

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 26, 2017 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 20, 2017. 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 21, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the Elected 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 Gwen Jessen not being there, but Batterman has a detailed message to read from her, and the minutes of the September 12, 2017 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

Chelsea Altena, Lodging & Mileage, \$549.76; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$301.18; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,449.59; Bayard Tiger Paws, Fuel, \$48.54; Cynthia J. Brandt-Court Reporter, Law Enforcement Costs, \$75.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$271.78; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$90.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$17.20; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$36.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$490.35; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$135.15; \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$62.50; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$176.60; Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapels, County Burial, \$1,612.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone & Mileage, \$82.80; Environmental Systems Research Institute, GIS, \$700.00; Sue Ann Finke, NCSEA Treas, Registration, \$195.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$99.95; HTMC, Advertising, \$215.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Service, \$37.90; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$236.99; JC Auto Repair, Repairs, \$137.44; Jim Lapaseotes, Equip, \$968.57; Lied Lodge-Arbor Day Farm, Lodging, \$808.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners & Board of Prisoners, \$2,127.16; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,020.92; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,622.44; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$70.00; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NACO, Registrations, \$100.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$81.27; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$201.93; Performance Auto Spa, Service, \$105.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,596.25; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,825.32; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$22,831.87; Travis Rodak, Office Exp & Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; RR Donnelley-Solution Center, Law Enforcement Costs, \$104.85; Sec of State-Elec Div, Registration, \$35.00; Diana E. Sparks, Notary, \$30.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$119.26; Tracy Terrell, Mileage, \$254.66; Town & Country Advertising, Publishing, \$72.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$135.00; University of NE, Mileage, \$12.33; UNMC, Law Enforcement Costs, \$25.00; US Bank, Meals, Phone, Registration, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$709.80; US Diary, Supplies, \$57.41; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$64.47; General Employees, Salaries, \$54,611.96.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; Ag & Auto Diesel Service Inc, Repairs, \$118.22; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$135.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,826.19; Century Link, Service, \$75.18; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$157.70; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$500.00; Hireright Solutions, Testing Fees, \$364.14; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$438.71; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$216.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$943.34; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$16,308.76; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$51.35; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel & Supplies, \$11,514.94; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts,

\$780.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,438.79; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$11,655.19; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$90.82; Russell's Transmission, Repairs, \$2,695.37; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$74.28; Twin Rivers Testing, Engineering Fees, \$1,136.00; US Dairy, Supplies, \$57.41; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,213.68.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$122.61; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$196.82.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$119.71.

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.

**Board of Equalization**

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2017 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Aug-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 June & September minutes of the Morrill County Safety Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, was unable to attend but sent the August Financials to the Board for their review.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented a resolution to transfer funds into the Road Department. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2017-35  
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 \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Discussion was held regarding the Planning & Zoning Board. Batterman said she had contacted an individual in Broadwater to replace Kenny Loxterkamp, but had not heard back from him and Metz said that Brian Trimble is moving so there would be another vacancy. Metz said that Danny Kewnig was interested. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to appoint Danny Kewnig to the Zoning Board. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Batterman relayed the message from Gwen Jessen regarding her road complaint. Bryan Hoerler, Road Superintendent, said he had worked on the road and said there is a lot of traffic on that road, with harvest and the potato shippers. Hoerler said that Dan Abel is retiring and he has hired one full time employee and and one part time person.

Barb Otto, with the "In God We Trust" campaign was unable to attend the meeting.

The Commissioners reported on meetings they had attended.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, reported that he had applied for KENO funds.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, reported on the State Fair and on various programs they are working on.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:08 A.M., Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on September 20, 2017. 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 21, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 8:08 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2017-20. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 8:14 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

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

