

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 9, 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 February 3, 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 February 4, 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 and the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$175.46; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,109.19; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,172.79; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,980.18; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$66.63; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$954.23; Bomgaars Supply Inc, mISC, \$46.82; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport Memorial Chapel, County Burial, \$655.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Subscription, Supplies & Publishing, \$224.54; Butte County Sheriff's Office, Court Costs, \$100.00; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs & Equip, \$302.35; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$294.93; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$115.43; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Crites, Shaffer, Conneally Etc. PC LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$143.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$110.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$4,199.47; Justin Dobrovolny, Phone, \$40.00; Dollar General, Laundry-Prisoners, Board of Prisoners & Supplies, \$87.40; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Lee's Service Inc, Repairs, \$34.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, \$161.00; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$233.98; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$901.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$134.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,486.27; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$274.92; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NACO, Registration, \$100.00; NE Assoc of Co Clks, Reg Deeds, Elect Comm, Dues, \$75.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$60.55; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,592.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,178.10; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Subscription, \$357.55; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$4,120.00; Cristol Torres, Vehicle Damage, \$836.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$237.32; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$744.32; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$595.85; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$32.23; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,291.52.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$108.02; American Family Life, Insurance, \$422.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,164.17; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,586.63; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Repairs & Pipes, \$58.97; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$213.97; Century Link, Service, \$92.04; City of Bayard, Service, \$748.96; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$409.84; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,504.82; Frank Parts Co, Supplies, Repairs, \$119.90; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$7,710.00; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$331.00; Koozer Construction Inc, Gravel, \$24,800.56; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$34.46; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,356.14; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; Platte Valley Bank, HSA

Accts, \$547.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,638.07; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$210.96; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$101.10; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Equip LLC, Repairs, \$85.14; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,125.98.

MORRILL COUNTY HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$55,851.50.

HANDYMAN FUND

Andrew Leisy, Service, \$310.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$648.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$40.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$69.72; Frontier, Misc, \$4.44.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$466.56; Frontier, Misc, \$29.75.

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

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

A letter was presented from the Extension Board, asking that Jaslyn Livingston be appointed to the Extension Board. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to appoint Jaslyn Livingston to the Scotts Bluff/Morrill County Extension Board. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Notice of Delinquent Property Tax Sale, that was published in the newspapers. Discussion was held about the delinquent irrigation taxes and if McCoy would call the Ditch Companies to have them allocate the county's water rights on some small properties to someone else. The Board asked if the names of the property owners could be added, because other counties print the names. McCoy said it is up to her if the names are added and she chooses not to. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said it would make his job easier if the names were there, because people would pay before he had to issue a Distress Warrant. McCoy explained that this report has nothing to do with Distress Warrants that are issued for Personal Property, not Real Estate. Discussion was held regarding people paying if their name is in the paper. Metz said the Board directs the County Treasurer to add the names and it will still be up to her if she adds them. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to accept the Notice of Delinquent Property Tax Sale. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution to transfer money to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-03  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund a 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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt  
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, presented the Detailed Plan of Operation for 2021-2022. She said she had to increase the budgeted amount for housekeeping and decrease the budget for chores. The Board questioned the \$12,000, but Eichthaler said she had gotten that much from the county in previous years, but this budget year, it was only \$1,000 and she had to use the figures from the Aging Office, to balance. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the Detailed Plan of Operation. Eichthaler said she has to have a Public Hearing for the Grant for the Aging Office. The hearing date was set for March 23, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Russ Frickey met with the board regarding a subdivision of property. He said it is for property that he purchased from Paul Carter. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2021-04**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, PAUL C. CARTER & DEBRA DOWNING CARTER, have applied for approval of 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 subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A Tract of land situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 50 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Morrill County Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Center Quarter Corner of Section 3, thence southerly on the north-south centerline of Section 3, on an assumed bearing of S 07° 26' 25" W, a distance of 1106.61 feet, to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing southerly on the north-south centerline of Section 3., bearing S 07° 26' 25" W a distance of 322.94 feet, to the point of intersection with the Center South Sixteenth Corner of Section 3, thence westerly bearing N 80° 21' 34" W, to the point of intersection with the centerline of an irrigation ditch, a distance of 685.20 feet, thence northeasterly on said centerline bearing N 60° 49' 41" E, a distance of 242.54 feet, thence bearing N 52° 47' 44" E, on said centerline, a distance of 204.63 feet, thence bearing N 59° 22' 32" E, on said centerline, a distance of 49.95 feet, to the point of intersection with a tangent curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 53° 17' 50", a radius of 145.00 feet, a chord bearing of N 86° 01' 27" E, and a chord length of 130.07 feet, thence easterly on the arc of said curve and said canal centerline, a distance of 134.88 feet, thence bearing S 67° 19' 38" E, on said centerline, a distance of 184.06 feet, to the Point of Beginning, said tract containing an area of 3.83 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairman, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt  
Board Member

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said his meetings are all this week. Batterman reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting. She said they passed a resolution to relinquish the Emergency Management from paying for any disaster costs. She said there will be Debris Management class that Hoerler needs to take. Batterman said the Safety Committee needs to have training for FEMA disasters. Metz said he had a CAPWN meeting.

Discussion was held regarding LB102 which would put the District Court Clerk under the State. Rodak explained that it mainly for those counties who have an Ex-officio Clerk.

Discussion was held about County Government Day which will be March 9, 2021. The Board meeting will begin at 8:45 A.M. on that day.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:02 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz\_\_\_\_\_,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt\_\_\_\_\_,County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
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Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statue §77-1233.04(6)at 7:45 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2021 – 4, 5, 6, & 7. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson reported that the Ag values for this year will stay the same. Metz asked about the 4 year comparisons and the 3 year sales. Nelson explained how these work

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:55 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk