

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners Hurlburt, Zulkoski, and Krause.

This being the Reorganization Meeting, County Clerk Koenigsberg asked for nominations from the floor for the Chairman of the Board for the year 2026. Motion made by Zulkoski to nominate Diana Hurlburt as the Chairman, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none. Koenigsberg turned the meeting over to Chairman Hurlburt. Motion made by Hurlburt to nominate Jerome Zulkoski as vice-Chairman for the year 2026, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Zulkoski 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 December 23rd, 2025, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Krause to reappoint LaNae Maxson to a new 3 year term on GLW Extension Board, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Sheriff Cox presented with his quarterly report, which was reviewed as presented.

Motion made by Hurlburt to reappoint Gary Kinney as road superintendent for 2026, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion was held with a potential weed superintendent for appointment, no action taken.

Hurlburt directed the meeting to the attention of complaint on the road department. Concerns about tree stumps left behind by the tree shredder. Kinney stated that once the mini excavator arrived, they will be working to get the stumps dugout. Kinney reported on road information and that the mini excavator will be delivered soon and looking into flatbed box and trailer to purchase to haul the excavator and culvert pipe. Kinney also stated that the Cedar River Road Project through Senator Deb Fischer was headed to the floor for approval.

Resolution 2026-1; 2026 Board Appointments. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2026-1, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2026-2; Investment of Excess Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2026-2, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2026-3; Capital Stock and Surplus Funds. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2026-3, second by Zulkoski, Aye, all; Nay, none.

Resolution 2026-4; Designate Financial Institutions. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve Resolution 2026-4, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

County Assessor Bolli shared information on the potential to explore options for a different company/program for GIS. Discussion on what she uses currently and what the change would involve. Hurlburt requested that she also look into here Vanguard contracts and what the County is currently paying for their services.

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.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Bolli presented with a plat approval for Black Sand Land LLC. Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the plat as presented, second by Hurlburt. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to appoint Joshua Salter as the County Attorney effective February 1, 2026 to fulfill the term through 2026, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation matters, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:05 p.m. Chairman Hurlburt cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance were members of the Board, County Attorney Sikyta and his Associate Joshua Salter. Motion by Hurlburt to come out of closed session at 3:40 p.m., second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. 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 Hurlburt adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board