

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Hurlburt and Zulkoski. Krause was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Zulkoski to approve the agenda with the exception of moving some items down on the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay; None; Absent, Krause.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held August 11, 2026, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

No public comments.

Sheriff Cox presented information on the law enforcement vehicle and proposed the use be transferred over to be utilized by emergency manager and restripe the vehicle to reflect a such. Motion made by Hurlburt to transfer the vehicle from the sheriff department to be used by Emergency Management in Garfield County, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Darren Balderson, representing Loup Basin Public Health Department, presented with an emergency response plan that has been adopted by the health department.

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

1. Zulkoski suggested looking into installation of cameras at the road shops
2. Telematics are capable on motor graders to track location
3. Kinney stated that he has sent out several applications for the road department
4. Hurlburt wants the County Clerk to look into a time clock system
5. 473rd (4M Road) is needing patch work done again-material will come from the State

At 2:05 p.m. Chairman Hurlburt directed the meeting to the opening of the motor grader bids. Bids that were opened were received from Equipment Blades, NMC, and Murphy Tractor & Equipment. Motion made by Hurlburt to approve the bid submitted by Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the 2 motor graders with trade-in on 2 county machines, the FALLS snow wing and RYLIND dozer blade and the bid for 2 #2 groomers submitted by Equipment Blades Inc., second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Clerk Koenigsberg shared the preliminary numbers for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget and was reviewed by the board.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve payroll and claims for August, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Krause.

Discussion was held on the joint public hearing date, time and location. The deadline for submission to notify the County Assessor if a hearing is required is September 4, 2026.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, Hurlburt and Zulkoski; Nay, none; Absent, Krause. With no further business, Chairman Hurlburt adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Diana Hurlburt,
Chairman of the Board