

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 14, 2021 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 September 8, 2021. 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 September 9, 2021. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Some of the elected and appointed officials were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of Board of Equalization and Transfer of Funds, and the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,135.08; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,106.79; \$1,106.63; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,127.24; \$6,887.78; Andrew Brennan, Uniforms, \$49.42; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$200.39; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$240.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Spraying, \$416.15; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$95.76; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$30.25; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, \$214.98; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Mileage, \$129.60; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$183.21; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip & Data Processing Costs, \$138.75; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,657.07; Mike Cerny, Phone & Meals, \$65.27; Charter Communications, Service, \$143.95; Cheyenne County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$24.50; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$107.17; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$874.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; \$284.10; Consolidated Management Co, Meals, \$139.70; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$222.33; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$27.50; Custom Cage, Equip, \$1,240.00; Dept. of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$4,057.92; Dignity Memorial-Dugan Kramer, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Dollar General, Supplies, \$39.10; Douglas, Kelly Ostdiek & Snyder, etal, Court Appointed Counsel, \$903.50; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$26.39; Audrey M. Elliot, Public Defender, \$4,166.66; ESRI Inc, GIS, \$700.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Costs, \$774.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$163.50; Graham Tire Co, Repairs, \$1,326.09; Dick Hadden, Mowing, \$50.00; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Contract, \$720.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Service, Supplies & Laundry, \$577.37; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$61.88; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$92.24; Susan Kelly, Phone & Postage, \$47.95; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$14.49; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$50.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$86.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,629.75; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$726.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$433.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,529.15; \$2,529.15; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$234.27; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Dept of Revenue-Property Tax Assess Div, Registration, \$500.00; NE Secretary of State, Registration, \$80.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$79.90; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; NIRMA, Training, \$25.00; NSA/POAN Law Enforcement Conference, Registration, \$100.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,857.50; \$1,857.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,483.16; \$12,707.04; Ramada Midtown, Lodging, \$768.00; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,036.97; Riverside Lumber LLC, Misc, \$54.27; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$210.22; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$73.80; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$195.34; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$924.13; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$387.50; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$133.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$61,990.45; \$58,680.38.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Action Communications Inc, Repairs, \$15.55; Allo Communications, Service, \$106.59; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$266.74; \$266.68; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,054.05; \$3,078.64; Bayard Automotive LLC, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$1,143.15; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$136.31; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$364.49; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$178.93; Century Link, Service, \$97.12; City of Bayard, Service, \$194.07; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$510.45; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; \$76.14; Dept. of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,535.01; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$14.99; Fat Boys Tire-Corp, Tires, \$9,301.08; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$87.55; Frank Parts Co, Repairs & Tools, \$148.88; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$803.39; Ideal/Bluff's Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$127.08; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$1,435.69; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$911.64; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,178.23; \$1,225.31; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; \$252.93; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$2,387.22; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$347.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,526.66; \$5,571.91; Pohl's Welding & Fabrication Inc, Repairs, \$75.00; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$2,515.01; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$353.27; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$256.38; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$169.55; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$126.43; Westco, Fuel, \$12,134.21; Weyerts Electric, Repairs, \$101.70; 21st Century Equip, Repairs, \$66.32; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,147.07; \$27,365.46.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Project, \$6,436.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$25.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$25.00; Blanca Carrillo De Lamas, Service, \$204.00; Jeffrey D. Erdman, Service, \$415.00; Corbyn Fleming, Service, \$150.00; Jerry Foland, Service, \$240.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$515.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,285.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$521.40; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$207.50.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$113.24; Frontier, Misc, \$7.18.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$425.99; Frontier, Misc, \$27.01.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The Public Hearing for the Budget and Tax Levy request was held Monday, September 13, 2021 with no one present to object. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget and to increase restricted funds by 1% and to set the Morrill County Levy at .347260, which is different from the 2020-2021 levy of .344998 and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2021-34

MORRILL COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, A proposed County Budget for the Fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Morrill County Board of Commissioners on or about the 30th day of August, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is adopted as the Budget for Morrill County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

**MORRILL COUNTY NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2021-35
ALLOWABLE INCREASE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS (1%)**

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 provides that no governmental unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last prior year's total of budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth and plus the basic allowable growth percentage of the base limitation; and

WHEREAS the base limitation established under section 77-3446 is two and one-half percent; and

WHEREAS a governmental unit may exceed the limit provided for a fiscal year, by up to an additional one percent, based on the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, by a majority affirmative vote exceeding 75 percent, resolves to approve an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority; for a total increase of three and one-half percent in the restricted funds authority for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

On a roll call vote, All Ayes and No Nays.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2021-36
AUTHORIZATION/REAUTHORIZATION OF PETTY CASH FUNDS**

WHEREAS: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-106(2) (Reissue 2007) authorizes the Morrill County Board

of Commissioners to establish Petty Cash Funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners set the amount of money to be carried in such petty cash funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute also requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners also set the dollar limit of an expenditure from petty cash funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Morrill County Board authorizes/reauthorizes the following Petty Cash Funds and lists the amount to be carried in each fund and the dollar limit of an expenditure from each fund as follows:

<u>Petty Cash Fund</u>	<u>Amount to carry in Fund</u>	<u>Dollar Limit of Expenditure from Fund</u>
Clerk	\$100.00	\$100.00
Clerk of Dist Court	\$100.00	\$100.00
Veteran’s Aid	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Health Insurance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
County Court Mag	\$100.00	\$100.00

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

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/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2021-37
PROPERTY TAX REQUEST 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request of the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing body passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the property tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, this action can only be taken after a special public hearing required to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Morrill County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the property tax request be set as follows for each Morrill County Fund which directly receives property taxes as all or a portion of its revenue.

1. The 2021-2022 tax rate be set at .347260 which is different from the 2021-2022 tax rate of .344998.
2. The 2021-2022 Property Tax request for the General Fund be set at \$3,754,929.00 which is different than the 2020-2021 Property Tax asking of \$3,564,758.00.
3. The 2021-2022 Property Tax request for the Hospital Bond Fund be set at \$106,023.00 which is different than the 2020-2021 Property Tax asking of \$231,982.00.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

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/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Morrill County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Human Development and Area Aging meetings. Batterman reported on the Public Health, Behavioral Health and the 988 meetings. She said she is disappointed with the 988 and how it would change emergency calls. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:03 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

