

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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 Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on October 7, 2020. 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 October 8, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the Agenda, and approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Auto Lease, \$5,533.57; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,105.95; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$843.28; \$843.15; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,024.09; \$6,997.69; Applied Concepts Inc, Auto Lease, \$2,909.00; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$286.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$168.86; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$260.13; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$588.88; Bytes Computer & Network Solutions, Repairs, \$1,250.00; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$196.41; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$87.37; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$688.02; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,510.03; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$322.11; \$322.11; Cozad Signs LLC, Auto Lease, \$650.00; Crites, Shafer, Connealy, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$35.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; Dana F. Cole & Co LLP, Budget, \$2,971.30; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,841.07; Justin Dobrovolny, Phone, \$40.00; Dollar General, Medical-Prisoners & Supplies, \$53.05; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M Elliott, Public Defender, \$5,065.48; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$1,075.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$163.60; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$66.20; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$233.35; Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Costs, \$59.80; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Maximus Inc, Consulting Fees, \$1,375.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$50.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$163.00; Mobius Communications, Service, \$58.50; Moneywise Office Supply, Misc, \$156.92; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,055.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$319.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,377.78; \$2,377.78; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$227.52; NACO, Registrations, \$375.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$3.26; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Jerald L. Ostdiek, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Panhandle Collections Inc, Garnishment, \$152.08; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$443.16; Tom Perkins, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,018.33; \$1,880.83; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,396.25; \$13,299.07; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc, Equip Lease, \$1,905.00; Region 21 Emergency Management, Civil Defense, \$7,275.58; Jared Reynolds, Mileage, \$127.08; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,009.95; Rhonda R. Flower, Atty, Court Appointed Counsel, \$574.95; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Scotts Bluff Co Sheriff's Dept, Court Costs, \$27.76; Secretary of State, Election Supplies, \$10.00; Carol Sinner, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$102.43; Thomas & Thomas Court Reporting, Law Enforcement Costs, \$46.09; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$553.53; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,097.14; \$59,491.71.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.17; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$293.90; \$293.83; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,617.23; \$3,196.17; Bayard Automotive, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$790.60; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$287.95; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$338.82; Bridgeport News-Blade, Supplies, \$141.52; Captial Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$166.75; Century Link, Service, \$87.86; City of Bayard, Service, \$116.36; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$449.27; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$76.14; \$76.14; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,736.21; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$182.60; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$127.33; Hireright LLC, Testing Fees, \$448.56; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$103.44; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$16.72; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$376.91; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$30.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,334.03; \$1,396.85; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$222.00; \$252.93; \$252.93; NE Dept of Revenue, Fuel Tax, \$1,231.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$51.97; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$9,708.61; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,724.48; \$5,744.09; Powerplan, Repairs, \$1,018.21; Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$33.90; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$206.96; Topkote Inc, Armor Coat, \$471.928.74; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$95.22; 21st Century Equip, Repairs, \$3,375.44; Road Employees, Salaries, \$32,153.31; \$28,410.49.

HIGHWAY/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Koozer Construction Inc, Road Project, \$31,242.50; Gary Wagoner, Road Project, \$6,323.00.

HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$85,020.46.

HANDYMAN FUND

Dawson Dean Avilez, Service, \$385.00; Joann Callan, Service, \$40.00; Jeffrey D. Erdman, Service, \$210.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$312.50; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,240.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$372.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$160.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$70.53; Frontier, Misc, \$4.44.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service & Misc, \$73,891.47; Frontier, Misc, \$29.75.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$162.50.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for Maximus Inc. for approval. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the Plan. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution for the Uncollected Distress Warrants to be Stricken. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to strike the Personal Property Taxes and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-41

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 2017 and older unless otherwise noted. Tax only; No interest, fees or penalties are shown. The total amount is \$5,675.24.

Passed and approved this 13th day of October, 2020.

/s/Loretta McCoy
Morrill County Treasurer

/s/Jeff Metz
County Commissioner

/s/Greg Sterkel
County Commissioner

(S E A L)

ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a resolution to transfer \$350,000 into the Road Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-42
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 \$350,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONER

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution that is a correction for the Hospital Bond Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the correction and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-43
CORRECTIONS/TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Treasurer has implemented procedures for correcting errors and,

WHEREAS, Morrill County received a refund from BOK Financial for a correction during the Hospital Refinance and that amount was incorrectly put into the Hospital Maintenance Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners directs the County Treasurer to transfer the funds from the Hospital Maintenance fund in the amount of \$1,128.30 into the Hospital Bond fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

A Subdivision of property was received from James Anest Farms Inc. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-44
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL
ESTATE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners James Anest Farms Inc., have applied for an instrument effecting subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 3.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, SOUTH 87° 47' 33" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2016.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, SOUTH 87° 47' 33" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 405.29 FEET TO THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, SOUTH 87° 50' 45" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 114.91 FEET;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 03° 33' 35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 358.43 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 83° 52' 50" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 222.22 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 19° 56' 37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 15.97 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 83° 54' 14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 215.03 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 10° 36' 05" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 318.62 FEET, TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MORRILL COUNTY ROAD 104;

THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH LINE, NORTH 02° 12' 27" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 3.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, INCLUDING COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE: Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 13th day of October, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, presented the MCPT-5311 Operating Assistance Certification. She said this was approved earlier, but now needs to be reaffirmed because of the COVID-19 monies. She said she will receive 100% of the cost for this. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to affirm the Certification. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Hoerler said this also approves the One-and Six Road Program. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-45

SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
FORM 2020

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification form.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Morrill County is hereby authorized to sign the attached County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2020 at Bridgeport, Nebraska

County Board Members

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Greg Sterkel

(S E A L)

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board discussed the road leading to Courthouse & Jail Rocks. They agreed to meet with Jack Berg from the Visitors' Committee at the next meeting to come to an agreement regarding maintaining this road and there would have to be a fee.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel said he had no meetings and Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting,

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said that he had attended the Village of Broadwater's meeting and that they wanted to close a road that has a lot of truck traffic. The Board talked to Hoerler regarding this road and he said it would be the Village's road and part would be county. They would have to hold a public hearing and it would be up to the Village.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, said they are moving some programs to online and some face to face.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:27 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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 October 7, 2020. 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 October 8, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:38 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2020-20. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson presented Omitted Property. She said this involves the communication towers. She said it will increase our valuation by \$378,740. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to sign the Omitted Property reports. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Roger Heigel, representing the Bayard Cemetery Board, met with the Board regarding their lack of any tax levy this fiscal year. He said they had held a Townhall meeting and the levy passed but they did not have 10% of the required voters present. He said they had the issue on the ballot in the Primary Election, but it failed and it will be on the ballot for the General Election, but that is for the 2021-2026 years. He said they have money in reserve but it would completely deplete their money. He said people will complain if the cemetery is not maintained properly. Metz said he has a problem with the issue failing and giving the \$0.061588 that they are asking for. He said he would be more comfortable to going back to last year's levy which had been voted on prior. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to allocate \$0.058504 for the levy for Bayard Cemetery District and to adopt the following resolution:

IN THE COUNTY OF MORRILL,
STATE OF NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION #2020-39

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners has agreed to allocate funds in the amount of 0.058504 for the political subdivision under their levy authority/

The Districts included are:

Bayard Cemetery District

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the levies for Morrill County. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to adopt the levies and the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-40

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute #13-508 requires all political subdivisions within Morrill County to file and certify to the Morrill County Board of Equalization a copy of the adopted budget and a copy of the adopted statement with the amount of real property tax required to fund their adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Board of Equalization has received copies of adopted statements of real and personal property tax requirements from all political subdivisions whose certified valuation in Morrill County is greater than certified valuation in other counties; and

WHEREAS, Ne. Revised Statute #77-1602 requires that the Morrill County Board of Equalization levy the necessary taxes for political subdivisions on or before October 15th of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Equalization of Morrill County, Nebraska as follows:

That the levies of local political subdivisions for fiscal year 2020-2021 be established based on the attached document (Levy Sheet Attachment) which is incorporated into and is considered a part of this resolution.

That final levies for other political subdivisions with certified valuation in Morrill County less than certified valuation in other counties must be set by the Board of Equalization in the County with the greatest certified valuation.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2020.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners
Morrill County Board of Equalization

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

**MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2020 - 2021**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL BLDG	BOND	CAPITAL IMPROV	TOTAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
21-BAYARD	1.010695	0.036668	0.072958		1.120321
63-BRIDGEPORT	1.050000		0.094024		1.144024
CEMETERY DISTRICTS					
		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.011572				0.011572
BAYARD	0.058504				0.058504
BRIDGEPORT	0.017588				0.017588
BROADWATER	0.003621	0.000544			0.004165
REDINGTON	0.002599	0.000634			0.003233

FIRE DISTRICTS	GENERAL	BOND	SINKING	
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.012317	0.000000	0.004746	0.017063
#3 (BAYARD)	0.031201			0.031201
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.044568		0.000000	0.044568
CITIES/VILLAGES	GENERAL	BOND		
BAYARD	0.499464			0.499464
BRIDGEPORT	0.449956			0.449956
BROADWATER	0.394926			0.394926
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS				
GENERAL	0.323918			0.323918
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.021080			0.021080
TOTAL	0.344998			0.344998

We, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization, do hereby certify the above levies for Morrill County, to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2020

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

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

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 8:20 A.M.
Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk