

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 2025. Motion made by Krause to nominate Jerome Zulkoski as the Chairman, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Koenigsberg turned the meeting over to Chairman Zulkoski. Motion made by Zulkoski to nominate Diana Hurlburt as vice-Chairman for the year 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 14th, 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 24th, 2024, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to public comments. Lynn and Amy Ballagh were present to make the board aware of some updates with the R-Line project and requested they be informed if there is any communication directed toward the county for signing documents.

Motion made by Krause to reappoint Gary Kinney as road superintendent for 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:45 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for conditional use permit submitted by Rick and Karen Foxworthy. Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with a recommendation from the Garfield County Planning and Zoning Board for approval for the conditional use for a 50-unit storage facility on lot 14 located at Calamus Riverview Subdivision. With no comments from the public, Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to reappoint Jimmy Petersen as Weed Superintendent for 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He shared information on the upcoming lowery bridge project and the county recently purchased a used salt/sand spreader to use on the back of a pickup on the dam face road.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, presented with Nebraska Department of Agriculture year end reports for 2024. Reports were signed by Krause as he was chairman for the 2024 year.

Resolution 2025-1; Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-1, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-2; Deputy Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2024-2, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-3; Salaries for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-3, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-4; Committee Appointments for 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-4, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-5; Investment of Excess Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-5, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-6; Capital Stock and Surplus Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-6, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-7; Designate Financial Institutions. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-7, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the discussion of old business with the proposed law enforcement interlocal agreement with the City of Burwell. Discussion was held with City Administrator Jeff Pohl about the proposed agreement and what needs to be done to move forward with an agreement that is mutually beneficial for all parties involved and to effectively continue public safety services in the City of Burwell and Garfield County. Pohl stated that it is still the intent of the City to go forward with the agreement and suggested that there needs to be some further discussion to determine the monetary value given due to the lack of ability of the number of law enforcement on staff as agreed upon previously. The item will be revisited after the City Council has a chance to review the agreement and discuss options moving forward.

The monthly revenue report for December and disbursement report 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 County Attorney quarterly report was reviewed.

The Sheriff Quarterly Report was reviewed as presented.

Paul Cox, Garfield County Sheriff, presented with estimates for renovation work to be completed for the office space to be utilized by the law enforcement department. Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the informal estimate presented by Quattrochi Construction to be completed in 2 phases, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 28th, 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 the minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held January 14, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

In unfinished business, the temporary law enforcement interlocal agreement with the City of Burwell was discussed. Jeff Pohl was present on behalf of the city along with Sheriff Cox. The temporary agreement would be in effect through September of 2025 while issues are worked out and a more permanent agreement can be established. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the temporary agreement as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He shared updates on the Lowery Bridge project and the current happening in the road department.

Commissioner Hurlburt mentioned that she was recently informed that the Cedar River Road Asphalt project submitted for Congressionally Directed Spending Request to the Senate Committee on Appropriations has made it to the floor for potential approval. Some discussion on how the county will proceed if the project is approved.

Motion made by Krause to appoint Kyle Rowse to the Planning and Zoning Board, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Matt Childress representing Applied Connective Technologies, presented quotes for various services for the County. He also shared information on some grants that they have assisted the County with applying for. If awarded these grants, some projects will be eligible to apply for reimbursement.

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

The draft audit report was reviewed, and the representation letter was signed by the Board Chairman, County Clerk and County Treasurer.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to public comments, with no comments noted.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 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 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held January 28, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The quotes recently presented by Applied Connective were reviewed. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the quotes for the server upgrade and the wireless bridge, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the letter of support for the Burwell Volunteer Fire Department grant application, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The monthly revenue report and disbursement report for January along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed, as presented. County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, also presented with the delinquent tax sale notice for 2023 taxes.

A letter of opposition to LB216 was signed by the board and is to be included in letters of opposition to the judiciary committee members for the hearing that is to be held on February 13, 2025.

Hurlburt shared that the Safety Committee was recently awarded \$500 for Garfield County from NIRMA for submitting minutes from the meetings held in 2024 for their "money for minutes" program .

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 25th, 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 February 11, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Highway Weed Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates. Including progress update on lowery bridge, the dam top on hold for winter months, and county employees are busy blading roads and cutting trees.

The proposed GLW interlocal agreement was reviewed as presented. At this time the agreement is to be reviewed by both Loup and Wheeler Counties and subject to corrections, additions, or changes will be approved and be effective July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve estimate for flooring by Quattrochi Construction, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Jimmy Petersen, Weed Superintendent, presented with information on a grant through the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the SWMA and they were awarded \$340,000 over a 3 year period of time.

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

The district court monthly report for January was reviewed as presented.

The estimate from Tri City Sign was reviewed for the new annex building.

Hurlburt presented with information on legislative bill 576 and that she will be testifying in support of the bill and requested support from Garfield County as well.

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 11th, 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 February 25, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski brought up the item of the GLW agreement in old business, and the agreement is currently being reviewed by Loup and Wheeler Counties for approval.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the public comments, there were none.

The monthly revenue report and disbursement report for February along with a change in pledged collateral was reviewed, as presented. The County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, also presented with a list of tax sale certificates sold on March 3, 2025.

Rebecca Slaton presented with questions on law enforcement in the City of Burwell and Garfield County and was asking for guidance on who to contact for safety and emergency services. Sheriff Cox indicated that the correct procedure would be to continue to contact Region 26 and then the proper authorities would be directed to handle the call.

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

Discussion was held about snow removal at the courthouse parking lots and as to who is responsible for clearing the snow. Chairman Zulkoski will contact road superintendent and discuss establishing the point of contact and the plan of communication going forward.

Motion made by Hurlburt to not hold the November 11, 2025 regular meeting due to the Veteran's Day holiday being recognized, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The discussion of how the interlocal agreement between the City of Burwell and Garfield County for law enforcement consolidation has been approved by both the City and the County.

In other new business, Hurlburt noted that she had recently discussed the possibility of options for the east parking lots and the courthouse. Possibly millings, asphalt or concrete on the parking lots to help with drainage and long-term maintenance.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing a new hire personnel contract, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:09 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session, those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, Sheriff Cox and City Administrator Pohl. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:55 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting. Action taken as a result of the closed session: Motion made by Hurlburt to authorize the sheriff to pay 75% or up

to \$17,500 of the proposed expenses to “buyout” contract for potential new hire subject to enter additional terms signing agreement with officer and no action taken against the new hire or Garfield County Sheriff and all equipment be delivered as listed on agreement, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held March 11, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski stated in old business that Gary Kinney will be the point of contact for snow removal at the courthouse parking lots and will take care of arranging that the job gets done.

Motion made by Krause to approve the agreement for termination of training contract for new hire of Sheriff Deputy for Garfield County with the stipulation that no payment will be made to Wheeler County until all parties have signed the agreement and the list of equipment will be attached to said agreement, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Jeff Pohl, Burwell City Administrator, presented information on the tree dump that is located on Windy Hill Avenue south of the transfer station. Pohl stated that the city is exploring viable solutions for alternative options for the possibility of alternate/additional location as the current location is running out of space. Road Superintendent stated that the road department would be willing to come and assist to help clear and possibly make more space at the existing location.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with road department updates. Including progress update on Lowery bridge and the re-bid on the dam top road (calamus reservoir state rec road project) came in higher on the guard rail but lower on the asphalt. The 2025 bridge inspection estimate from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. was reviewed as presented.

At 2:01 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the one and six year road plan. County Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney presented with the proposed one and six year road plan. With no comments from the public, Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

Resolution 2025-08; One and Six Year Road Plan. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-08, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 8th, 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 Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held March 25, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve and sign the GLW interlocal agreement with Loup and Wheeler Counties with an effective date of July 1, 2025, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The County Road Superintendent presented with information on the road department that includes information on the progress on the dam top road and Lowery bridge. Kinney stated that he will submit a new request for funding for the Cedar River Road asphalt project.

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

At 1:40 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for re-zoning south 1/2 of lot 8, Calamus Riverview Subdivision. Request from property owner, David Post, to re-zone south of Wild Horse Road to the flex district. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval for the re-zoning. At 1:46 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Krause to approve the re-zone request as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:47 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski Recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the flex district amendment. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with information on the flex district and the change to allow seasonal dwelling or cabin in the flex district and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of permitted use. At 1:50 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Krause to approve the flex district amendment, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Weed Superintendent, Jimmy Petersen, presented with the 2024-year end reports from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Chairman Zulkoski signed the reports as received.

The sheriff quarterly report and call log was reviewed as presented.

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

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

Hurlburt reminded everyone about the upcoming GLW Extension open house scheduled for April 14 from 4-6 p.m. with the ribbon cutting set for 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Zulkoski signed the request for a current list of lodging tax permit holders in Garfield County.

Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into a closed session at 2:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, County Clerk Koenigsberg, and County Assessor Kali Bolli. Motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 3:04 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session with 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 Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 22nd, 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of the last County Commissioners meeting held April 8, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to unfinished business. Motion made by Krause to transfer ownership and title of the 2023 travelalong gooseneck trailer to Loup Basin RC&D, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the letter received from the Nebraska Equalization and Review Commission with information about the upcoming TERC hearing set for June 12, 2025, at the Judicial Center in Broken Bow, NE.

At 1:36 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization. County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented with a form 457-application for exemption from motor vehicle taxes for Kaleo on the River. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the exemption, second by Krause. Roll call vote, aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:38 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski closed the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

No public comments.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates and stated that he submitted a new application for the grant funding through Senator Deb Fisher. Kinney shared information on the condition of the pup trailer and the repairs that would be necessary exceed the value of the trailer. Kinney will explore options for replacing the trailer.

Resolution 2025-09; GLW Extension Fund (1050). Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-09, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared information regarding the status of work to be done for Region 26 to have equipment/antenna installed on the radio tower north of Burwell utilizing SLFRF funds that were provided by Garfield County. At this time, the equipment has been purchased and now waiting on access and terms for use on the tower.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss personnel issues, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:24 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney, Clerk and Assessor. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 2:43 p.m., second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski

reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken by the board as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Zulkoski to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Keri L. Koenigsberg,
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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 13th, 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 Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

County Road Superintendent Kinney presented an update on the road department. He reported a recent accident on the Dam Top Road, during which the newly installed guardrail sustained damage requiring repair. The good news is that the guardrail functioned as intended. Kinney also stated that he recently re-submitted the grant request for Cedar River Road to Senator Fischer and that the county obligation is now at 20%.

Discussion was held regarding a possible agreement between the County and GLW Extension for the employee leave balance beginning July 1, 2025. Jennifer Epp was present on behalf of the extension and requested there be an agreement prior to the beginning of the interlocal agreement going into effect. She will present to the GLW Extension Board and County Attorney Sikyta will help draft an agreement for possible approval in June.

Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented a contract for Central Plains Valuations. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the contract as presented, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Sheriff Paul Cox, presented with bids for patrol vehicles. Motion made by Hurlburt to accept the bid in the amount of \$52,977 with the vehicle being replaced to be sold for \$21,000 to help offset the cost, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the body camera contract currently in place for the sheriff department. The current company is difficult to work with and offers poor customer service. The decision was to let the current contract run out without buying it out.

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

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

A representative with Wave SecureTech Systems, Inc., was present to demonstrate their incident notification system for the courthouse and additional buildings.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services Representative, presented with new information provided by NACO benefit services including 2025 group insurance rates and information on Life insurance, Disability insurance, Employee Assistance plan, Identity Theft coverage, Student Loan assistance program and COBRA administration at no cost to NACO member counties. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve enrollment with NACO benefit services for County insurance, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into a closed session at 3:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and the annual performance review of Road Superintendent, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board, County Attorney Sikyta, Road Superintendent Kinney. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 4:15 p.m., second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held April 22, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt shared that the Region 26 ARPA project funds have been resolved and the equipment will be installed utilizing a tower north of Burwell according to the purchase agreement.

Options for security in the courthouse were discussed. Will explore additional options and continue looking into the current needs.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 27th, 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 1:31 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held May 13, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Twin Loups, Tyler Klabenes, presented with a request for Garfield County to pass a resolution in support of Twin Loups Reclamation District obtaining local ownership through federal title transfer from the Bureau of Reclamation. He stated that he is reaching out to all stakeholders in support of their efforts. The question was raised as to what would happen with the PILT funds that Garfield County is currently receiving from the Department of the Interior for Federal lands. Klabenes stated that he would check on that and revisit at the next meeting with more information.

Loup County Sheriff, Dustin Spanel, presented with safety concerns about the traffic traveling along the newly surfaced roadway on the Calamus dam top as well as the potential need for enforcing the speed limits but without enough manpower to patrol. There have been multiple wrecks since project completion. Will look into the issue more and add to the next regular meeting agenda.

At 1:57 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the opening of bids from a gravel pup trailer. One bid was submitted from RDO Truck Centers in the amount of \$18,000. Motion made by Hurlburt to reject the bid and look at more options, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates. Kinney stated that the Lowery bridge was now open for public use. He reported update on a request for driveway access to county road at the Prairie Ridge Subdivision that he was going to disapprove.

Jimmy Petersen, County Weed Superintendent, presented information on options for purchasing chemical supply for spraying right of ways. Hurlburt stated that he should order what is needed to combat the weeds. Hurlburt also mentioned that she had received calls from landowners asking about spurge being sprayed up north. Petersen stated that he has been up there several times and has sprayed right of ways and some chemicals take days before you notice the effects on the spurge.

Chairman Zulkoski signed the Central Plains contract that was approved at the May 13 meeting.

Protest Hearing dates were set for the morning of July 8 and carry over to July 9, 2025.

Motion made by Krause to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Match request for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The claims and payroll were presented for approval. Motion made by Zulkoski to seek reimbursement for a questionable credit card charge for a meal and will discuss with the Weed Dept., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve payroll and claims for the month of May, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt stated that she would like the County to look into a time clock app with GPS capabilities. Will add to the next regular agenda.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session at 3:17 p.m. to discuss possible litigation, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 4:10 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Hurlburt made a note to point out that Garfield County was listed in the NIRMA publication as being a recipient of a \$500 grant for submitting minutes of the quarterly safety meetings.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
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Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 10th, 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 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 May 27, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to old business and the safety concerns on the Virginia Smith Dam top. Jason Lehm, NDOT District 8 construction engineer, was present to go over some of the concerns presented. As far as the dam top is concerned in Garfield County, Lehm stated that the roadway is wider than what is required of a highway roadway and he shared information about the guardrail system currently in place.

County Attorney, Curt Sikyta, presented information on the PILT funds previously discussed. If Twin Loups Reclamation District obtained ownership of the dam, the PILT funds would no longer be paid to the county from the department of the interior.

At 1:50 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the board of equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, 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 Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:53 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting.

At 1:58 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for liquor license application for Tin Lizard LLC. Comments from Zane Gregory, and photos presented by Tammy Kelley for review. With no other public comments, at 2:02 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the liquor license application for Tin Lizard, LLC, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney stated that the Lowery bridge project is complete and reported on culvert work recently done by the road crew. Kinney stated that he is looking at acquiring a 3-point retriever disc to use on the county roads.

Hurlburt shared information about a time clock management system. Discussion about some options and what would be most useful for the County. The County Clerk will investigate options.

Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with a subdivision application for Colby and Alexis Wurst. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the subdivision application as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session to discuss possible pending litigation, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:45 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski 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 come out of closed session, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:07 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting.

Discussion was held on the Road Department job descriptions for road maintenance crew and possible road foreman. Further conversation to be held with the Road Superintendent.

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

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Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 22nd, 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 8, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Amanda Jeffres, Director and Stephanie Gideon, Accounting/HR Manager for Loup Basin Public Health Department presented with information on resources they offer and current updates with the health department.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates, including the recent armor coating on South 8th Ave.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the annual certification form for the period July 1, 2024, to July 30, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-10; Certifying Proper Completion Project No. STWD-CBMP (7). Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2025-10, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with a cemetery report and a 3-year plan of assessment. Discussion on campers being assessed at campground and Bolli stated that there is no statute to authorize an assessment on campers.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a request to reappoint Leslie Bumstead, Sandy Lowery and Ann Freeman to a new 3-year term that will begin August 1, 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the reappointments, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Sheriff, Paul Cox, presented Sheriff's quarterly report and information on updates with the law enforcement department. Including discussion on the agreement with the City of Burwell moving forward with a permanent agreement for joint law enforcement.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated interlocal agreement, cooperative law enforcement services by Adams County and Garfield County, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented a report on distress warrants collected.

Resolution 2025-11; Fair Association Request. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2025-11, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the County Attorney policy for rental and equipment costs. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated policy for rent and equipment payments to county attorney, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Discussion was held about the courthouse being closed on Friday July 25 for the County fair. Chairman Zulkoski stated that it has been closed in the past and that all County employees can plan accordingly with the day off for regular employees.

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 24th, 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.

Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to District 43 Nebraska Legislature Representative, Tanya Storer who shared updates on the recent legislative session. Storer reported on some projects she is working on for the next year.

Heidi Borg, Representative for US Congressman Adrian Smith, presented with a recap of projects the Congressman Smith has been working on the past year.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held June 10, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 2:11 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the board of equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with a report of overvalued, undervalued, clerical error, or omitted real property. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the report as presented, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:13 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting.

County Treasurer, Hitchcock, presented with a report of delinquent taxes per LB 77-1918, with no delinquent taxes to report.

Public comments from Lynn Ballagh. Inquiring about the traffic count on Cedar River Road and the cost of the Lowery Bridge replacement. The board informed Mr. Ballagh that there is currently an application in process for Federal Grant allocation directed to Cedar River Road and that Garfield County is working on a plan for improving. Kinney stated that the Road Dept. will be patching the road in the near future.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates. Of which included speed awareness signs on the new dam top road. Hurlburt raised the issue of creating a position of Road Foreman. Discussion held on the potential cause for static among employees in the Department.

At 2:25 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski directed the meeting to the opening of Gravel Bids submitted for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Hurlburt requested to revisit the issue of the Road Foreman again. Discussion held on the issue, no action taken.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation matters, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:05 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the board. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:23 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Discussion was held again about the possible road foreman position. Hurlburt asked that the matter of the road foreman be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion of a possible trial basis.

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

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Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 8th, 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 June 24, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

At 1:32 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski recessed the regular meeting and opened the board of equalization. Kali Bolli, County Assessor, presented with a report of damaged real property form 425. Motion made by Krause to approve the report as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 1:33 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting.

No public comments.

Jon Cannon, NACO executive director, presented with information on NACO and legislation updates.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney stated that the road crew has been busy with storm cleanup and patching the roads. Kinney stated that 3-point retriever disc to use on the county roads arrived.

Zulkoski directed the meeting to discussion of creating a road foreman position for the County. Hurlburt stated that she invited Tagge Max to the meeting and mentioned how he has recently obtained his highway superintendent certification and is planning for the future and the possibility of being hired as the road superintendent upon Kinney's retirement.

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

The VSO quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

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

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 8, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Amanda Jeffres, Director and Stephanie Gideon, Accounting/HR Manager for Loup Basin Public Health Department presented with information on resources they offer and current updates with the health department.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates, including the recent armor coating on South 8th Ave.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the annual certification form for the period July 1, 2024, to July 30, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kali Bolli, presented with a request to reappoint Leslie Bumstead, Sandy Lowery and Ann Freeman to a new 3-year term that will begin August 1, 2025. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the reappointments, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Sheriff, Paul Cox, presented Sheriff's quarterly report and information on updates with the law enforcement department. Including discussion on the agreement with the City of Burwell moving forward with a permanent agreement for joint law enforcement.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated interlocal agreement, cooperative law enforcement services by Adams County and Garfield County, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Treasurer, Tammy Hitchcock, presented a report on distress warrants collected.

Resolution 2025-11; Fair Association Request. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2025-11, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held about the County Attorney policy for rental and equipment costs. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the updated policy for rent and equipment payments to county attorney, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Discussion was held about the courthouse being closed on Friday July 25 for the County fair. Chairman Zulkoski stated that it has been closed in the past and that all County employees can plan accordingly with the day off for regular employees.

Motion made by Krause to adjourn the meeting, second by Hurlburt. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Zulkoski, Hurlburt, and Krause.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held July 22, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

No public comments.

Resolution 2025-12; Burwell Fire District Tax Request. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-12, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-13; Support of Twin Loups Reclamation District Title Transfer of Federal Facilities to Local Ownership. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-13, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. Kinney stated that the newly acquired gravel retriever has been in use and seems to be a good asset.

Jimmy Petersen, Garfield County Weed Superintendent, presented with a waiver, release and hold harmless agreement through Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA) and Custer County. County Attorney Sikyta will reach out to Custer County Attorney for clarification on the agreement before signing. The issue tabled until next regular meeting.

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

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

Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented with a minor subdivision for Mitch and Haley Bredthauer. Motion made by Krause to approve the minor subdivision as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all: Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing the road department, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:15 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the Board, County Attorney Sikyta, and County Road Superintendent Kinney. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session at 2:50 p.m. with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

County Sheriff Paul Cox presented with information on calls that were handled during rodeo week and the hours that were required for additional law enforcement during the four-day period. He also reported that a grant through NDOT will cover the costs of the additional law enforcement coverage. Sheriff Cox stated that he is also looking into the safety of the curve on Highway 96 northwest of Burwell just outside of city limits.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 26th, 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 Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of the last County Commissioners meeting held August 12, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Review of the 2025-2026 Fiscal year was held.

Discussion was held on the agreement with SWMA. County Attorney Sikyta was going to look into further and the item was tabled until next regular meeting.

No public comments.

Highway Road Superintendent, Gary Kinney, presented with Road department updates.

Discussion was held on the ExakTime and the item tabled until the next regular meeting.

Resolution 2025-14; Signing of County Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-14, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none. The certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification was signed by Chairman Zulkoski.

Discussion was held over the recycling trailer and the cost of hauling the trailer to Custer County Recycling. The County currently pays \$.70/mile and \$100/trip in addition to the \$.02/lb for recycling. No action taken and item tabled to next regular meeting.

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

Motion made by Krause to approve the SDL for Caleb Pollard with Kamp Kaleo Junk Jaunt Jamboree, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Inventories for fiscal year 2025-2026 were reviewed as submitted. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the inventories, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Sheriff Cox presented information on Law Enforcement in Garfield County and that he recently submitted information for a grant to the NDOT for the additional law enforcement hired during the week of rodeo.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss employee personnel matters, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:55 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to leave closed session and return to regular meeting, second

by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 4: 25 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with 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 Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 4:26 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, September 9th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Zulkoski, Hurlburt, and Krause.

Motion made by 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 August 26, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The waiver, release and hold harmless agreement through Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA) and Custer County. County Attorney Sikyta has reached out to Custer County Attorney for clarification on the agreement and is waiting to hear back. The issue tabled until next regular meeting.

Discussion was held on the recycle trailer being hauled to Broken Bow for Garfield County. Kathy Brownell stated that the County Library has utilized the recycle trailer to keep recyclables out of the landfill and also utilized Loup basin RC&D for other recycle projects. Motion made by Hurlburt to continue hauling recycle trailer to Broken Bow as the current status until Custer County decides different on the operation of the recycling center, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion on the joint public hearing to be held on September 15, 2025 for the property tax request for FY 25-26. Hurlburt stated that she would represent Garfield County at the hearing. Zulkoski stated that he would speak with Pathway Bank about an operating note for the County to aid in cash flow.

Public Comments-Amy Ballagh stated that she recognized the County Board has a lot of work and she appreciates all the work put into the county especially during budget time.

Daniel Morrison, property owner in Garfield County presented with information on a possible solution for the black top near his residence of 82821 Calamus Drive. Kinney stated that they plan to cap the surface of the road and will try to keep it sloped on the east side of the road.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve a SDL for Northside Bar & Grill for the Kamp Kaleo Junt Jaunt Jamboree September 27, 2025, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

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

Resolution 2025-15; Veteran's Service Fund. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-15, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion circled back to the discussion of driveways with building permits. Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the property owners are currently supposed to be contacting the Road Superintendent and inform him of the proposed driveway. Going forward a permit for new driveway may be attached to building permits when required.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing employee drug testing policy, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:55 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski 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 come out of closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:52 P.M., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session. Motion made by Hurlburt for Garfield County to adopt a County drug testing policy to implement with the new handbook being updated, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:55 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 23rd, 2025, at 1:15 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 1:15 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski opened the Budget Hearing. The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget was presented by Donald O. Nelson, CPA. With no comments from the public, at 1:24 p.m., Chairman Zulkoski closed the Budget Hearing.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 23rd, 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 the last County Commissioners meeting held September 9, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the agreement with SWMA. County Attorney Sikyta is still looking into this with the Custer County Attorney and recommends not signing the agreement at this time.

No public comments.

Resolution 2025-16; FY 2025-2026 Property Tax Request. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-16, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2025-17; FY 2025-2026 Budget Approval. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-17, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

Discussion was held on the joint law enforcement agreement and the additions/changes with the permanent agreement are. Some minor details need to yet be determined and ironed out and it was suggested to hold a joint meeting with the City of Burwell possibly in early October to have an agreement for approval at both regular meetings on October 14, 2025.

County Treasurer distress warrant listing was presented as all paid for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Motion made by Hurlburt, second by Zulkoski to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Weed Superintendent Jimmy Petersen, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the maintenance contract for Central Plains Valuation for pickup work for commercial new construction in Garfield County, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to reappoint Sandy Lowery, Ann Freeman, and Leslie Bumstead to the Planning and Zoning Board, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Ryan Ballagh to the Board of Adjustment, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation matters, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:10 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to leave closed session and return to regular meeting, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:12 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session to discuss elected official, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:12 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to leave closed session and return to regular meeting, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:25 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular meeting with no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 14th, 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 Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held September 23, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the joint law enforcement agreement with the City of Burwell, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department including the patch work being completed on the Johnson and Cedar River roads.

Resolution 2025-18; Property Tax Tables. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-18, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

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

The quarterly report presented by the County Attorney was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve line of credit through Pathway Bank, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The draft audit report was reviewed for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:45 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski 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 come out of closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:49 P.M., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session. 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 Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 28th, 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 the last County Commissioners meeting held October 14, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on the agreement with SWMA. Discussion was held on the issue and the item was tabled and the matter will be revisited after the hiring of a new Weed Superintendent.

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

Tim Rowse, Garfield County VSO, presented information on the annual reports.

Stena Seamann, Sheriff office assistant, presented with the Sheriff quarterly reports. The board reviewed the reports as presented. Seamann also presented with information on recent grant submissions and grant awards progress.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Economic Development and Tourism Promotion, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held on painting at the annex building and options for cleaning the windows in the facility as well.

Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:40 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski 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 Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 3:35 p.m., second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

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

Hurlburt invited all employees and County Board members to the reception she is hosting after the NACO business meeting on December 18, 2025.

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

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 10th, 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 Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held October 28, 2025, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department including the patch work being completed on the Johnson and Cedar River roads.

Resolution 2025-19; Signing of the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Property Tax Tables. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-19, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to submit advertising for three weeks for the hiring of a part time Weed Superintendent for Garfield County, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

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

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

The Distress Warrant Listing was reviewed as presented by County Treasurer.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 25th, 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 and Hurlburt; Absent, Krause.

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

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of the last County Commissioners meeting held November 10, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

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

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department. He reported that they are currently gearing up for winter and he is looking into leasing a mini excavator and possibly upgrading the trailer that would be used to haul equipment.

Hurlburt reported that Region 26 911 communications tower updates have been installed utilizing the ARPA dollars received from Garfield County for emergency services.

Dustin Spanel, Loup County Sheriff, presented information on a possible interlocal agreement between Garfield and Loup Counties for law enforcement. Discussion was held about how the County just began a new interlocal with the City of Burwell and are hesitant to enter into a new one. Sheriff Cox stated that possibly a mutual aid agreement could be better suited for the time. Item is tabled until January.

Motion made by Hurlburt to designate The Burwell Tribune as the County Newspaper for 2026, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Motion made by Zulkoski to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause. At 2:57 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were board members Zulkoski and Hurlburt along with County Attorney Sikyta and his associate Joshua Salter. Motion made by Zulkoski to come out of closed session at 3:51 p.m., second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause. No action taken as a result of the closed session.

Resolution 2025-20; 2027-2030 Salaries. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve Resolution 2025-20, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none; Absent, Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

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The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Zulkoski, Hurlburt, and Krause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 1st of the year.

Sheriff Cox discussed the graduation they attended in Grand Island at the academy December 18th 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.

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