

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Monday, June 27, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Monday, June 27, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on wall of the Commissioners' room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC, on June 22, 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 June 23, 2022. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Ace Hardware, Equip, \$779.98; Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$1,116.70; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,582.06; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,203.13; Best Plumbing, Heating & Cooling LLC, Repairs, \$1,070.56; Black Hill Energy, Service, \$286.63; Bobbin Heads, Supplies, \$465.00; Box Butte County Clerk, Consulting Fees & Misc, \$8,000.00; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$395.60; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$321.65; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$24.72; Century Business Products, Equip, \$152.48; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,627.04; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$272.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$250.96; Comfort Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$344.85; Crown Plaza-Kearney, Lodging, \$124.95; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$15.00; Dana F. Cole & Co LLP, Audit Costs, \$14,772.00; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$4,209.35; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$120.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Misc, \$465.93; Matthew Martin Hutt P.H.D., Education, \$450.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$96.78; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$462.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$10,177.70; Morrill County Fair Board, Fair Expense, \$25,820.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,468.62; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$34,858.11; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$178.68; Nebraska Printworks, Supplies, \$44.25; NE Total Office, Furniture, \$838.29; Sarah Paisley, Mileage & Equip, \$1,131.16; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,625.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,467.71; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$201.74; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc, Postage & Equip Lease, \$6,915.00; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Quarterly, \$11,761.25; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$25,883.69; Rixstine, Supplies, \$367.10; Katlyn Rosas, Equip & Supplies, \$1,178.78; Tarah Ross, Mileage, \$89.51; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$959.35; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$10,300.00; Staples Credit Plan, Data Processing Equip & Supplies, \$951.50; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, \$517.88; Stout Trucking, Equip, \$2,000.00; Univ of NE-Lincoln, Consulting, \$1,806.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Supplies, Registration, Meals, Dues, Autopsy Costs, Phone, Furniture, Laundry & Misc, \$5,241.56; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$140.73; General Employees, Salaries, \$61,843.69.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$339.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,174.33; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$166.80; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$541.03; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$1,146.42; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$49.87; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$104.31; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$451.80; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$1,582.56; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$24,431.91; GWorks, Data Processing, \$450.00; Heigel's

Field Service, Repairs, \$2,041.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$2,415.21; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$280.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,274.42; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,465.70; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$60.72; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$579.67; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$542.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,729.77; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$117.22; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,683.28; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$269.26; Simon, Asphalt, \$3,788.40; U S Bank, Lodging & Fuel, \$324.45; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,216.34.

ROAD SINKING FUND

KBK Truckins LLC, Gravel, \$29,404.14.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$96,663.68.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$115.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$50.00; Blanca Carrillo De Lamas, Service, \$72.00; Jeffrey D. Erdman, Service, \$590.00; Jerry Foland, Service, \$200.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$250.00; Herb Karcher, Refund, \$176.00; Brenda L. Krantz, Service, \$132.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$855.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$358.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Carol Petersen, Refund, \$5.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$180.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$136.50; Century Link-Business Services, Service, \$221.44; Frontier, Service, \$7.18.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$208.77; Century Link-Business Service, Service, \$833.06; Frontier, Service, \$27.01.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, 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: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2021 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: May – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

The June minutes of the Morrill County Safety Board meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the May Financials to the Board. Stuart also presented the Budget for 2022-2023.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds to the Road Department and a transfer from W911 to General. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2022-18 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 order the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the Amount of \$86,699.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2022-19
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the W911 Fund monies have to be used by a certain date, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the General Fund. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners order the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$24,648.00 into the General Fund, to pay the 911 Call Taker personnel.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Discussion was held regarding the Handyman/Public Transit program. Metz said that Nancy Eichthaler is retiring as of July 5, 2022. He said the Handyman Program will run through the Aging Office of Western Nebraska. He said there are three options for the Public Transit. He said the options are to do away with the program, to replace Eichthaler or to contract with another county. He said he and Travis Rodak, County Attorney, will meet with Jonnie Kusek from Box Butte County on Thursday. He said she owns her own transit business that takes care of Box Butte, Dawes and Sheridan Counties for the Public Transit. Metz said that Kimball County is also interested in taking over Morrill County. He said that the Morrill County Public Transit will be done on June 30, 2022. Discussion was held about the buses that the County owns and what could be done with those.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for amending the 2021-2022 Budget at 8:31 A.M. The purpose of the hearing is to change the amount for the Hospital Bond Budget by \$50,000.00 which will not affect the levy. Hearing no comments from the Public, Chairman Metz

closed the Public Hearing at 8:35 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to amend the budget and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-20
MORRILL COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT
RESOLUTION OF AMENDED BUDGET

WHEREAS, A proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, prepared by Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on or about the 15th day of August, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Adoption of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year of Morrill County was adopted by the County Board after a public hearing held on September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this amendment allows for amending the budget because of an error in the amount for the Hospital Bond Payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County:

1. The Hospital Bond Fund will be amended to finance the Hospital Bond Payment from \$151,057.00 to \$201,057.00 to make the full payment due.
2. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in this fund, revenues other than taxation be collected during the fiscal year in this fund, and tax levy requirements for the Hospital Bond Fund.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman of the Board

(SEAL) /s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Tom Thompson, NMC Salesman, met with the Board, regarding the Skidsteer lease. Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, was present. Hoerler said they’ve leased for one year. Hoerler said the way it works, he leases it for a year and then has the option to purchase it. He said the lease is \$5,400 per year with 500 hours. He said every year that he continues to lease it, the lease price goes down. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve and sign the Lease Agreement and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-21

A Resolution authorizing the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT to enter into a Municipal Rental Agreement for the purpose of procuring the use of 2020 CATERPILLAR 249D3 Serial #P9C00854 with 2022 BOCE 74” BUCKET Serial #A4213BK22196

WHEREAS, MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Nebraska (the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT), is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (the “State”) and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State;

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the MORRILL COUNTY HGIHWAY DEPARTMENT (the “Governing Body”) is authorized to rent personal property necessary to the functions or operations of the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that it is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT for the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT to rent the (1) 2020 CATERPILLAR 249D3 Serial #P9C00854 with 2022 BOCE 74” BUCKET Serial #A4213BK22196 described in the bid or proposal of (the “Equipment”);

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the rental of the Equipment pursuant to, and the execution by the County of, the Municipal Rental Agreement in the form, or substantially in the form, presented to the Governing Body at the time of adoption of this Resolution (the “Rental Agreement”), for the purpose of renting the Equipment, is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the County;

WHEREAS, Arvest Equipment Finance, a division of Arvest Bank, (the “Lessor”) has agreed to act as lessor under the Rental Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Nebraska, that:

Section 1. The bid or proposal of for the Equipment to be rented by the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT is hereby accepted.

Section 2. The MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, his/her signature being attested by the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, is hereby authorized to execute the Rental Agreement with the Lessor providing for the rental of the Equipment by the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in the form, or substantially in the form, presented to the Governing Body at the time of adoption of this Resolution. The MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT is hereby authorized to negotiate such additional documents as are necessary to complete the Rental Agreement, and the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT is hereby authorized to execute, his signature being attested by the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT of the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, any such additional documents or certificates as required by the Lessor. All other related contracts, agreements and documents necessary and incidental to the Rental Agreement are hereby authorized.

Section 3. The rental payments under the Rental Agreement in each fiscal year shall be charged against and paid from the revenues of the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT available for such purpose under the laws of the State for such fiscal year. For the purpose of making the said rental payments there is hereby, and shall be, appropriated to pay such rental payments, for the current fiscal year, an amount of general revenues of the MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT sufficient for such purposes. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to withdraw from the [General Fund] and/or from such other sources as may be hereafter directed by the Governing Body, the amounts and at the time necessary to make the rental payments under the Rental Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of MORRILL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Nebraska, in a meeting duly held following proper notice thereof on the 27th day of June, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman of the Board

Dated: 6/27/2022

(S E A L)

Witness:
/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Dated: 6/27/2022

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

Jeff Metz, Chairman, said he had talked to Matt Anderson about the amended contract for predator control and there is no negotiation from the USDA regarding the contract. He said he felt we need to continue with this program. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amended contract with an increase from \$9,169.20 to \$11,021.32 for the 12-month work period that ends June 30, 2023. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office meeting and the Safety meeting. Batterman reported on the County Board workshop. Metz reported on the Hospital, Fair Board and Community Action meetings. Discussion was held regarding LB644 and the amount this will cost the county to mail out all of the postcards.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Protest Hearings on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Monday, June 27, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:47 A.M., Monday, June 27, 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 June 22, 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 June 23, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to enter into Board of Equalization, according to NE Statute §77-1233.04(6) at 7:47 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Over and Under Valuations, to the Board. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Over & Under Valuations. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman (Abstaining from the Over & Under Valuation for Batterman Land & Cattle LLC, Parcel #200041706), and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson presented Tax List Corrections #2022-14 & 15. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried

Metz asked about the TERC case for the Farm & Ranch Board. He told Rodak that we should confess judgement and go with the Assessor's value.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:59 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz_____,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt_____,County Clerk

