

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 14, 2022 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on June 8, 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 on June 9, 2022. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. 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 Metz, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$78.32; Advance Medical Imaging Consultants, Medical-Prisoners, \$66.00; Alarm Security Technicians, Supplies, \$1,192.00; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,102.46; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,581.89; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,401.21; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$2.64; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$790.62; Bob Barker Co Inc, Board of Prisoners, \$352.51; Kathy Brandt, Meals, Mileage & Phone, \$198.37; Bridgeport Family Dental, Medical-Prisoners, \$676.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$314.63; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$122.25; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,388.97; Century Business Products, Supplies, \$221.30; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$149.20; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$114.46; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$250.96; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$371.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$27.50; Dollar General, Supplies & Board of Prisoners, \$108.25; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$299.35; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Uniforms, \$136.67; Graham Tire Co, Tires, \$1,292.96; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Care, \$720.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$644.17; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$555.38; John Deere Financial, Repairs, \$51.91; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$28.49; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,166.66; Lori McCoy, Mileage & Phone, \$65.74; Mediation West, Misc, \$150.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,629.75; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,430.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$275.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,468.62; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$199.58; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NACEB, Dues, \$50.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,458.80; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$62.70; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$222.30; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$815.75; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$757.71; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,625.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,881.84; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$294.93; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,064.40; Riverside Lumber LLC, Misc, \$10.99; Travis Rodak, Phone, Lodging, Meals & Mileage, \$1,005.51; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Katlyn Rosas, Meals & Supplies, \$1,495.21; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$2,358.07; Snell Services, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$44.05; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$125.97; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Service, \$448.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$183.16; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Postal Service, Box Rent, \$344.00; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$57.13; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,793.61; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; General Employees, Salaries, \$62,957.61

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$105.24; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$339.77; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,170.55; Bar-Nine Prospects LLC, Gravel, \$722.00; Bayard Automotive, Repairs, \$67.23; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$820.10; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$416.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$20.26; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$249.90; Century Link, Service, \$101.69; City of Bayard, Service, \$460.47; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$439.01; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$3,350.00; Dooley

Oil Inc, Oil, \$2,204.78; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$113.15; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$26,347.92; Heigel's Field Service, Supplies, \$1,305.00; Harry W. Henkel, Gravel, \$1,083.00; HQB LLC, Gravel, \$1,600.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$178.52; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$37,175.12; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$1,730.64; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$80.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,224.42; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; Panhandle Coop, Fuel, \$20,605.42; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$542.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,732.78; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$239.53; PT Hose & Bearing, Supplies, \$29.83; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$261.00; Simon, Maintenance, \$4,390.05; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$57.18; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$105.40; Owen D. Walker, Gravel, \$2,220.00; 21st Century Equip LLC, Repairs, \$314.16; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,182.76.

VETERAN'S AID FUND

Centec Cast Metal Products, Markers, \$1,089.75.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$105.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$110.00; Blanca Carrillo De Lamas, Service, \$144.00; Jeffrey D. Erdman, Service, \$465.00; Jerry Foland, Service, \$120.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$160.00; Brenda L. Krantz, Service, \$180.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$405.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$429.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$200.00.

911 FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$1,291.53; Century Link, Service, \$240.34; Frontier, Misc, \$7.18.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$611.10; Frontier, Misc, \$27.01.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, that the above claims, be approved and checks drawn on the various funds, delinquent personal property taxes deducted where owing. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Del Kraupie, representing the Farm & Ranch Board met with the commissioners to request approval of Special Designated Liquor licenses for July 3 & 4, 2022 for the Rodeo, July 15, 2022 for the Tractor Pull, July 16, 2022 for the Truck Show and July 23, 2022 for the Rubber Check Race. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the liquor licenses for all of the above dates. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held about the upcoming TERC hearing for the Farm & Ranch Board and the problem with them not opening the books and now charging \$20,000 a year for the Fair.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented a possible contract for Standard Appraisal to do a rural residence re-valuation. The Board said they do not see a need for it. Nelson also presented the yearly contract for the Maintenance Contract at the same price as last year. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the Maintenance Contract with Standard Appraisal, not to exceed \$13,200. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented two resolutions to transfer \$50,000 into the Road Fund and to transfer \$10,000 into the E911 fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2022-16 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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2022-17
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the General Fund monies are needed in the E911 Fund, which was budgeted for the 2021-2022 budget, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 into the E911 Fund.

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/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the NIRMA Insurance rates for 2022-2023. She explained that if they wanted to change the deductibles, it was now time to do so. The Board decided to leave it at the \$1,000 deductible and make no changes.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to re-appoint Kay Anderson to the Panhandle Public Health Board as an interested and community minded citizen. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for a Zoning Change at 8:31 A.M. Present were Connor Dwyer, owner of Maverick Feedlot, Dean Settje, from Settje Agri-Services and Nicole Berry. They were requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit for expanding the feedlot to 15,000 head of cattle. This had been presented to the Planning & Zoning Board on May 19, 2022 and Ross Corman, adjacent landowner had been present and had no problem with it. Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 8:41 A.M. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Maverick Feedlot. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Matt Anderson, Wildlife Specialist for the USDA, presented his yearly report to the Board, regarding number of coyotes, prairie dogs and other animals being controlled in Morrill County. Trish Burke, landowner, was there to report on how they've used the services to control coyotes from killing their calves. Anderson had a new contract that would increase the contract that is in place by 25%. He said that he had served 78 landowners in the report that he submitted. Matt said that Scotts Bluff, Kimball, Cheyenne, Banner and Morrill Counties are all deciding on this increase in the contract. The Board asked Matt if he could find out if the contract could be negotiated for a lesser amount and they will decide on it at a later date.

Tom Thompson and Bob Sora, Representatives from NMC presented a program for a Powertrain recondition for a price of \$135,000 and it would be to replace one per year at this cost. Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, was present and asked for permission to do this. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to give Hoerler permission to use the Powertrain reconditioning program. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Resolution for the rental of Caterpillar Equipment was tabled, because it was incorrect.

Val Jansante from Adrian Smith's office met with the Board to give an update on what Smith has been doing. He reported on the Telehealth bills and on exports.

Kevin Sylvester, CPA from Dana F. Cole & Co LLP, presented the Audit report for 2021. Sylvester reported that everything looks good for the audit. The Board accepted the Audit report for 2021.

Samantha Stoltenberg, Steve Jobman, Brian and Mark Hillier, presented the renewal for the Health insurance. They said the year had been good and the renewal was almost the same as last year, using the \$40,000 re-insurance plan. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to renew with IOA contingent on the max at \$40,000, renew Transplant coverage with HCC, renew with RCI handling the Administration using the Signa network, adding the MAP program with Signa, and authorizing Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, to sign the necessary documents. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz reported on the Fair Board meeting. Schmidt said his meetings are this week.

The Board talked to Bryan Hoerler about the grinding that fell through. Hoerler said it will be a month before they can get it started.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 10:57 A.M. Next meeting will be Monday, June 27, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:46 A.M., Tuesday, June 14, 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 8, 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 9, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to enter into Board of Equalization, according to NE Statute §77-1233.04(6) at 7:46 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Rural Residential values increasing and Ag values going up. The Board decided to hold the Property Value Protest Hearings on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 beginning at 7:00 A.M.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 8:00 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk