The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 12, 2022 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on July 6, 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 on July 7, 2022. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Battern 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 Battern, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of a report of destroyed real property, and the minutes of the June 28 & July 6, 2022 meetings. Yeas: Schmidt, Battern and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

**GENERAL FUND**

Allo Communication, Service, $1,105.50; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, $1,418.39; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, $6,842.46; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, $142.40; Kathy Brandt, Phone, $40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, $10.09; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, $122.25; Cenex Fleet Fuel, Fuel, $1,250.78; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, $250.96; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, $27.50; Dollar General, Supplies, Board of Prisoners & Misc, $298.20; Eakes Office Supplies, Supplies, $15.70; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Care, $720.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies & Laundry, $298.39; Jackson’s Garage LLC, Misc, $243.94; Justice Data Solutions Inc, Data Processing Costs, $2,800.00; Lancaster Co Sheriff’s Office, Law Enforcement Costs, $21.08; Mediation West, Misc, $50.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, $40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, $161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, $2,670.22; Mobius Communications Co, Repairs, $98.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, $1,780.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, $54.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, $2,351.78; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, $1,500.00; Nationwide Management Services Inc, Subscription, $320.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, $517.63; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, $79.83; NERMA, Insurance, $77,255.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Acccts, $1,495.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, $12,756.00; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Contract Weed Control, $22,500.00; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, $500.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, Misc, $41.98; Robert M. Brenner Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, $662.13; Travis Rodak, Phone, $180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, $675.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, $2,100.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff’s Dept, Law Enforcement Costs & Court Costs, $100.12; Sirchir, Law Enforcement Supplies, $83.36; Sonny’s Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, $185.59; Unites States Treasury, Misc, $383.04; U S Postal Service, Box Rent, $90.00; Joe George Viola, Prior Service, $132.00; Western NE Community College, Training, $30.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, $1,918.38; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, $377.06; General Employees, Salaries, $58,502.86.

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND**

Allo Communications, Service, $106.59; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, $465.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, $3,160.92; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, $191.89; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, $322.70; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, $241.93; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, $183.43; Century Link, Service, $103.69; City of Bayard, Service, $166.22; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, $24.75; Fat Boys Tire Corp, Tires, $97.34; Floyd’s Truck Center Inc, Repairs, $74.69; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, $22.04; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, $17,943.44; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, $938.07; Koke’s Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, $886.60; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, $1,274.42; NE Child Support, Child Support, $156.00; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, $841.00; NIRMRA, Insurance, $81,515.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Acccts, $542.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, $5,689.87; PowerPlan, Repairs, $9,277.09; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, $1,772.05; Village of Broadwater, Service, $169.40; Road Employees, Salaries, $28,097.12.
W911 FUND

GeoComm Inc, Misc, $3,861.00; Stancil Corp, Misc, $1,285.00.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Snell Services Inc, Repairs, $560.00.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, 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.

Del Ray Kraupie, requested a liquor license for the Farm & Ranch Board for July 22, 2022 for the reception for the Rubber Check race. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the liquor license. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual Tax Statement and the 2019-2021 Unpaid Tax Report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to accept the reports. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a resolution to transfer money to the Road Department. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-22
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 $200,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/ Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/ Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, said the budgets need to have some new codes added for the Opioid settlement and some other items. She said the budgets are just about ready to be sent to everyone and that at the next meeting, the resolutions for the new codes will be ready. Brandt asked what the percentage increase that everyone could ask for. Commissioners said 2 1/2%.

The Board talked about the Public Transit system. Metz said that nothing has changed yet. He said the three options were to hire locally, to contract with Panhandle Trails out of Alliance or to contract with another county. Shawna Faessler was present and said she might be interested in being in charge of it, but she wanted to continue to drive the bus. She had questions about the paperwork and the grants. The Commissioners told her that she can ask other counties and that she would have help with it. The
Board said that if they went with Panhandle Trails, they could hire Shawna to be a driver. No decision was made.

The Board met with Caroline Sanchez to evaluate the Contracted Custodial job. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to enter into Executive Session, according to Statute §84-1410(d) at 8:58 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to return to regular session at 9:19 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Metz said there was no decision to act on.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said his meetings are this week. Batterman reported on the Opioid zoom meeting. She said she is committed to get some of the money out to our areas. Metz reported on the Fair Board and the CAPWN meetings.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, reported that Dan Krentz will be starting on the parking lot for the Handicapped parking. The Board asked if he could put a couple of walk ways across the west area to allow people to park in the street and walk across the rocks. Cardenas said he will talk to Krentz.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:39 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz ____________Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt __________, County Clerk
The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, July 12, 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 July 6, 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 July 7, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, and Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

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

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented a Report of Destroyed Real Property for Sam Arellano. A tree had fallen down on this house. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Destroyed Real Property and to get it as close to $0 as possible. Yeas; Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson, presented Tax List Corrections #2022-16, 17, 18, 19 & 20. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for Exempt Vehicles at 7:46 A.M. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented an Exemption for the Bayard Church of Christ. Hearing no comment from the public, Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Vehicle Exemption for the Bayard Church of Christ. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Property Valuation Protests. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to make no changes to the following protests: Protest #11-15 Gerald W. Green; #30-Colby Bower-Smith and #32-Bomgaars. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:12 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to make changes to the following protests: #1-Bernard W. Jr. & Debra J. Adams; #2-City of Bayard; #3-Tyson & Shanna Milam; #4-Steven R. Jobman; #5-George & Allison Liras; #6-Gregory Carrier; #7-Laura Warner; #8-Paula Hopkins; #9-Rodney & Loretta McCoy; #10-Kym D. & Lois Anne Ferguson; #16-Mary E. Saunders; #17-Rebecca C. Gold; #18-Ruben L. Steele; #19-Andrew Jackson; #20-DeL Ray Kraupie; #21-James D. & Julie Nein; #22-Charles Saunders; #23-Charlotte Brown; #24-Eugene Brown, Jr.; #25-Gary L. Olmman; #26-Ted Jackson; #27-Andrew Plummer; #28-Christopher Hoadley; #29-Paul Safford; & #31-William Rauert. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 9:37 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz Chairperson

ATTEST:
/s/Kathleen L. Brandt County Clerk