

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the new Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on September 5, 2018. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on September 6, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the elected and appointed officials were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the August 24, 2018 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,018.88; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$6,676.87; Bank of America, N.A., Garnishment, \$152.54; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$171.57; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$129.27; Bobbin Heads, Uniforms, \$180.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Supplies, \$70.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$353.32; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$132.67; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$105.89; Clerk of Supreme Court,, Court Costs, \$126.00; Pamela S. Cook RPR, Court Reporting, \$63.50; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$5,957.28; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$50.94; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners & Service, \$335.19; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$166.45; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$75.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,758.02; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$446.83; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$255.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$308.17; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE County Assessors Assoc, Dues, \$50.00; NE Dept of Labor/Finance, Service, \$120.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$578.60; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$37.90; Rose Nelson, Mileage & Phone, \$356.10; NSA/POAN, Registration, \$150.00; Panhandle Clerks' Assoc, Dues, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,953.20; Policeone.com, Registration, \$325.00; Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$133.90; Ramada Midtown Conf Center, Lodging, \$364.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$80.00; Becki Schlager-Court Reporter, Court Reporting, \$722.50; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$105.70; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$72.93; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$390.30; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$1,083.36; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$98.67; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,724.53.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$105.71; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$2,558.88; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$346.86; Century Link, Service, \$74.75; Charter Communications, Service, \$86.26; City of Bayard, Service, \$153.73; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$429.60; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,833.60; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$162.85; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$94.92; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$569.38; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$317.94; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$4,960.09; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$538.13; Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$22.95; Simon East

Region NE,, Asphalt, \$8,777.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$469.99; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$55.20; Road Employees, Salaries, \$22,745.64.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$40.613.22.

HANDYMAN FUND

Jeffrey G. Baird, Service, \$40.00; Matt Branon, Service, \$168.75; Elijah Conley, Service, \$30.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$116.00; Dawn P. Daniels, Service, \$140.00; Dept. of Revenue, State Tax, \$15.23; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$672.50; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,500.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$460.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$390.00; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$360.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$510.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$440.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$75.58; Synergon Solutions Inc, Misc, \$145.60.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$464.29; Synergon Solutions Inc, Misc, \$894.40.

COOURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Ferguson Signs Inc, Repairs, \$575.00; Jared Reynolds, Repairs, \$103.00.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims be approved and checks drawn on the various funds, delinquent personal property taxes deducted where owing. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Resolutions for transferring money back to the Health Fund and to the Hospital Bond Fund from the Inheritance Tax Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2018-29

WHEREAS, the Inheritance Tax Fund monies are needed to pay back the Health Insurance Fund, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper funds. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners order the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 into the Health Insurance Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2018-30

WHEREAS, the Inheritance Tax Fund monies are needed to pay the Bond Payment in the Hospital Bond Fund, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper funds. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners order the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$85,000.00 into the Hospital Bond Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended.

The Board reviewed the budget document. The Board asked Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, about the City Budget and if the contract would be renewed. Cardenas said that it is in the City's budget, but it has not been adopted yet.

Chairperson Metz opened the Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget at 8:30 A.M. There being no public comment, Chairperson Metz closed the hearing at 8:40 A.M. Motion was made by, seconded by, to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget and to increase the restricted funds by 1% and to set the Morrill County Levy at .349396 which is different from the 2017-2018 levy of .356709 and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2018-31
ALLOWABLE INCREASE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS (1%)

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 provides that no governmental unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last prior year's total of budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth and plus the basic allowable growth percentage of the base limitation; and

WHEREAS the base limitation established under section 77-3446 is two and one-half percent; and

WHEREAS a governmental unit may exceed the limit provided for a fiscal year, by up to an additional one percent, based on the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, by a majority affirmative vote exceeding 75 percent, resolves to approve an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority; for a total increase of three and one-half percent in the restricted funds authority for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

On a roll call vote, 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Dated this 11th day of September 2018.

MORRILL COUNTY NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2018-32
MORRILL COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, A proposed County Budget for the Fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Morrill County Board of Commissioners on or about the 1st day of August, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is adopted as the Budget for Morrill County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 11th day of September 2018.

MORRILL COUNTY NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2018-33
PROPERTY TAX REQUEST 2018-2019

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request of the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing body passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the property tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, this action can only be taken after a special public hearing required to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Morrill County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the property tax request be set as follows for each Morrill County Fund which directly receives property taxes as all or a portion of its revenue.

1. The 2018-2019 tax rate be set at **.349396** which is different than the 2017-2018 tax rate of **.356709**.
2. The 2018-2019 property tax request for the General Fund be set at **\$3,626,330.00** which is different than the 2017-2018 Property Tax asking of **\$3,585,960.00**.
3. The 2018-2019 property tax request for the Road Sinking Fund be set at **\$100,000.00** which is different than the 2017-2018 Property Tax asking of **\$.00**.
4. The 2018-2019 property tax request for the Building Fund be set at **\$76,270.00** which is different than the 2017-2018 Property Tax asking of **\$144,870.00**.
5. The 2018-2019 property tax request for the Hospital Bond Fund be set at **\$77,220.00** which is different from the 2017-2018 Property Tax asking of **\$158,610.00**.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018.

MORRILL COUNTY NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2018-34
AUTHORIZATION/REAUTHORIZATION OF PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-106(2) (Reissue 2007) authorizes the Morrill County Board of Commissioners to establish Petty Cash Funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners set the amount of money to be carried in such petty cash funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute also requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners also set the dollar limit of an expenditure from petty cash funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Morrill County Board authorizes/reauthorizes the following Petty Cash Funds and lists the amount to be carried in each fund and the dollar limit of an expenditure from each fund as follows:

Petty Cash Fund	Amount to carry in Fund	Dollar Limit of Expenditure from Fund
Clerk	\$100.00	\$100.00
Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Visitor Promotion	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Veteran’s Aid	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Health Insurance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
County Court Magistrate	\$75.00	\$75.00

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018.

MORRILL COUNTY NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Complete Budget Document is on file at the Morrill County Clerk's Office.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, reported on the Pathfinders and the after school programs.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:01 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:40 A.M., Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the new Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on September 5, 2018. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on September 6, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, discussed the appeal that Cheema Investments LLC has filed with the Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Nelson asked if the Board was going to put the evidence together for their valuation, since they did not go along with her value and lowered it to less than what she had. She asked Rodak who put the evidence together in Box Butte County. Rodak said the Assessor did. Nelson said the Board has to prove the value to the TERC Board. The Board said they would not be putting the evidence together. The Board asked about Stanard, but Nelson said he was the one that helped her set the value to what it was. Rodak said there is time, because it won't come up until 2019 for the hearing.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:55 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

