

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, August 9, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 9, 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 August 3, 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 August 4, 2022. 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 Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Transfer of Funds and the addition of Resolution for Political Subdivision Levy, and the minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Aging Office of Western NE, Aging Costs, \$2,562.00; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,043.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,947.77; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Misc, \$94.02; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Mileage, \$86.25; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, Supplies & Subscription, \$419.27; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs & Lease, \$302.26; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Cheyenne County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$18.50; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$218.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$27.50; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$6,769.92; Dollar General, Supplies, Board of Prisoners & Misc, \$104.85; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$3.99; Election Systems & Software Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$13.60; Environmental Systems Research Inst, GIS, \$1,135.62; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Care, \$720.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry, \$200.52; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$24.88; Loretta McCoy, Phone & Mileage, \$549.76; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,670.22; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,074.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$191.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$90.65; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NACO, Registration, \$150.00; NE Print Works LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$188.04; NE Total Office, Supplies & Furniture, \$664.99; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; NSA/POAN Law Enforcement Conference, Registration, \$170.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,807.48; Plummer Insurance Inc, Notary, \$105.00; Mary Ann Randall, Postage, \$2.69; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,064.40; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Sirchie, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$112.94; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$125.53; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners, \$5.05; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Teletype, \$448.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$322.63; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,742.46; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,913.88.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$107.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,499.45; Aulick Industries, Repairs, \$462.00; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$561.67; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$166.89; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$33.70; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$183.43; Century Link, Service, \$105.75; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; City of Bayard, Service, \$171.61; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$2,499.45; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$2,460.00; Filter Care of NE LLC, Repairs, \$192.20; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$67.28; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$11,222.44; Jamie Holloway, Labor, \$420.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$157.50; Lawson Products Inc., Supplies, \$74.48; Menards-Scottsbluff, Tools, \$40.76; Murphy Tractor & Equip, Repairs, \$2,004.48; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$5,824.23; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,887.82; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$79.30; Riverside Lumber LLC, Tools, \$39.00; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$261.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$143.80; 21st Century Equip LLC, Repairs, \$1,013.78; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,803.98.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Project, \$6,870.00.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Mobile Binders, Supplies, \$491.07.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$481.22; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19; GeoComm Inc, Misc, \$18,133.00.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Honey Bee Parking Lot Striping CO, \$1,200.00; Inman Services, Repairs, \$1,400.00; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Repairs, \$4,764.00.

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.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented a resolution for either allowing or denying to allocate funds under the County Budget for Cemetery & Fire Districts. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to deny allocating funds for Cemetery and Fire Districts and to adopt the following resolution:

IN THE COUNTY OF MORRILL
STATE OF NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION #2022-26

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners agreed to allocate no funds for the political subdivisions under their levy authority.

The Districts included are:

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| Angora Cemetery District | Bridgeport Fire District #1 |
| Bayard Cemetery District | Bayard Fire District #3 |
| Bridgeport Cemetery District | Broadwater Fire District #4 |
| Broadwater Cemetery District | |
| Redington Cemetery District | |

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th day of August, 2022

Morrill County 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.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented a contract with the Morrill County Community Hospital for medical treatments for prisoners. The County will pay \$1,000 per month and if money is left at end of the year, it will be banked for the next year. This will prevent getting a large bill that was not budgeted for. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the contract with the hospital. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented the contract for the Public Transit Management Agreement. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign a five-year contract with Travis Rodak, Grand Slam Solutions LLC, for managing the Public Transit System for Morrill County. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the OPIOID funds and how they can be used. Batterman proposed that they funnel it into the Panhandle Mental Health Foundation. She said that Kimball and Sheridan Counties have already agreed to do this. Questions were asked about using the funds for Law Enforcement training and wellness. Batterman said that Deuel County refused the money and Cheyenne County is keeping theirs. Cardenas said he felt we should keep it here. The Board agreed to not take any action until they find out exactly what it can be used for.

The Board discussed the ARPA Funds and how to use it. As per resolution, the elected officials who worked during COVID will receive a payment. Discussion was held about the flooring in the Courthouse. Cardenas asked if it could be used for bodycams.

The Board met with Caroline Sanchez, Contracted Custodian. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session according to NE Statute #84-1410(d) at 8:17 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session, with no action being taken at 8:32 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Judd Allen and Mike Boden, representing NACO, met with the Board regarding the Health Insurance through NACO. They said they are now offering a Self-funded plan. The Board said that the County had just renewed our Self-Funded plan with RCI and that if they would present this proposal to the county in May or June, 2023, they would look at it. Allen and Boden reported that NACO is getting ready to build a satellite office in Ogallala, NE.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said his meetings are this week. Batterman reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting and the Panhandle Public Health meeting. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting.

Sarah Paisley, and Katlyn Rosas presented their 2022 Summer report. Tammie Ostdiek was also present. They discussed the June workshops that they held some in conjunction with Garden County. They also reported on the County Fair. Metz asked if the Fair date could be moved to a later time. Paisley talked about trying not to schedule ours as the same time as Cheyenne County, but she said that might just be a change of the sale day, not the entire fair.

A Budget workshop was held with the elected and appointed officials.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, August 9, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, August 9, 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 August 3, 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 August 5, 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 the Cemetery Report to the Commissioners.

Nelson, presented her 3-Yr Plan. She said she needs to get the Commercial in Bridgeport and Bayard done this year. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Assessor's Three-Year Plan. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:45 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk