

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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 February 5, 2020. 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 February 6, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel, arriving late, 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Transfer of Funds, and approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,034.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,306.24; Bank of the West, Supplies, \$251.54; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$98.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$976.45; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Meals, \$76.43; Bridgeport Family Dental, Medical-Prisoners, \$241.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$320.29; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$140.72; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$160.27; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$113.95; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; CVSOAN, Registration & Dues, \$180.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Service, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dept. of Revenue, State Tax, \$6,534.65; Dollar General, Laundry & Medical-Prisoners & Supplies, \$116.95; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$4,166.66; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Service & Laundry-Prisoners, \$402.75; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$260.90; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Tim Marquez, Phone & Mileage, \$152.93; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$2,824.59; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$355.99; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$2,649.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$154.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$219.96; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$87.75; NE Dept of Revenue, Garnishment, \$8.67; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$18.60; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Panhandle Treasurer's Assoc, Dues, \$20.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$15,604.59; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Samples Dean Law, LLC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$191.10; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Subscription, \$323.75; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$18.87; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$341.98; Tracy Terrell, Supplies, \$14.14; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$11.40; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$257.68; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; U S Dept of Education AWG, Garnishment, \$176.49; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,685.53; David Zwirn, Repairs, \$460.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$62,895.77.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$104.60; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,037.30; Bayard Automotive LLC, Tires, Repairs, \$540.30; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$3,320.93; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs & Supplies, \$329.65; Century Link, Service, \$84.65; City of Bayard, Service, \$780.50; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$389.90; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$1,918.87; Equipment Blades Inc, Blades, \$6,153.15; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$87.45; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$244.18; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$16.58; Frenchman Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$8,920.62; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$6,525.74; Hireright LLC, Testing Fees, \$56.07; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$99.26; Menards-Scottsbluff, Supplies, \$455.44; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; Newman Signs Inc, Signs & Posts,

\$7,829.23; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,987.52; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$966.19; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$214.34; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$11.88; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$95.48; Wyoming Machinery Co, Repairs, \$4,502.95; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs. \$136.11; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,998.11.

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Prairie Winds Community Center, Rent, \$339.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$20.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$80.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$740.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$475.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$53.72.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$219.36.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, 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 January minutes of the Morrill County Visitors Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Notice of Delinquent Property Tax Sale list. The total was \$218,513.75. She said that some of those have been paid since the publication date. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the list. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, presented the Annual Extension report to the Commissioners.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting. Metz said he had talked to Judge Miller about having a mock trial for County Government Day and she was agreeable to the March 10th date. He also reported on the Community Action meeting. Batterman said she had no meetings until this week.

The Board met with the Travis Rodak, County Attorney, regarding the Public Defender contract. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to go into Executive Session, according to Ne. Statute #84-1410(d) for the protection of public interest and to protect needless injury to an individual, at 8:10 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session, with no action taken, at 8:25 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Rodak presented a resolution regarding releasing Jon Worthman from his contract as Public Defender and an amended contract for Audrey Elliott. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to release Jon Worthman from his contract and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA, as follows:

WHEREAS, on or about December 21, 2015, amended on December 21, 2018, County of Morrill, State of Nebraska "COUNTY" and Jon Worthman, Attorney at Law "ATTORNEY" entered into a Contract whereby ATTORNEY agreed to perform certain services to COUNTY related to the position of Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 2 of said Contract sets forth that “certain unforeseen events and/or circumstances may arise during the term of this Contract that may render performance by either party impossible and/or impracticable. Such events and/or circumstances may include, but are not limited to the following: a Death and/or disability of ATTORNEY”; and

WHEREAS, said Paragraph sets forth that in the event that such an event was to occur, County agrees to release Attorney from the obligations of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, County and Attorney are aware that by reason of disability, performance of this contract by Attorney has been rendered impossible or impracticable; and

WHEREAS, Attorney has communicated to County that Attorney desires to be released from said Contract; and

WHEREAS, both County and Attorney desire that Attorney be released from this Contract and that the duties and obligations of Attorney under this contract should be assigned to other counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Morrill, Nebraska that Attorney shall hereby be released from the Contract referenced herein effective January 15, 2020;

DATED THIS 11th day of February, 2020.

COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson, Morrill County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to amend the contract with Audrey Elliott and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding County Government Day on March 10, 2020.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:34 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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 February 5, 2020. 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 February 6, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2020 – 3-8. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Metz opened the Public Hearing for Permissive Tax Exemptions at 7:45 A.M. Nelson presented the applications for Exemptions. Hearing no comment from the public, Chairperson Metz closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the Exemptions except for a portion of the American Legion in Bayard and the Farm & Ranch Board. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:58 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk