

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 23, 2018 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 January 17, 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 January 19, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. Some of the Elected 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 with the deletion of Board of Equalization, and the minutes of the January 9, 2018 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

Action Communications Inc, Radio Repair, \$300.00; Chelsea Altena, Meals, \$14.20; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$390.70; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,397.52; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$44.17; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$32.50; Bridgeport News-Blade, Supplies, \$80.06; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,142.88; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$458.56; Cranmore Fire Protection LLC, Misc, \$24.00; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$135.15; \$139.53; \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept. of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,837.13; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Uniforms & Law Enforcement Supplies, \$279.97; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$218.60; Inman Services, Repairs, \$321.51; Loretta McCoy-Co Treas, Supplies, \$134.19; Morrill County Community Hospital, Appreciation Dinner, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$4,572.08; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,068.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$31,035.41; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$70.00; NE Assoc of Co Treas, Dues, \$50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Equip, \$40.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$20.34; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$46.33; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$787.20; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,930.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,391.08; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$23,308.06; Julie Schildt, Mileage, \$65.40; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$400.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$19.95; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$52.74; Staples Credit Plan, Equip & Supplies, \$1,140.92; Sarah Strawn, Training, \$30.00; Thompson Reuters-West, Law Library, \$140.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$5.18; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$68.76; University of NE, Mileage, \$244.63; US Bank, Dues, Phone, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$602.21; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental & Repairs, \$820.37; 911 Custom, Law Enforcement Costs, \$775.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$63,973.76.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.35; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,970.40; Aulick Leasing Corp, Repairs, \$30.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$830.76; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$149.10; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Cranmore Fire Protection LLC, Supplies, \$1,164.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,473.27; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$6,026.44; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$2,276.25; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$558.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$93.30; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$310.40; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,010.36; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,207.24; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$74.78; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Grader Blades, \$4,805.35; Panhandle Co-op, Supplies, Repairs & Fuel, \$15,689.90; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts,

\$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,550.56; Pohl's Welding & Fabrication Inc, Supplies, \$15.00; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$143.49; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$12,716.45; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$42.01; Scottsbluff Tent & Awning, Repairs, \$64.00; U S Bank, Fuel & Meals, \$349.64; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,403.39.

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Flagship Publishing Inc, Advertising, \$2,600.00; Hale Multimedia, Advertising, \$230.00.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Staples Credit Plan, Files, \$351.48.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$15.23; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$115.36; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$218.13.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$145.26

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Todd Harless Electric, Repairs \$826.90.

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 2017 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Dec-I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

The Quarterly reports for the Road, Handyman & Public Transit were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the December Financial Reports to the Board. Stuart reported that they are staying with RCI for insurance and giving their employees a portion of the cost.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual Report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve and accept the report. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, reported that she will be receiving some money from a Special Award program through the Aging Office of Western Nebraska to help with the Handyman program. She said that if she spends the extra money the Board will have to have a Public Hearing to amend the budget.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the agreement with the railroad and the state regarding the crossing on the Mud Springs road. Hoerler said that he thinks he has it negotiated to being 2½% instead of 5% for the county share. He said that would be around \$7,500.00. The Board told him to proceed with getting the cost down and the new

agreement written. He reported on the bridge by Hill 44 school and that the materials are to be shipped this week. He said that Craig Carlson will be taking out the old bridge and Koozer will help with the installation of the new bridge. Roads that are in the program to be oiled this year were discussed. Hoerler asked about purchasing a pickup from Federal Surplus. He said he will go and look at it.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz reported on the Hospital Board meeting and the 4-H Council meeting. Batterman reported on the Aging Office meeting and the Region I Behavioral Health meeting.

The Elected officials discussed with the Board about changing the office hours in their offices to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Discussion was held. Linda Hayden, Clerk Magistrate, said she is required by the Supreme Court to be open 8-5. It is up to the Board to set the Courthouse hours, but not the hours of the individual offices. They will wait until the next meeting to discuss this further.

County Government Day will be held on February 27, 2018 and the officials discussed the plans for that day.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

