

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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 June 5, 2019. 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 6, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Susanna Batterman, Vice-Chairperson and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Jeff Metz. 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 Batterman, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,009.91; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$505.04; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,780.50; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Best Western-Grand Island, Lodging, \$94.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, Subscription & Misc, \$649.22; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$289.21; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$20.61; Century Business Products, Equip, \$81.44; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$129.10; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Copier Connection Inc, Service, \$240.00; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$1,152.35; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Uniforms, \$138.60; Jackie Guzman, Meals, \$15.82; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$720.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Service & Laundry, \$394.85; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$789.47; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$1,038.54; Tim Marquez, Transportation, \$54.52; Marshall & Swift/Boeckh LLC, Appraisal Fees, \$649.20; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$523.96; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$1,618.59; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$204.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Share, \$2,499.99; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$124.02; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,423.48; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; Nebraska Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$425.21; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Misc, \$165.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$573.92; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$139.71; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Lisa Peters, Supplies, \$36.72; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,001.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,869.34; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$454.93; RAVE Wireless Inc, Civil Defense, \$1,048.32; Redfield & Co Inc, Supplies, \$313.47; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, Boarding, \$920.70; Sidney Sun-Telegraph Inc, Publishing, \$126.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$572.80; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$9.88; Standard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$2,793.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$72.84; TotalFunds, Postage, \$300.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies & Repairs, \$242.90; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$342.72; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Univ of NE, Equip, \$4,623.96; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,742.84.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$104.80; American Family Life Ins, Insurance, \$272.84; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,208.67; Bar-Nine Prospects LLC, Gravel, \$1,864.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,504.80; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$110.94; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$68.78; Century Link, Service, \$77.19; City of Bayard,

Service, \$326.93; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$94.30; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$300.00; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$1,545.25; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$31.90; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$18.99; Frenchman Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$9,809.64; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$15,655.36; GWorks, Data Processing Supplies, \$420.00; Heigel’s Field Service, Repairs, \$4,593.75; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$143.58; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$1,677.88; Koke’s Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$129.87; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$400.63; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Share, \$1,134.89; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$396.73; Bob Noonan, Gravel, \$2,787.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$640.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,143.32; Mary Pohl, Gravel, \$813.00; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Spraying, \$4,017.63; Trail City Supply, Supplies & Repairs, \$26.16; Transcript Gate LLC, Subscription & Publishing, \$75.08; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; Troy D. Weborg, Gravel, \$185.00; ZM Lumber Co, Lumber, \$1,668.00; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$91.39; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,521.45.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$80.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$20.00; Dawn P. Daniels, Service, \$80.00; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$155.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,045.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$340.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$485.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$65.80; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$215.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$300.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$200.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$37.17.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$228.30.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the April Financial reports to the Board. She reported that they will receive \$83,000 from Medicare and \$104,000 from Medicaid. She also reported that their State Survey had been deficiency free, for the first time. Stuart said that Kendall Laux will be joining the staff in August and Kim Smith will join in September.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, had the Stanard Appraisal contract, but Batterman asked to table this until all three commissioners are here.

Joanie Dudden, Deputy County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer money into the Handyman Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2019-15
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Handyman 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 \$8,000.00 into the Handyman Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Susanna Batterman
Vice-Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Julie Schildt, Clerk of the District Court, met with the Board regarding the shortfall in her budget. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve a transfer of \$500.00 into the District Court Budget and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-16

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, proposed expenditures exceed budget authority allocated for the CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT office function;

WHEREAS, budget authority in the County Miscellaneous budget, also an office function of the General Fund Budget, is adequate to allow for a transfer to meet current fiscal year expenditures, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, that an additional \$500.00 of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Clerk of District Court from the County Miscellaneous budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Susanna Batterman
Vice-Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Charlie Browne, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, met with the Board regarding the property by the road to the State Lakes. He said that it has been discovered that the County actually owns two pieces of property since the 1960’s. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, said that the County could sell the property, but that the survey shows that it is deeded ground owned by the County. He said that other people have had the buildings on the property, but have never owned it. He suggested that the county go through the process of selling it. The Board agreed to put this on the agenda at the next meeting.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented a resolution to set the Inventory policy that was recommended by the Auditors. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to adopt the following resolution regarding inventories:

RESOLUTION #2019-17

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA, as follows:

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-347 sets forth that within two calendar months after the close of each fiscal year, each county officer shall make, acknowledge under oath, and file with the county board of his or her county an inventory statement of all county personal property in the custody and possession of said county officer;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-346 sets forth that a uniform system of inventory statements, when established by the Auditor of Public Accounts, shall be installed and used by all county officers;

WHEREAS, Morrill County desires to implement said inventory statements as promulgated by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and further desires to maintain a uniform system of inventory statements for all county officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be utilized as the official inventory statement forms for all Morrill County Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of completing said inventory statements as prescribed by Nebraska law, items to be included on said inventory statements shall consist of all personal property items with a value of \$100 or more.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF June, 2019

COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA

/s/Susanna Batterman
Morrill County Board of Commissioners

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the NACO Board Workshop. She said they discussed the Rural Health with all of the damages from storms and suicide prevention. She said Counties need to work closer with School Boards.

Matt Anderson, Wildlife Specialist from USDA, presented the Cooperative Service Agreement, which allows for animal control for Morrill County. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Service Agreement. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried. Anderson also presented a 5 year contract, versus the 1 year contract that was signed at the last meeting. Anderson said it would still have the 5% increase for this year, but lock in a 4% increase for the next four years. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to change from the 1 year plan to the 5 year plan for the Animal Damage Control contract. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Del Kraupie, representing the Farm & Ranch Board, met with the Commissioners for approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for July 4 & 5, 2019 for the rodeo. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, questioned where the beer would be sold and if they would be using wristbands, etc. Kraupie assured him they were and had the map of where it would be. Cardenas said that if anything went wrong, there would never be another liquor license issued there. He said that the Sheriff's posse and the law enforcement would also be present. He did tell them to put an alternate location like the old dance pavilion in case of rain. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the liquor license. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairperson Batterman adjourned the meeting at 8:53 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

/s/Susanna Batterman, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:40 A.M., Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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 May 8, 2019. 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 May 9, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Susanna Batterman Vice-Chairperson and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Jeff Metz. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented a Clerical Error Report. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above report. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the times of the Property Valuation Protests. It was decided that Monday, July 8, 2019 would be from 1-5 p.m. and evening if necessary and July 9, 2019 would follow after their regular meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:53 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Susanna Batterman, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk