

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, November 22, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on wall of the Commissioners' room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC, on November 16, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners November 17, 2022. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Alarm Security Technicians, Repairs, \$339.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,418.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,314.47; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$727.18; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$50.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$84.62; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip Lease, \$24.72; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,261.93; Century Business Products, Supplies & Equip, \$174.54; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$108.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$250.96; Mary C. Coon, Election, \$220.00; Dept of Rev, State Income Tax, \$4,926.01; Hampton Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$476.27; Carrie J. Harless, Election, \$217.50; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Celinda Howard, Uniforms, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies & Laundry-Prisoners, \$290.07; Rosemary Jacoby, Election, \$180.00; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$120.87; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Kone, Inc, Service, \$248.31; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,166.66; LPI, Subscription, \$120.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$490.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip, \$161.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,501.78; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$34,858.11; NACO, Registrations, \$300.00; NACo, Dues, \$450.00; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$46.88; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,425.29; Linda M. O'Bannon, Election, \$180.00; Judy Ogard, Election, \$217.50; Candace D. Panas, Election, \$217.50; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,495.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,875.80; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$215.38; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$59.83; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,534.82; Katy A. Reichert-Holyoke, Snyder, Reichert, Long, Rice, Court Appointed Counsel, \$117.00; Cecilia C. Sanchez, Election & Meals, \$292.50; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$1,847.48; Scotts Bluff County Treas, Probation Costs, \$3,789.65; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Equip, \$629.28; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, \$69.88; Thompson-Reuters West, Law Library, \$828.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Subscriptions & Publishing, \$535.16; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip & Supplies, Postage, Supplies, Registration, Dues, Meals, Lodging, Repairs, Phone & Misc, \$2,866.27; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$84.56; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Supplies, \$144.95; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$138.96; General Employees, Salaries, \$63,345.49.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$354.60; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,061.10; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$61.20; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$249.81; Century Link, Service, \$106.78; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$24.75; Dept of Rev, State Income Tax, \$1,511.63; Harbor Freight Tools, Tools, \$384.97; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$105.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$222.96; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$1,921.42; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$1,492.85; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$266.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,283.09; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,462.28; NACO, Registration, \$150.00; NE Child Support, Child

Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$59.68; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$159,982.10; Panhandle Coop, Fuel, \$14,179.04; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$425.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,494.18; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$664.01; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$110.40; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,482.29; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$75.07; US Bank, Misc, \$46.79; 21st Century Equip, Repairs, \$146.92; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,209.89.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$76,126.47.

VETERAN'S AID FUND

U S Bank, Markers, \$17.25.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$118.49.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link-Business Service, Service, \$538.21.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

BOK Financial, Bond Pmt, \$183,721.25.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2022 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: Oct- I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the October Financials to the Board. She said after the audit they will owe \$1.2 million to Medicare. She said that the way it works, Medicare will owe the hospital money too.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Distress Warrants Issued. Discussion was held about the School Land Leases and who pays the taxes on structures on the property. She said the Board of Educational Lands & Funds pays on the property but do not want to pay on buildings. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Distress Warrant report. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a resolution for transferring \$175,000.00 in to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-48
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund budget at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper fund. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$175,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of November, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

A Master Agreement between Morrill County and Nebraska Department of Transportation was received and a resolution. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, studied the agreement and said it was in respect to Government Land Surveys and the county is to provide Survey Services for Highway Projects, which would establish existing survey corners or re-establish if they are missing. The cost would not exceed \$100.00 to the county. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to have Chairman Metz sign the agreement and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-49

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR GOVERNMENT SURVEY SERVICES.

Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Morrill, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into a 5-year Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation concerning a Process for County to Provide Survey Services for Highway Projects within the boundaries of Morrill County.
2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Morrill and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "A" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF November, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson of the Board

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Casey Sharp, AFLAC Representative, introduced herself. She gave a report on the plan and how and it works for the county. She explained the new Medical Bill Saver program.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office of Western Nebraska meeting. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral Health meeting. She said they are going to get the word out to the schools about suicide prevention. She said she will be meeting with School Boards from Bayard and Bridgeport. She said she will have six meetings regarding the Opioid money. She said her first meeting will be in January and she asked if the meeting in January could be changed. The Board said they will decide in December. Metz reported that he was not able to get an appraisal for the property the county was wanting to bid on and didn't bid on it. He said he had talked to several people about the fair. He also reported on the Hospital Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:43 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, November 22, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. Notice of such meeting be published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC on November 16, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available at the Morrill County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on November 17, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to NE Statute §77-1233.04(6) at 7:38 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2022-21 & 22. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

