

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Friday, December 20, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Friday, December 20, 2019 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 December 11, 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 December 17, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization, Transfer of Funds and Cody Renkoski's Weed report, and the minutes of the December 9, 2019 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

Action Communications, Inc, Auto Lease, \$721.66; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$644.64; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,110.47; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$543.45; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$179.22; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$668.37; Century Business Products, Supplies, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$140.80; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$105.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$381.44; Country Inn & Suites-Kearney, Lodging, \$469.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$4,010.13; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,550.00; Hampton Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$927.96; Ideal Linen, Laundry-Prisoners, \$157.32; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$312.04; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$73.98; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,475.86; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$36,829.99; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACo, Dues, \$450.00; NE Dept of Rev, Levy, \$50.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$12.99; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$104.60; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$330.60; Sarah Paisley, Meals & Mileage, \$516.90; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$901.67; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,976.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,699.65; Professional Development Academy LLC, Education, \$495.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$31,661.01; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Travis Rodak, Meals & Mileage, \$312.21; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$92.80; Julie Schildt, Meals & Mileage, \$282.35; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$5,195.03; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$750.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$54.84; Spectrum, Service, \$169.99; Standard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$1,568.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$55.92; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$30.98; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$240.24; University of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$93.99; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs, Meals, Fuel, Law Enforcement Supplies, Supplies, Phone & Misc, \$1,977.15; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$35.76; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,421.91; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$521.22; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$98.98; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,713.59.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,487.53; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$88.67; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Tools & Tires \$1,165.56; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$84.29; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$76.14; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,540.69; Filter Care of NE, Supplies, \$43.75; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$3,961.24; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen, Supplies, \$172.51; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$308.17; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County

Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,320.64; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$19,416.71; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$80.90; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$8,055.20; Panhandle Concrete Products, Inc, Concrete, \$2,120.00; Panhandle Co-op, Supplies & Tires, \$524.30; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,402.51; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$1,838.58; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$16,990.04; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$133.52; Spectrum, Service, \$99.98; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$22.49; U S Bank, Meals, Fuel & Lodging, \$444.11; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$95.48; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$978.89; David Zwirn, Repairs, \$1,624.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$31,000.14.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$105.14.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$147.66.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$183.55.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Thomas L. Randall, Carpet Installation, \$2,422.60.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, after having been examined by the Commissioners, be approved, except for the claim to Cody Renkoski 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

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2019 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: November - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

The December 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 November Financials to the Board.

The Commissioners discussed the hourly and salaried officials and the difference between the two. In order to be salaried, you must be able to hire and fire, make executive decisions regarding policy and make executive decisions for the office. The Board asked each office to report each employee and how they were paid. Discussion was held regarding the way that each office should be reporting their vacation time, overtime and comp time for the payroll system, so that each employee knows exactly how much they have used.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended.

Jeff Metz, Chairman of the Board asked Julie Schildt, Clerk of the District Court about her duties. Schildt explained what they were. Metz said he had talked to Judge Miller and Metz does not feel that Schildt's salary be as high as the other elected officials. Schildt gave figures as to what revenue her office brings in and what her budget actually costs the county versus what the Commissioners' budget costs. She said she cannot believe they accuse her of not working.

Batterman said she felt that her salary should be \$31,250.00 per year. Schildt said that is less than a deputy's salary, which is what the Clerk of the District Court received before it was an elected position and only an Ex-Officio Deputy was there. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to set the salary for the Commissioner at \$16,500 for two years and to set the salary of the Clerk of the District Court for 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 at \$31,250.00 and to adopt the following resolution:

**IN THE COUNTY OF MORRILL
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

RESOLUTION #2019-45

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Morrill County Board of Commissioners to set the salaries for elected County Officials of Morrill County for the ensuing term commencing in 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Morrill County Board of Commissioners that salaries for elected officials of Morrill County, for the ensuing term, commencing in 2021 be set as follows:

The annual salary for the Office of **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** be established at \$16,500.00, for the calendar years 2021 and 2022, provided that upon reorganization each year, the chairman of the board shall receive, in addition to said annual salary, the annual sum of \$1,000.00.

The annual salary for the office of **CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT** be established at \$31,250.00 for the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the above stated salary all elected officials shall receive the benefits of the County Retirement Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, barring any mandates from Federal or State governments which would change contributions of employer and employee for health coverage, that in addition to the above stated salary, each of the before stated elected officials shall receive whatever health plan that is in place for each of the employees and adopted by the Board of Commissioners, and that such alteration in deductible or change in the portion paid by the individual shall not constitute an increase or decrease in the herein adopted salary.

PASSED AND APPROVED in regular session, this 20th day of December, 2019.

MORRILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Morrill County Clerk

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

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:07 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

