

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, November 23, 2021 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 Bayard Transcript on November 17, 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 November 18, 2021. 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of a Resolution for a public hearing for vacating a road and the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,106.79; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,017.69; Bayard Automotive LLC, Supplies, \$94.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$168.57; Bob Barker Co Inc, Supplies, \$17.50; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$44.80; Bridgeport Memorial Chapel, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$23.04; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$994.26; Century Business Products, Equip, \$40.24; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,261.91; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$71.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$193.72; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$952.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$30.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$7,017.69; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$981.50; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$19.47; Kone Chicago, Service, \$239.28; Logoz LLC, Supplies, \$304.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$92.88; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,501.98; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$36,833.41; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,428.28; NACo, Dues, \$450.00; National Pen Co LLC, Misc, \$141.83; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel & Public Defender, \$1,053.97; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,807.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,067.15; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$204.48; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,284.80; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,036.97; Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Subscription, \$358.59; Staples Credit Plan, Data Processing Equip & Supplies, \$585.18; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, \$69.88; Thompson Reuters-West. Law Library, \$720.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscriptions, \$232.60; Univ of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$200.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Supplies, Repairs, Uniforms, Meals, Phone, Grave Markers, Furniture & Misc, \$1,373.22; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$90.31; Watchguard Video, Law Enforcement Costs, \$4,495.00; Western NE Newspapers, Publishing, \$175.20; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$656.63; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$170.05; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,102.77.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$266.75; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,113.40; B & C Steel Corp, Steel Products, \$964.80; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$496.40; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$102.06; Charter Communications, Service, \$104.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Croell Redi Mix Inc, Concrete, \$494.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,609.91; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$678.00; Bryan Hoerler, Meals & Phone, \$50.26; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$3,764.05; Lee's Service Inc, Repairs, \$31.14; Mike Linch, Gravel, \$1,370.00; Mid-America Research Chemical Corp, Supplies, \$1,172.25; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,275.31; Morrill County

Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$16,478.05; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$60.71; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$4,751.23; Bob Noonan, Gravel, \$1,302.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$347.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,681.14; Mary Pohl, Gravel, \$2,502.00; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$111.74; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$13,132.01; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$132.86; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$38.00; US Bank, Meals, Fuel & Misc, \$154.23; Anna Faye Van Anne, Gravel, \$258.00; Vera's Auto & Tire Service, Repairs, \$30.00; Westco, Fuel, \$15,170.10; Western Sugar Coop, Repairs, \$486.00; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,674.63.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$19.14.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$254.50; Century Link Business Services, Service, \$113.12.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$189.85; Century Link Business Services, Misc, \$425.53.

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: October – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the October Financials for the hospital. She reported on the construction on the new additions and the building downtown.

A resolution to be adopted was received from the Dept of Roads certifying that Bryan Hoerler is the County Highway Superintendent for the year 2021. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the documentation and to allow the Chairman of the Board to sign the documentation and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-48
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2021

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302 and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if

applicable), the type of appointment i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Morrill County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 23rd day of November, 2021 at Bridgeport, Nebraska.

County Board Members

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Josh Schmidt

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented his Road Study that was requested by the Board on November 9, 2021. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to set a Public Hearing Date for December 28, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. for the purpose of the possibility of vacating a road and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING DATE
RESOLUTION #2021-49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska that whereas a request was made by Jeff Metz to vacate a portion of county road hereinafter described due to lack of use, the road is a dead end road, and to reduce liability; and

WHEREAS by action of said board on November 9, 2021, Morrill County Highway Superintendent Bryan Hoerler was directed to perform a study thereof and report to the Board as provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS on November 23, 2021, Bryan Hoerler reported that the said road is a dead end, has very little use by the general public and is a liability to the county, it was recommended that the road be vacated and the public right-of-way be returned to the adjacent landowner.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED on this 23rd day of November 2021, by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska that a public hearing be held at 8:00 A.M. on December 28, 2021 at the County Commissioners' Room in the Morrill County Courthouse in Bridgeport, Nebraska at which time all persons interested in said road to be vacated and abandoned may appear and be heard; that said road is described and located as a 66 foot wide road right-of-way located in Sec. 32, T 22N, R51W, in Morrill County, Nebraska.

Dated at Bridgeport, Nebraska this 23rd day of November, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman, Morrill County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Morrill County Clerk

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Distress Warrant Report as of November 1, 2021. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Distress Warrant report. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Delinquent Tax post cards that had been sent out. The Board asked if there was a way to check on each of those parcels to see if they had changed ownership. McCoy said she would see what could be done. McCoy presented a resolution for transferring money to the Road Department. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-50
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 on November 23, 2021 in the Amount of \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of November, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral Health meeting. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office and Office of Human Development meetings. Schmidt said that they had tabled a motion to mandate vaccines. Metz reported on the Hospital meeting and that they passed a motion not to mandate vaccines.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:58 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:36 A.M., Tuesday, November 23, 2021 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 Bayard Transcript on November 17, 2021. 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 November 18, 2021. 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 7:36 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2021-24, 25 & 26. Nelson explained that these needed to be approved but not corrected until after MIPS makes their adjustments on the tax credits. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:46 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

