

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 12, 2017 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 December 6, 2017. 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 December 7, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. Some of the elected and appointed officials were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the Agenda and to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Repairs, \$1,300.00; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,008.66; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$301.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,958.10; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$218.07; Ronda L. Blake, Juror Fees, \$37.68; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$280.27; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Supplies & Publishing, \$262.51; Melissa A. Brinkley, Juror Fees, \$51.05; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$130.67; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$151.90; Valerie A. Carrillo, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Frankie J. Chappell, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$110.14; Timothy D. Clouse, Juror Fees, \$37.14; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$490.35; Community Health at Regional West, Medical, \$30.00; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$139.53; \$135.15; \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dataspec Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$798.00; Jane R. Devault, Juror Fees, \$49.98; Elizabeth A. Dillon, Juror Fees, \$36.61; Dollar General, Supplies, \$37.50; Eva Draper, Supplies, \$24.97; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Scott A. Fesmire, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Russell D. Fillis, Juror Fees, \$36.61; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Corey Fisher, Witness Fees, \$70.76; Stacey Fisher, Witness Fees, \$58.88; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Julie Fullerton, Juror Fees, \$56.40; Sandra J. Gronewald, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Jonathan Harris, Witness Fees, \$58.88; David Heumesser, Phone, \$80.00; Kodi R. Hoerler, Witness Fees, \$20.00; Wyatt Hooton, Witness Fees, \$81.56; Steve Hutchinson, Mileage, \$87.74; Bret Hutchison, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners, Supplies & Service, \$332.72; JC Auto Repair, Repairs, \$46.55; Mike Kander, Witness Fees, \$58.88; Donald A. Kaplan, Juror Fees, \$55.33; Becky Kiesel, Witness Fees, \$20.00; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; April S. Lofton, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Scott A. Mathis, Juror Fees, \$51.05; Loretta C. McCoy-Co Treas, Jurors Delinquent Taxes, \$47.84; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$2,857.26; Jessika I. Mitchell, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Kristie Mitchell, Witness Fees, \$20.00; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$909.32; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$271.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,050.11; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$263.05; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,392.85; NACVSO, Dues, \$30.00; NAPVA, Dues, \$100.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Equip, \$67.50; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$42.53; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Margaret E. Newkirk, Juror Fees, \$46.77; Lisa L. Ouderkirk, Juror Fees, \$53.19; Scot A. Ouderkirk, Witness Fees, \$37.28; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel & Repairs, \$996.42; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,596.25; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,984.52; Linda J. Post, Juror Fees, \$42.49; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,931.25; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Sage Distributing, Equip Rental, \$748.21; Sandberg Implement Inc, Repairs, \$510.64; Julie Schildt, Meals, \$68.12; Camilla Schmunk, Witness Fees, \$20.00; Scott Dechant Electric, Repairs, \$88.00; Jamey Shaffer, Witness Fees, \$20.00; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$109.75; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies & Board of Prisoners, \$73.06; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$418.64; Star-Herald,

Publishing & Subscription, \$163.59; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$8.98; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$199.16; Anthony Trauernicht, Witness Fees, \$58.88; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Lucille G. Vera, Juror Fees, \$51.05; Amador Vergil, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Lisa L. Weborg, Juror Fees, \$40.35; Orval D. Whited, Juror Fees, \$51.05; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$357.70; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$52.41; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,799.87.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; Allo Communications, Service, \$109.57; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$130.83; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$2,586.26; Bar-Nine Prospects LLC, Gravel, \$2,940.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Tires, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,164.26; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,505.35; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Snow Fence & Tools, \$1,152.13; Bridgeport News-Blade, Subscription, \$30.00; Century Link, Service, \$74.25; City of Bayard, Service, \$480.31; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$421.04; Colonial Life Insurance Corp, Insurance, \$94.30; Dale's Tire & Retreading Inc, Tires, \$1,342.00; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$31.10; Hireright Solutions, Testing Fees, \$114.14; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$139.95; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$115.45; Mike Linch, Gravel, \$248.00; MASABA, Repairs, \$1,578.03; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$960.36; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$8.97; Nebraskaland Tire, Tires, \$2,160.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$712.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,039.98; Mary Pohl, Gravel, \$1,180.00; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$259.47; Riverside Lumber LLC, Supplies, \$25,48; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$94.60; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$67.65; ; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$259.99; Tri-State Oil Reclaimers Inc, Misc, \$75.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$89.08; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$15.48; Road Employees, Salaries, \$22,989.00.

BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND

Baker & Assoc Inc, Road Projects, \$190.00.

HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$64,549.01.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$24.00; Dawn P. Daniels, Service, \$30.00; Becky A. Fields, Service, \$18.00; Drew Leisy, Service, \$40.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$234.00; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$58.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$83.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$25.00; Thylor Schopen, Service, \$234.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$252.84.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$296.14.

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

Board of Equalization

No Agenda items for Board of Equalization.

The Board reported that they had not attended any meetings.

Charlie Browne met with the Board regarding a 2018 Community Based Juvenile Behavior Aid Grant. Browne said the grant would be approximately \$18,000 if awarded and that it helps with the Diversion Program, which pays part of his salary. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the grant application. Yeas: Sterkel & Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received Supplemental Agreements from BNSF for railroad crossings by Cormans. Bryan Hoerler, Road Superintendent, said the cost was to be paid for by the railroad and the county would do the work. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, looked over the agreement and said it looked like the county had to pay 5%. Hoerler will do some checking on when this was first put in place because he thought the county's share was just the labor.

Cody Renkoski, Contracted Weed Superintendent, met with the Board to present the Annual report for 2017. He reported on the problem areas. Motion was made by Sterkel seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the 2017 Annual Report Yeas: Sterkel & Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board asked if he was willing contract again in 2018 and he said he was.

Bryan Hoerler, Road Superintendent, reported to the Board that he has the 404 permit to start the bridge work. He said that he needed approval from the Board to get Scotts Bluff County to start the procedure, since they are the lead county. Their share will be 70% and Morrill County will pay 30%. Hoerler said he will meet with the ditch company to see what they will do. The Board approved Hoerler's request. Hoerler asked that they go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to go into Executive Session, according to Ne. Statute #84-1410(a), to discuss pending and threatened litigation, at 9:03 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board asked that Hoerler and Rodak remain. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 9:23 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and the Elected Officials discussed the raises for the elected officials for 2019-2022. Nothing will be decided until the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:37 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

