

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 14, 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 March 8, 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 March 10, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the elected officials were present. Lisa M. Peters, Deputy County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of the Transfer of Funds and to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$135.15; Allo Communications, Service, \$1,001.83; American Family Life, Life Insurance, \$301.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,430.93; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$4.43; Bayard Tiger Paws, Fuel, \$71.80; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$335.13; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$1,088.72; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$139.15; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$79.86; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$750.75; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance, Insurance, \$490.35; Crescent Electric Supply Co, Supplies, \$36.91; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Eva Draper, Supplies, \$35.25; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Devin Heumesser, Phone & Mileage, \$197.45; Bret Hutchison, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners, \$98.71; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$29.51; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$60.25; Kriz-Davis Co, Supplies, \$46.21; Andrew Shannon Leisy d/b/a Leisy K-Lawn, Lawn Contract, \$1,998.28; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Taylor Menke, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Mid-American Research Chemical Corp, Supplies, \$214.88; Midwest Radar & Equip, Repairs, \$320.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,730.61; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$702.91; Morrill County Clerk, Supplies, \$86.06; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$140.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$186.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,974.03; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$214.17; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$138.47; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$18.99; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$82.80; Off Broadway Business Products, Supplies, \$549.61; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel & Repairs, \$186.88; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,596.25; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,541.41; Travis Rodak, Title Searches & Office Expense, \$2,152.61; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$425.00; Scott DeChant Electric, Repairs, \$60.00; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$400.00; Snell Services Inc, Supplies, \$200.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$97.85; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Sarah Strawn, Training, \$28.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies & Misc, \$35.23; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$832.80; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$340.12; General Employees, Salaries, \$54,473.78.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; Allo Communications, Service, \$106.98; American Family Life Insurance, Life Insurance, \$135.81; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,869.95; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$49.28; Baker & Associates Inc, Consulting, \$3,800.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$68.78; Century Link, Service, \$70.48; Charter Communications, Service, \$86.26; City of Bayard, Service, \$669.08; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$468.52; Colonial Life & Accident, Insurance, \$144.44; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$540.33; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$635.00; Horizon West Inc., Repairs, \$78.57;

KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$606.74; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$110.18; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Supplies, \$84.70; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$916.74; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$87.80; Newman Traffic Signs, Signs, \$7,903.05; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$6,539.69; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$730.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,660.11; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$32.99; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$78.58; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,602.72.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$180.00; Kathy Ewert, Service, \$72.00; Lilia Lamas, Service, \$36.00; Drew Leisy, Service, \$580.00; Tracy Terrell, Service, \$15.75.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$295.91.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$324.35

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Steve Hutchinson and Eva Draper, Head Custodian, met with the Board, to renew the lawn mowing contract. Hutchinson said his price is still the same as last year. The Board told him they appreciate the job he does for the county. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to renew the contract for the year 2017. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Devin Heumesser, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the Board to inform them that he will close his office for the week of April 10-14, 2017. He said he and Caroline both have to go to Omaha for training for continuing education. He said he will advertise that they are closed for that week. The Board said that would be okay.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented the contract that he and the Chairman had worked out. The rent for the Extension office will increase from \$425 to \$600 per month and the county will pay utilities for the entire building instead of half. This contract will be in effect for five years. Discussion was held regarding the contract. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the contract, with the striking of item #12 stating that the Landlord would not be required to submit a monthly claim. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board, to have the Agreement & Easement for HRRR-STWD(116) Advanced Railroad Signing Program approved. Metz questioned the need for new signs. Hoerler said it is a program that has been in place since before he became Road Superintendent. Hoerler said we receive Federal Funds for the project. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the agreement and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2017-06 SIGNING OF THE HRRR PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL1663 Morrill County

Whereas: Morrill County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Morrill County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project and

Whereas: Morrill County and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) wish to enter into a new Project-Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County that:

Chair of the Morrill County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Morrill County and the NDOR.

Morrill County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOR Project Number: **HHRR-STWD(116)**

NDOR Control Number: **00868**

NDOR Project Name: **Advance Railroad Warning Signs**

Adopted this 14th day of March, 2017 at Bridgeport, Nebraska

The Board of Commissioners of Morrill County

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Greg Sterkel

(S E A L)

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler asked for permission to receive bids on a Wheel-Loader. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to allow Hoerler to receive bids for a Wheel-Loader. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler reported that NIRMA will be here April 25th & 26th to do sight inspections. He also reported on getting a legal agreement with Grover Thompson. He said he will get a title search first. Hoerler reported that he has completed the Road Study for Rd 129 & 100 and will present it at the next meeting.

Kevin Sylvester, CPA for Dana F. Cole & Co, LLP, presented the completed Audit report for the fiscal year 2015-2016. He explained the report to the Commissioners. Sylvester said that small counties always have the same problems with separation of duties. He advised the Commissioners to always check the claims, receipts, etc.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, informed the Commissioners that there would be a training for train derailments. He also told the commissioners that the murder trial was over and they would be transporting the prisoner to Lincoln. Metz asked about the problem with the helicopter flying over Banner County and causing trouble with cattle. Cardenas said he had it's a company doing something regarding the Wildcat Hills and he is in contact with them.

Bryan Hoerler introduced Tony Armer from NEMA, that he will be working with.

The Commissioners reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel said he had no meetings the past two weeks. Batterman reported on the teleconference meeting for Behavioral Health and Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:40 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:23 A.M., Tuesday, March 14, 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. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on March 8, 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 March 10, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, 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(6) at 8:23 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2017-12. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:26 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

