

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on September 18, 2019. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners September 19, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the Elected and appointed Officials were also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the Agenda, with the addition of Bryan Hoerler and Road Business and the deletion of Transfer of Funds, and the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Service, \$170.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$587.67; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,730.78; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$47.20; Box Butte County Clerk, Child Support Agreement, \$3,500.00; Box Butte County Sheriff, Court Costs, \$21.50; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$309.69; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$85.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$890.26; Century Business Products, Equip, \$76.91; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$299.09; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$144.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$259.85; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; Dana F. Cole & Co LLP, Budget Assistance, \$2,415.40; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, et al, Court Appointed Counsel, \$184.76; Joanie Dudden, Mileage, \$132.24; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Rene M. Eirich, Mileage, \$57.77; ESRI Inc, GIS, \$700.00; Galls LLC, Uniforms, \$28.24; Holiday Inn-Express-Kearney, Lodging, \$290.90; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$111.60; Lusetto Machine, Repairs, \$756.87; MailFinance, Equip Rental, \$1,905.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Jennifer Mitchell, Mileage, \$109.04; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$1,460.08; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,488.20; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,239.54; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$232.42; NACA, Dues, \$50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$150.53; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$96.57; Sarah Paisley, Mileage, \$542.30; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$330.12; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,051.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,711.09; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$49.96; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Quarterly, \$7,161.34; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,700.96; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Sidney Sun-Telegraph Inc, Publishing, \$140.50; Sirchie, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$333.23; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$19.95; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners, \$13.37; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$591.08; Tracy Terrell, Mileage, \$294.64; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$51.20; Univ of NE, Mileage, \$130.43; Univ of NE, Registration, \$75.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Supplies & Equip, Meals, Lodging & Misc, \$1,659.52; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,447.15; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$540.78; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$18.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,290.15.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,936.07; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$790.53; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$161.86; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Deluxe Radiator, Repairs, \$65.00; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00;

Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$9.28; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,187.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,919.67; National Industrial & Safety Supply, Signs, \$299.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$80.57; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$2,749.83; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$650.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,458.44; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$1,144.45; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$15,552.20; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$1,225.00; WY Bearing & Supply, Repairs, \$463.83; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,098.27.

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Kimball County Treas, Advertising, \$2,000.00; Marketing Consultants, Advertising, \$183.50; Wayfair.com, Advertising, \$800.95.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$50.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$194.29.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$402.59.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, after having been examined by the Commissioners, 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.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, had completed his Speed study on RD 99 and presented it to the commissioners, but because it was not on the agenda, action will be taken at the next meeting.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2019 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: August - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

The August minutes of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The September minutes of the Morrill County Visitors' Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Val Jansante from Adrian Smith's office introduced himself to the Board and gave a review of what Adrian Smith has been doing regarding trade deals and concerns from the Ag industry.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the August Financials to the Board. Stuart asked that be noted from last month's minutes that the \$800,000 to Medicare is incorrect, it should be estimate of 2019 settlement of \$469,000, the ambulance billing issue of \$330,000 which is for three years and the amount received from Medicare for 2018 will be \$537,000. Stuart said the Jack & Jill building should be done in November and the construction for the MRI building should be completed by the end of the year.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Distress Warrant report. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the Distress Warrant report, with a total of \$23,315.92 uncollected. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a Resolution to allow the Treasurer to strike Personal Property Taxes for 2016 or older. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the striking of taxes and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-34

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska that the County Treasurer of said Morrill County, Nebraska is hereby authorized and directed to strike Personal Property Tax per Section 77-1738, Revised Statute of Nebraska, from the Tax Lists of Morrill County, Nebraska.

A list of all persons and amounts involved is attached. The year covered is 2016 and older unless otherwise noted. Tax only; No interest, fees or penalties are shown. The total amount involved is \$5,152.45.

Passed and approved this 24th day of September, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz
County Commissioner

/s/Susanna Batterman
County Commissioner

/s/Greg Sterkel
County Commissioner

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ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented a report for the WING operation and what they do for Morrill County. He suggested that the County donate \$2,500.00 to WING since they continually lose state funding. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to donate \$2,500.00 to the Western Nebraska WING group. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, asked all of the officials who have County credit cards to present a Form 13 showing that we are tax exempt when they purchase anything on the credit card. Brandt said that using Direct Bill versus the credit card keeps us from being charged the tax and most hotels across the state are willing to direct bill.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Safety meeting and that they are getting estimates for an Abrasive carpet in the entryways that would allow us to get rid of the mats and also getting estimates for the vinyl planking for the hallways to totally eliminate rugs. Batterman reported on the Aging Office meeting and that they are losing their internet provider which could be costly to get a new one. She said also said that the report for the Panhandle Region was good. Metz reported on the Hospital Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:04 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:49 A.M., Tuesday, September 24, 2019 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 September 18, 2019. 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 September 19, 2019. 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 Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:49 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2019-12. Discussion was held over the TERC appeal and confessing judgement for Cheema Investments. The Board questioned Nelson over lowering it one year and raising it back up the next year. Nelson explained that the TERC judgement had not been made at the time that she had to set her values, so she did not know if the Board would confess judgement and agree to lower it. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the above correction. 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