

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 10, 2018 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 April 4, 2018. 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 April 5, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Board of Equalization and to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel & Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Alliance Times-Herald, Advertising, \$46.20; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,014.95; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,637.73; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$919.84; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$222.29; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$655.06; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$213.39; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$28.50; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.63; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,053.04; Co Assessors Assoc, Meals, \$21.00; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$139.53; \$152.54; \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dept. of Revenue, State Tax, \$5,392.91; Dollar General, Supplies, Laundry-Prisoners & Supplies, \$176.02; Election Systems & Software Inc, Election Supplies & Data Processing Costs, \$2,558.29; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners, \$112.32; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$23.18; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$351.33; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; MailFinance, Equip Lease, \$1,905.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Loretta McCoy-Co Treas, Taxes, \$121.90; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,817.74; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$50.95; Morrill County Clerk, Filing Fees, \$10.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$757.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$187.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$157.94 Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Clerk of Dist Court Assoc, Registration, \$75.00; Ne Co Assessors Assoc, Dues, \$50.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$783.94; Panhandle Treasurer's Assoc, Registration, \$16.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,686.34; Print Works, LLC, Supplies, \$408.10; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Quarterly, \$8,189.30; Riverside Lumber LLC, Misc, \$5.99; Travis Rodak, Phone & Title Search, \$1,830.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Court Costs, \$28.52; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$17.90; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, Board of Prisoners & Misc, \$100.45; Susan D. Sparks, Postage, \$13.90; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$11.08; Star-Herald, Publishing, \$525.64; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; TotalFunds by Hasler, Postage, \$5,010.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$31.35; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,012.42; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$316.15; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,083.19.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.53; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$2,865.08; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$3,376.90; Century Link, Service, \$74.30; City of Bayard, Service, \$528.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$382.37; Dept. of Revenue, Sate Tax, \$1,999.82; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$26.85; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$34.20; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$527.50; Hireright Solutions Inc, Testing Fees, \$59.07; Husker Steel, Culverts, \$19,826.40; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$1,959.21; Jon's Body Shop, Repairs, \$1,895.55; Menards-Scottsbluff, Supplies, \$79.51; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93;

NE Dept of Motor Fuels, Fuel Tax, \$363.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,538.40; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$215.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, Concrete, \$293.02; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Filters, \$227.76; Simon Contractors Co, Asphalt, \$1,284.40; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,467.40.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$39.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$15.23; Becky A. Fields, Service, \$18.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$234.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$252.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$242.32.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$296.17.

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

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

Discussion was held regarding setting dates for the Protest Hearings. It was decided that Friday, July 6, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. would work with the regular meeting on July 10, 2018 for any extra protests. Metz asked Rose Nelson, County Assessor, about the procedure for the values on feedlots. Nelson said they had been working on the eleven Panhandle Counties being equal. She said the land under the feedlot went up \$200 per acre and adjustments were made on conditions and number of cattle. Metz said he didn't like them using neighboring counties for the valuation.

Tyler Irvine and Charlie Browne met with the commissioners regarding grants for the Diversion Program. Irvine said that he writes the grants for Morrill County and it will be \$18,000 which is used to pay Browne's salary. He said the cost to the county is \$800.00. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the grant application for Morrill County. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Subdivision of property was received from Steve & Jane Devault. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2018-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Steve E. and Jane R. Devault, have applied for an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit the subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, N 03° 20' 07" E TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED TRACT BY LS-16, BEING A DISTANCE OF 616.80 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, N 88° 04' 11" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 631.89 FEET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, N 88° 04' 11" W TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT, BEING A DISTANCE OF 93.53 FEET;

THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, S 03° 19' 01" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.87 FEET; THENCE N 60° 18' 24" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 118.63 FEET; THENCE, N 00° 24' 11" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 117.65 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.33 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE: Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 10th day of April, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson, 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.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Studies by Baker & Associates, that were ordered for the possible placement of stop signs on the intersections of RD 123 & 76 and RD 125 & 88. He said it was recommended and he agrees with the placement of the stop signs for eastbound traffic. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the study and the placement of the stop signs in the recommended locations. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board told Hoerler that the new bridge looks good. Hoerler said that he has advertised for bids for the tractors and that they will be opened at 9:00 A.M., on April 24, 2018. Hoerler said he has money in his budget for these. Hoerler said they will start on Linch's road this week.

Brent Casebolt, Manager of Ideal Linen, was not present for the meeting and could not be reached.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. All had attended the District meeting. Metz had attended the CAPWN meeting and Batterman reported that she has meetings this week.

Eva Draper, Head Custodian, presented her resignation effective May 8, 2018. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to accept her resignation with regret. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board thanked her for her years of service. Draper reported on the thermostats and the gutters. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said that there are seven sections of concrete that need to be replaced. Draper said the toiled in the jury rooms needs fixed or replaced. The Board told her to have it replaced.

Chelsea Altena, Extension Coordinator, reported on the new Log N program that will be offered to the 7th and 8th grade.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said there had been a fender-bender with the 2008 Crown Vic. He said the other person's insurance will pay \$3,300 and the damage was \$3,700. He said the value of the vehicle is \$4,700. The Board told him to take the insurance money and apply it toward a used vehicle. He said that he received a Kawasaki Side x side for use at the recreation grounds, since part of the City contract is to patrol that are. He said there is no cost for the use of this vehicle for 11 months, except to have it insured by the County. Cardenas said they are receiving an award for the Jail being in compliance for 27 years.

The Board discussed the procedure for replacing the Head Custodian. The possibility of hiring a company to do the cleaning and possibly a maintenance person. Several options were discussed and the Board wanted to talk to the County Attorney about advertising for it.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk