

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 February 20, 2019. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners February 22, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. 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 Metz, that the Agenda and the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$505.09; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,743.64; Axon Enterprise Inc, Law Enforcement Costs, \$2,476.00; Susanna L. Batterman, Reimbursement, \$38.28; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$114.35; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$99.28; Cynthia J. Brandt d/b/a Brandt Court Reporting Service, Law Enforcement Costs, \$90.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$46.40; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscriptions, \$103.40; Ismael Cardenas, Notary & Misc, \$258.50; Cenex Fleet Card, Fuel, \$661.92; Century Business Products, Equip, \$97.89; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,535.63; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$72.00; Clerk of Supreme Court, Court Costs, \$126.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,662.42; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; FIA Card Services NA, Garnishment, \$161.28; Hampton Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$286.20; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$330.91; David Kleensang, Reimbursement, \$13.00; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$203.50; MailFinance, Postage, \$94.20; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$126.44; MIPS Inc, Supplies, \$214.46; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,462.96; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,766.38; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACREC, Dues, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Supplies, \$198.80; NE Supreme Court, Subscription, \$212.25; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$73.14; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$92.80; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$942.50; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,264.15; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,742.78; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$30,087.29; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Contracted Weed Supt, \$7,512.50; REPCO Marketing Inc, Supplies, \$45.30; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Julie Schildt, Meals & Mileage, \$276.05; Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Subscription, \$218.40; Snell Services Inc, Service & Repairs, \$930.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$377.58; Chelsea Altena Sterkel, Mileage, \$267.96; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; University of NE, Mileage, \$207.96; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Dues, Phone & Supplies, \$2,957.28; USDA Aphis, Pest Control-Contractual, \$1,905.74; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,256.56; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$96.79; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$220.95; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$66.43; Laurie Zitterkopf, Travel Expense, \$78.62; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,120.46.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Action Communications Inc, Repairs, \$155.45; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,869.45; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$34.68; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC, Repairs, \$7,170.86; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$77.02; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$119.05; Dept of Revenue, State Income

Tax, \$1,272.63; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$10,213.21; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$62.55; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$57.28; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,208.14; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$18,311.77; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$81.37; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$3,272.07; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,099.70; Ranchers Supply Co Inc, Repairs, \$206.00; Red Barn Shop LLC, Repairs, \$4,617.89; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,086.80; U S Bank, Dues & Misc, \$169.44; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,506.20.

ROAD/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

BNSF Railway Co, Road Project, \$620.66.

HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$79,509.15.

STOP FUND

Intoximeters Inc, Equip, \$5,495.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$165.28; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$14.60; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$104.41; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$133.53.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$189.80.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Kone Inc, Repairs, \$222.36.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, 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: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2018 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Jan - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the January Financials. Stuart reported that the MRI machine will be ready seven days a week starting in July.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds to the Road Department. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-05  
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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

A proposal from Caleb Johnson was received to do the County Budget. He had met with Jeff Metz, Chairperson and Kathy Brandt, County Clerk. The Board decided to wait until the next meeting to choose someone to do the budget.

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, met with the Board with a revised Detailed Plan of Operation. She said her salary could be taken out of the Public Transit budget instead of the Handyman budget for the upcoming budget year, which would help with the money that will be lacking in the Handyman program. Batterman said that people who have lived here all of their lives, paid taxes and spent money in the community deserve to have this service available at a nominal fee. Gary and Judy Oltmann were present and spoke on behalf of the program. Gary said that if the Managed Care system goes in, it will be very costly. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the Detailed Plan of Operation with moving Nancy's salary to the Public Transit budget. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A revised contract for Cody Renkoski, Contracted Weed Superintendent, changing the monthly amount of \$3,750.00 to Renkoski being able to ask for half not more than half of the \$45,000.00 before the new budget year, based upon Board approval. Also, Renkoski has agreed to a 3% discount on the \$45,000.00, if he requests more than the monthly amount of \$3,750.00. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the addendum to Renkoski's contract. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to amend the claims for Renkoski's claim to deduct the 3% from his check. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board looked over the NE Regional Interoperability Network material and decided to not take any action.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, reported that the Veteran's Service Office could be moved to the breakroom and the breakroom could be moved to the Veteran's Service office if a sink could be installed in the custodial room along with the refrigerator and the reverse osmosis system. The main cost would be for purchasing a sink and having it hooked up. Water is already there in the custodian's room. The Board agreed to the change.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the Region I Mental Health Board and the Human Development Board. She said she had been appointed Chairperson of the Region I Board and that the Human Development had purchased a group home in Sidney. She said that Holly Brandt would be the new Administrative Director for Region I. Metz reported on the Fair Board and Hospital Board meetings.

Rose Nelson reported on the ICS 402 class she had attended and they used the Bayard tornado as an example and all of the volunteerism that takes place.

Chelsea Altena-Sterkel reported on the Connect the Dots program that will be held in March.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:48 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz \_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:41 A.M., Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 February 20, 2019. 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 February 22, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2019-2. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 7:46 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz \_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk