held on various ideas. Item to be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

Hurlburt reported that she followed up with the Weed Superintendent, and maintenance and spraying in the northern part of the county is going good and that absentee land owners have been contacted and progress has been made.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

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Scott L. Krause,
Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1:20 p.m. to hear protest number 7 for parcel ID000307400. Testimony was heard on behalf of the property owner or designee. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the Board of Equalization and opened the regular board meeting. The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:34 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and reconvened the Board of Equalization that was previously recessed. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with a report of overvalued, undervalued, clerical error. Motion made by Krause to approve as presented, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Zulkoski to make no changes based upon County Assessor's recommendation on protest number 7 for parcel ID 000307400, second by Krause. At 1:37 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held June 25, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Attorney Sikyta presented with a proposed interlocal agreement for law enforcement operations for review.

County Attorney Sikyta will draft a right of first refusal for the planned property acquisition and funds for the purchase to be spent through the Inheritance Fund.

Sally Peters representing GLW Children's Services was present to discuss possible options that the County could utilize Opioid Settlement funds to help support services through their programming.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the updated agreement with Roy Kloppenborg, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to designate the state print shop for the joint public hearing postcards, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-12; 1% Budget Increase. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve resolution 2024-12, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report for June. Also presented was the semi-annual statement. All were reviewed, as presented. Also presented with a request to close the VSO CD and move the

funds to NPAIT. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the closing on the CD and transfer of funds, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The Sheriff quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

Discussion was held about courthouse janitorial and the need to hire a part time employee for the position as there has been a vacancy since February with no interested applicants.

Motion made by Krause to sign the MOU between the AOCP and Garfield County for the transfer of courtroom technology, second by Hurlburt.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 9th, 2024, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt stated that she had discussed with the County Sheriff about current happenings and she reported that there is new deputy hired and the department is gearing up for rodeo week ahead.

At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented with tax list corrections 588, 589 590 and 591. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax list corrections as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:37 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects.

Motion made by Krause to approve the annual certification form for period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Treasurer, Hitchcock, presented with a distress warrants collected report along with the report from the County Sheriff's Office.

County Assessor, Bolli, presented with the cemetery report and a 3 year plan of assessment.

Resolution 2024-13; Fair Association Request. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-13, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-14; Fire District Request. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2024-14, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the upcoming closing on property the County is acquiring.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of July, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at : p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 23, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the newly acquired property for the County. Discussion held that contact needs to be made with the current tenants letting them know they have until December 31, 2024, to find a new location. Currently, there are three tenants that occupy four offices.

In other unfinished business, discussion was held about the janitorial in the Courthouse and Annex building. Hurlburt mentioned there may be a business interested in the courthouse cleaning and that she will meet with them and go over the details.

At 1:42 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor, Kali Bolli, presented a tax acceleration for parcel id 1180500. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax acceleration as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, at 1:44 p.m., Chairman Krause adjourned the board of equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Don Nelson was present to go over the preliminary budget numbers. Some changes were made to the numbers requested to make the budget balance and not increase the property tax request. Discussion was held on the need to again be mindful of the budget authority and fund balances. Nelson stated that he will continue to work on the numbers and get a more accurate budget presented at the next regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney shared that the bids for the Lowery bridge project will be opened on August 16. Discussion was held on the cost of the project, the timeline and the grant process. Motion made by Hurlburt to proceed with the project if the bids come in under the estimate, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-15; County Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion made by Krause to approve resolution 2024-15, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, was present to discuss equipment for the weed department. He stated that he was looking into replacing some equipment for the weed department but will hold off for the time being.

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

The County Treasurer presented a change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement report for July.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the Region 3 agreement as presented, second by Hurlburt.
Aye, all; Nay, none.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Garfield County Clerk

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Chairman of the Board

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, 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 Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

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 August 13th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the draft interlocal agreement for joint law enforcement operations with the City of Burwell. The County Attorney will send on to NIRMA for review.

Chairman Krause directed the meeting to the public comments section and Senator Brewer was in attendance to share information about the recent special session in the legislature. He shared that he has reached his term limit, and this is his last year and information on the recent passing of LB34 and what effects it may have on the County.

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects and stated the recent bid letting for the Lowery Bridge came in under the estimates and shared what the bids were for the project.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director, was present to share updates on what is happening with NACO and the new building in Ogallala. He shared important dates for some upcoming training and workshops that NACO will be hosting for County officials.

The 2024-2025 budget was reviewed. With the proposed budget the tax levy rate is less than the prior year's levy and the County will not require a joint public hearing.

Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Jerome Zulkoski to the Pathway Bank Condominium Association with Hurlburt as the alternate, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. County Attorney Sikyta will look at new rental agreements with the current tenants.

Motion made by Krause to approve the monitoring response letter for the CDBG grant, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the inventory listings for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the payroll and claims submitted for payment for the month of August, second by Zulkoski. Aya, all; Nay, none.

In other new business, Clerk Koenigsberg shared that there has been an appeal filed with the Tax and Equalization Review Commission (TERC).

Discussion was held on moving the VSO and Weeds offices to the new Pathway building along with the County Attorney drafting letters to the current tenants explaining the changes in ownership.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 1:05 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 1:05 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Budget Hearing. The 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was presented by Donald O. Nelson, CPA. With no comments from the public, at 1:19 p.m., Chairman Krause closed the Budget Hearing. At 1:20 p.m., Chairman Krause opened the Property Tax Request Hearing. The proposed property tax request was reviewed. With no comments from the public, Chairman Krause closed the property tax request hearing at 1:29 p.m.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, 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 & on the Garfield County website. Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held August 27, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the law enforcement operations and the proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed as presented by County Attorney Sikyta. The Burwell City Council will be reviewing the proposed interlocal agreement as well and the agreement will be relayed onto NIRMA for review as well.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and forming a committee to discuss what needs to be included in the new agreement. Hurlburt suggested Jerome Zulkoski, Curt Sikyta, Jennifer Epp, Keri Koenigsberg and GLW Extension Board member, Neleigh Gehl.

Discussion was held on the available SLFRF funds and the remaining \$3005.72 needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2025. At this time no decision has been made on the obligated funds.

Discussion on the new pathway building unit #2 purchase and the letter that is being sent to the current tenants with information on vacating the building by December 31, 2024, and where rents should be remitted. County Attorney Sikyta will also send correspondence to Pathway Bank requesting rents that have been paid since the closing date of August 1, 2024, be remitted to the County.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented with contract for the Lowery Bridge project. The contract will be approved and signed at the next regular meeting. He shared that the damn top project contracts are currently being adjusted.

Resolution 2024-15; Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Approval. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-15, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

The revenue listing and disbursement report along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed as presented.

Hurlburt shared that the NACO Central District meeting will be September 19, 2024, in Aurora and the annual NACO conference will be December 18-20, 2024 in Kearney.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Scott L. Krause,
Chairman of the Board

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Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt the minutes of the last County Commissioners meeting held September 10th, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and the status of the agreement. County Attorney Sikyta stated that there are some updates, and the committee will need to meet to go over a proposal before submitting it for review.

Discussion was held on the interlocal agreement on the consolidation of law enforcement for the City and County. Jeff Pohl, Burwell City Administrator, presented an update on where the City Council is in the process of the agreement. Pohl suggested a 1-year agreement at this time to get something in place and to allow payments to help offset costs the County may incur due to the consolidation. Pohl also stated that the City Burwell will continue to work with the County moving forward to come up with a more permanent agreement. County Attorney Sikyta will work on getting a temporary agreement in place by the October 8th meeting.

Discussion was held on the remaining SLFRF funds. There remains \$3005.72 in unobligated funds and will need to be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2025. Some options were discussed, and the issue will be moved to the next regular meeting.

No comments from the Public.

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

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. He stated that the dam top project will begin in approximately 3-4 weeks.

Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the bid from Dixon Construction in the amount of \$479,645.52 for the bridge project Garfield County CBMP(7) C003612305(131) Contract, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. This project is eligible for a grant from the NDOT in the amount \$250,000.00 to match leaving the County responsible for the remaining \$229,645.52.

Resolution 2024-16; Property Tax Request. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-16, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

In other new business, Hurlburt shared that she recently attended the NACO Central District Conference along with other elected officials and it was well attended. She again encouraged anyone wanting to attend the NACO annual conference in December or the legislative conference this fall in Ogallala, that it would be a very informative opportunity as an elected official.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 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 & on the Garfield County website. Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held September 24, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the law enforcement operations and the proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed as presented by County Attorney Sikyta. City Administrator Jeff Pohl was present and noted that the City Council will review the agreement as well. Chairman Krause directed the meeting to the opening of a letter of resignation by Sheriff Korey Johnson, effective October 31, 2024. The board suggested the County Clerk advertise the open position for 2 weeks in the Burwell Tribune and Grand Island Independent. The appointment for the remaining term needs to be made in 45 days upon vacancy.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and at this time the committee still needs to have a meeting to work on the proposed interlocal agreement.

Discussion was held on the available SLFRF funds and the remaining \$3005.72 needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2025. No decision made at this time.

The meeting was directed at clearing trees on 832nd Road. A concern from property owners, Dylan and Kortney Miller, was expressed toward the condition of the trees that were recently cleared leaving an unattractive mess and ruined a potential wind break. They requested that the job be cleaned up and made right by the County. Road Superintendent Kinney stated that the area will be cleaned up and made more attractive.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department and the updates on the bridge match program with NDOT. The program will go through 2029 for remaining potential bridge updates. He stated that the County should be receiving \$175,000 of the \$250,000 grant as submitted.

The Sheriff quarterly report was reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated CVB interlocal agreement, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Jessica VanDewalle, Burwell Economic Development Director, was present to share updates with the CVB office. They previously hired Rachelle Stolzer as the part-time program assistant. Also discussed were the holiday events to be held on December 5th by the City of Burwell/Burwell Chamber of Commerce. Request to use the greenspace for the live reindeer as well as the front lobby of the courthouse for activities. Motion made by Hurlburt to allow for the use of the courthouse lobby and lawn, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented. Motion made by Krause to appoint Steven Johnson to a new term on the Veterans Service Committee, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2024-17; Property Tax Tables. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-17, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

The revenue listing and disbursement report along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed as presented.

The County Attorney quarterly report was reviewed, as presented.

Discussion was held about the pathway building and the rent that is due from the current tenants. County Attorney Sikyta will address the issues and relay to the Board at the next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held October 8th, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Attorney Sikyta shared that the proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Burwell for law enforcement operations is still under review.

Motion made by Hurlburt to obligate the remaining \$3005.72 in SLFRF funds to Garfield County for Courthouse repairs and maintenance, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

No comments from the public.

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

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. He stated that the dam top road is moving along, and that the status of the project currently is that the downstream guard rail has been removed and ready for replacement.

In other new business, discussion was held about the status and updates of the new building recently purchased. The applications for Sheriff that have been submitted were reviewed.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, 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 & on the Garfield County website. Chairman Krause called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Krause, Zulkoski and Hurlburt.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt the minutes of the last County Commissioners' meeting held October 22, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the law enforcement operations and the proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed as presented by County Attorney Sikyta. Some suggestions were made and what changes may need to be made. Sikyta stated that the agreement is still on hold pending the appointment of the new Sheriff.

Discussion was held about the GLW interlocal agreement and the committee will be meeting to review the proposed interlocal agreement.

At 1:45 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. County Assessor Bolli presented with a report of overvalued, undervalued, clerical error, or omitted real property. Motion made by Krause to approve the report as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:47 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He stated that the Lowery bridge project will not begin until February of 2025 and the dam top has asphalt covered and the guard rail will be replaced this week.

Resolution 2024-18; Signing of the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2024-18, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the year-end certification of the County Highway Superintendent, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the re-appointment of Kori Hurlburt to a new 2-year term on the GLW Extension Board, second by Krause. Aye, Krause and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Abstain, Hurlburt.

The District Court monthly report was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Krause to approve the 8th Judicial District appointed fee rate of \$125 per hour effective January 1, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a minor subdivision application for Randy and Layla Worden. Motion made by Krause to approve the minor subdivision as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the December 2024 meeting dates. Motion made by Hurlburt to adjust the meeting time on December 24, 2024, to 10:00 a.m. and to close the courthouse at 1:00 p.m. on both December 24 and December 31, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment for Sheriff, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta and Deputy Sheriff Cox. Motion made by Hurlburt to exit closed session, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Krause to appoint Paul Cox as the Garfield County Sheriff with the term ending January 2027, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve changes that need to be made to the Garfield County Sheriff financial account at First Interstate Bank. Need to remove Korey Johnson as authorized user and add Paul Cox as authorized user of account, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of employee reimbursement policy, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:36 p.m. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to exit the closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:57 p.m. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Brief discussion was held on the county creating a formal policy on how county expenses will be reimbursed to employees and a credit card policy for county purchases. County Attorney Sikyta will draft for future approval.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 26th, 2024, 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 and posted on the Garfield County website. Vice-Chairman Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Hurlburt and Zulkoski. Absent, Krause.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held November 12th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Discussion was held on the proposed temporary agreement with the City of Burwell for joint law enforcement. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the proposed temporary agreement pending approval of the City of Burwell for the current Fiscal Year, second by Zulkoski. Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

In other unfinished business, Hurlburt stated that work on painting in the new building is going very well and should be done soon. Sheriff Cox reported that he is working on getting some estimates for the work to be done at the courthouse, waiting on contractor to review.

Vice-Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to comments from the public, having no comments from the public the meeting was advanced to matters of new business.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve payroll and claims submitted for November, second by Hurlburt. Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, reported that work on the dam top road is nearly complete with the guard rail installation almost done.

Motion made by Hurlburt to sign and approve the maximus indirect cost allocation plan, second by Zulkoski. Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

County Sheriff, Paul Cox, addressed the board and discussed some possible changes to the fee schedule and forming a hiring panel for new officers to include the City and County.

The County Treasurer's disbursements report & revenue listing for October, a change in pledged collateral and distress warrant listing were all reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the fee schedule for the County Clerk's office with an effective date of December 1, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Aye, Zulkoski and Hurlburt; Nay, none; Absent, none.

Hurlburt shared that the annual NACO conference will be held December 18-20th in Kearney.

Discussion was held on the snow removal for the Courthouse. Gary Kinney agreed that the Road Department should be able to clear the parking areas on the east side of the courthouse.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Vice-Chairman Hurlburt adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the agenda, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held November 26, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:34 p.m., Chairman Krause recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. Deputy County Assessor Shelisa Lytle presented with tax list corrections #593 and #594. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the tax list corrections as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:36 p.m., Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He stated that the dam top work will resume in the spring and reported that there was recently a string of sign vandalism on Highway 91 east.

Resolution 2024-19; Vehicle Inspection Fees on Site. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-19, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the schedule of fees for the Garfield County Sheriff with an effective date of December 10, 2024, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Jimmy Petersen, County Weed Superintendent presented with information on North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) membership. The membership fee is \$100 annually. Motion made by Hurlburt for Garfield County to continue with annual membership with NAISMA, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court monthly report for November was reviewed as presented.

The change in pledged collateral, revenue listing and disbursement reports presented by the County Treasurer was reviewed.

Motion made by Krause to approve the credit card policy for Garfield County, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve the 2025 meeting dates and payroll dates, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared information on the new building and stated that progress is going well and GLW will possibly be moving into the building as early as December yet. She also shared that a hiring panel between the City and County will be interviewing law enforcement applicant on December 20, 2024.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held December 10th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that the GLW Extension has moved into the new building and they are really excited for the services they will continue to provide for 4H families and the community with the new space.

No public comments.

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

Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, reported on current road projects. He reported that the Lowery bridge project will begin soon. The road department has been working on wash boards on the road and getting winter equipment ready to go.

Motion made by Krause to designate The Burwell Tribune as the official county newspaper for 2025, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Tim Rowse, Veterans Service Officer, reported on the 4th quarter activity. The report was reviewed, as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to go into closed session at 10:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Krause cleared the room for the closed session with members of the board and the County Attorney in attendance of the closed session. At 11:09 a.m., motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Krause reconvened the regular meeting. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

The County Noxious Weed program evaluation from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture was reviewed as presented. Garfield County received a perfect score.

Discussion was held about the temporary interlocal agreement that was approved on November 26, 2024 by the County. Waiting to hear back from the City of Burwell on approval. It was suggested that there be a workshop with the County board and the City Council to meet to discuss the options and review agreement together on January 13 at 1:00 p.m. County clerk is to contact the City and notice the joint work session.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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