

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 23, 2020 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on June 17, 2020. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners June 18, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the Elected and appointed Officials were also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the Agenda, and the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip Repair, \$65.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$843.28; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,791.23; Bob Benton, Furniture, \$78.00; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC, Repairs, \$265.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$31.98; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$69.55; Bridgeport News-Blade, Supplies & Publishing, \$688.39; Bridgman Funeral Home, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Cenex Fleet Card, Fuel, \$648.48; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$310.81; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,597.03; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$240.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$322.11; Copier Connection Inc, Service, \$240.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone & Bus Wash, \$80.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,749.54; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$221.23; GWorks, GIS, \$428.40; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$289.61; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; Midwest Radar & Equip, Repairs, \$400.00; Morrill County Fair Board, Fair Expense, \$25,820.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,368.49; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$35,824.89; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$126.48; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm, PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$150.85; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$296.58; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,018.33; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,158.60; Postmaster, Box Rent, \$120.00; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc, Equip Rental, \$1,905.00; Mary Ann Randall, Mileage, \$28.75; Region 21 Emergency Management, Civil Defense, \$10,446.93; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$31,163.56; Regional West Medical Center, Medical-Prisoners, \$3,581.38; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Travis Rodak, Data Processing Equip, \$3,804.10; Samples Dean law LLC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$600.85; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$5,490.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Court Costs, \$45.55; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, Meals, Furniture & Misc, \$2,804.37; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs & Equip, Supplies, Registration, Phone & Misc, \$3,022.23; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$665.31; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$156.04; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,889.57.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$328.35; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,104.94; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$28.83; Bayard Automotive LLC, Tires, Supplies & Repairs, \$1,808.24; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$83.80; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$76.14; Bob Crable d/b/a R C Repair, Repairs, \$2,251.99; Deluxe Radiator, Repairs, \$65.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,449.50; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$38,404.79; Groskopf Manufacturing, Culverts, \$7,216.56; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$237.98; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$62.55; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$7,903.17; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$446.60; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$186.48; Mike Linch, Phone, \$40.00; Menards-

Scottsbluff, Supplies, \$75.55; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,338.10; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$19,416.71; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$60.42; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$528.67; Panhandle Co-op, Tires, \$907.80; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,533.13; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$540.21; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$17,003.33; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$254.44; U S Bank, Supplies & Misc, \$169.75; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,599.38.

#### HIGHWAY-BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Koozer Construction, Road Repairs, \$9,899.00.

#### VISITORS' PROMOTION FUND

Walker Spraying, Weed Control, \$70.75.

#### PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Mobile Binders, Supplies, \$495.09; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$127.25.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$61,257.62.

#### HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$49.78.

#### W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$146.37.

#### 911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$182.60; Century Link Business Services, Misc, \$1,547.57.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, after having been examined by the Commissioners, 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.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the Contract with Standard Appraisal for the revalues. Nelson explained that Stanard said it could be paid over 2 years. She said with being short one in her office, she could get by without another employee for awhile if they would approve this contract. Metz asked if she could do without an extra person for 2 years. Nelson said she didn't think she could. Rose asked if they didn't do the revalue contract if they could add more days to Stanard's maintenance contract. The Board said to put some numbers together regarding not hiring another person and to see what Stanard would put together in the maintenance contract and bring it to the next meeting.

The following 2020 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: May - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

The May minutes of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The June minutes of the Safety Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The June minutes of the Visitors' Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the May Financials to the Commissioners. She said the patient revenue was down 9%, but now everything is almost back

to normal. She said they hired a new Orthopedist, Dr. Jeffery MacMillan to replace Dr. Gilles. She said they hired another CRNA. She also presented the budget for the 2020-2021 year.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented an e-mail from Jon Cannon, NACO Executive regarding the fact that the Homestead Exemption monies will not be sent until a later date. She also presented resolutions to transfer money to the Road Fund and the Handyman Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to transfer the funds and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2020-19  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper funds. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2020-20  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the General Fund monies are needed in the Handyman Fund, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,226.00 into the Handyman Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board regarding the opening of bids for the Chip & Fog Seal. Brandt presented one bid that was received from Topkote Inc. It was opened and Hoerler said the Chip Seal bid was for \$1.29 per square yard which was \$340,560 and the Fog Seal bid was \$0.31 per square yard, which would be \$81,840. Discussion was held regarding which roads this would be used for. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to award the bid to Topkote, Inc for Chip and Fog Seal for a total of \$422,400. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Matt Anderson, Wildlife Specialist for USDA, presented his annual report to the board for animal control. He explained how different states have different rules for controlling prairie dogs and there are some in Nebraska that want to save them. The Board asked if he could be hired privately. He said with the area he has to cover, there isn't time. He said some of the guys that retire do this. The Board asked if anyone used the plane this year for coyotes. He said not this year.

A subdivision of property was presented for George and Andrianoula Anest. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL  
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners George J. & Andrianoula Anest, Living Trust, have applied for approval of an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 216,427 SQ. FT. (4.97 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1, NORTH 02° 44' 18" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 165.89 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, AS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 60, PAGES 157-161, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE, ALONG SAID EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, NORTH 85° 24' 36" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 239.88 FEET;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, NORTH 01° 05' 03" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 543.91 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 89° 59' 21" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 167.59 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 81° 23' 01" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 88.53 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 81° 23' 01" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 138.33 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING EAST PROPERTY LINE, DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 62, PAGE 402 OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 00° 59' 16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 544.50 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 62, PAGE 402 AND TO THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A;

THENCE NORTH 87° 04' 06" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 33.02 FEET, TO THE WEST EXISTING WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MORRILL COUNTY ROAD 79 AND TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, AS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 60, PAGES 162-165, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE ALONG SAID EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, NORTH 83° 32' 00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 121.48 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 216,427 SQ. FT. (4.97 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE; Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Member, County Board

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Member, County Board

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

A subdivision of property for McIntosh, Schlothauer and Brehm was presented. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-22  
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL  
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners Carol McIntosh, Loni Shlothauer, Keli Brehm & Jon McIntosh, have applied for approval of an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A PARCE OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 112,958 SQ. FT. (2.59 ACRES), MORE OR LESS IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1, NORTH 86° 16' 56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1354.10 FEET, TO THE EAST SIXTEENTH CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>T</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH 03° 08' 39" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 147.50 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 54, PAGE 470, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS,

THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, NORTH 86° 13' 41" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 147.50 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 54, PAGES 644-645, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE NORTH 85° 49' 16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 126.60 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 62A, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 54, PAGES 644-645, NORTH 85° 49' 16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 322.99 FEET;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, NORTH 03° 00' 59" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 348.13 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 88° 26' 39" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 312.84 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 01° 24' 27" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 362.80 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 112,958 SQ. FT. (2.59 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE: Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Member, County Board

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Member, County Board

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the AirMed Contract renewal for 2020-2021. She said the price remains the same at \$65.00 per employee. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to renew the contract. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported the Region 21 Emergency Management is working on their budget and the amounts will remain pretty much the same for us. Batterman said they are still doing meetings by Zoom and she had a meeting for the Aging Office and one for Behavioral Health. Metz reported on the Fair Board meeting and the Hospital Board meeting.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, gave the estimates for replacing the sewer line to the jail. He said it would take three days to do it all and he would have to relocate prisoners. He said the estimate is around \$10,000.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M. The next meeting will be Monday and Tuesday, July 6 & 7, 2020 for Property Tax Protest Hearing and the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:39 A.M., Tuesday, June 23, 2020 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 June 17, 2020. 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 June 18, 2020. 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:39 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2020-14. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson also presented the Over & Under Valuation report. She said it involved the replat of two lots from 2003 that were never combined, a building by the lake and a house in Broadwater that was uninhabitable. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the report. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the TERC hearing for Meadowview Apartments.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:47 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel & Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk