

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 23, 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 July 17, 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 July 18, 2019. 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, with the deletion of the Special Designated Liquor License and the minutes of the July 8, 9 & 18, 2019 meetings 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

Actions Communications Inc, Repairs, \$356.15; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$587.74; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,905.29; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$82.46; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$171.08; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$26.61; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$802.70; Century Business Products, Equip, \$64.43; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$299.09; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,222.31; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$69.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$134.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,604.92; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$150.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,550.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Supply, Laundry, \$157.32; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$250.94; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Sara Leasure, Meals, \$48.86; Lynn Peavey Co, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$71.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$86.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$77.76; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,497.82; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,239.54; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$114.78; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Lodging & Training, \$110.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$112.87; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$64.89; Brittany Nelson, Labor, \$58.50; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,401.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,938.96; Prairie States Communication, Repairs, \$81.25; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$29,792.86; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Secretary of State-Election Div, Supplies, \$10.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$39.95; Susan D. Sparks, Postage, \$16.45; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$381.84; Jonathan T. Stellar, Court Appointed Counsel, \$711.67; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Univ of NE, Mileage, \$444.08; U S Bank, Data Processing Supplies, Registration, Meals, Lodging, Medical-Prisoners, Postage & Misc, \$3,487.97; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; USDA Aphis, Pest Control, \$2,225.64; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,511.17; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$94.55; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$220.95; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$60.28; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,742.83.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,828.49; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Supplies & Tires, \$1,273.37; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$118.80; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$153.57; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,337.95; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$63.20; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$17,128.72; Hireright Solutions, Testing Fees, \$250.00; Bryan

Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$95.72; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Tools, \$379.33; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,187.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,919.67; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$60.29; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$3,900.58; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$650.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,198.79; Red Barn Shop LLC, Repairs, \$885.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,473.80; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$48.65; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$17.98; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,142.13.

#### HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Insurance Claims, \$157,620.22.

#### 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, \$193.96.

#### 911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$399.40.

#### COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$242.50.

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.

The following 2019 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: June - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

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

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the June Financials to the Board. Stuart said they are having trouble getting someone to put the cement block in for the addition for the MRI. She said that Dr. Mico Taylor will be joining the group. She is an orthopedist specializing in shoulders, knees and sports medicine.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual report that will be published this week and the Unpaid Tax report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel to approve both reports. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a resolution to transfer \$100,000 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-23  
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 23rd day of July, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

(S E A L) /s/Greg Sterkel  
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, reported that there had been a complaint from a patron regarding the rugs in the hallways being a tripping hazard. Brandt had the contract from Ideal Linen which supplies the rugs. The Board asked the Safety Committee to look into to this and have Travis Rodak, County Attorney, check to see the cost of getting out of this contract.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman said she had had no meetings. Sterkel reported that his meetings are coming up in August. Metz reported on the Hospital Board meeting and that they are looking into their Health Insurance for their employees.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, reported that the Fair is in full swing. She said that Sara Paisley is doing a nice job for Garden and Morrill County.

Senator Steve Erdman met with the Board with a resolution in support of the TrueNebraskans' petition to provide a 35% refund to property owners. The Board discussed the petition and looked at the brochures that Erdman presented. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman to support the petition drive and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-24

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Commissioners hereby support the petition drive by TrueNebraskans to place on the 2020 November ballot the property tax relief measure that would provide a 35% refund to real estate property owners of the real estate taxes that they paid in the prior year,

This measure, if adopted will not restrict those units of government who levy taxes, in that they would still receive payments from the property owners as normally received.

We recognize the struggle that Nebraskans face in the payment of one of the highest real estate taxes in the nation.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019

Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Greg Sterkel

ATTEST: (S E A L)

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Erdman talked about the flooding in Wyoming from the break in the tunnel and it's impact on Western Nebraska.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:52 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, July 23, 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 July 17, 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 July 18, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. 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 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, asked about the TERC hearing on Cheema Investments. Rodak said that it had all been settled and it's just a matter of getting the paper work back from TERC.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:44 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk