

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 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 March 18, 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 March 19, 2020. 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 Transfer of Funds and Corrections, and the minutes of the March 10, 2020 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

Advanced Medical Imaging Consultants, Medical-Prisoners, \$28.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$842.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,993.79; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$1,000.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$51.60; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$134.58; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$140.30; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$43.22; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$593.57; Century Business Products, Equip, \$52.48; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerney, Meals, \$11.99; Charter Communications, Service, \$310.81; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$141.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$322.11; Country Catering, Misc, \$22.50; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$132.85; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone & Bus Cleaning, \$80.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, et al, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Jackie Guzman, Mileage, \$230.00; Lusetto Machine Inc, Repairs, \$42.50; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$225.75; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$442.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$2,373.90; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,550.11; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,841.93; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACEB, Dues, \$50.00; NACT, Registration, \$100.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$254.42; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$219.91; Sarah Paisley, Meals, \$36.01; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$82.75; Tom Perkins, Mental Health Hearing, \$100.00; Lisa Peters, Supplies, \$43.90; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,953.33; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,295.93; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$31,851.13; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,009.95; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$310.50; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Court Costs, \$96.60; Carol Sinner, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$53.85; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners, \$21.18; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Data Processing Equip, \$1,291.96; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$276.75; Todd Harless Electric, Supplies, \$466.78; University of NE, Registration, \$138.00; University of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$29.11; UNL ITS Comm, Service, \$45.02; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs & Equip, Supplies, Law Enforcement Costs, Phone & Misc, \$3,466.48; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; \$176.49; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$18.90; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,317.41; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$180.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$120.19; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,114.35.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

All States Ag Parts, Repairs, \$77.24; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$358.63; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,055.75; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$105.51; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Supplies & Tires, \$3,268.76; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Cawley's Repair, Repairs, \$118.00; Century Link, Service, \$167.61; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$76.14; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$163.02; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluff's Facility Solutions,

Supplies, \$99.26; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$32,676.31; Koozer Construction Inc, Road Mntce, \$8,935.00; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,312.74; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$18,914.16; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$85.92; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$736.95; Panhandle Co-op, Supplies, \$71.94; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,580.83; Pro Overhead Door, Repairs, \$477.15; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$16,684.66; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$3,318.00; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$733.03; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$24.58; U S Bank, Tools, \$9.03; David Zwirn, Tools, \$44.56; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,162.10.

VISITORS' PROMOTION FUND

Jonathan Shadegg, Advertising, \$280.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$194.93.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$402.38.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, 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: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2020 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: February - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

The March minutes of the Morrill County Visitors' Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the February Financials to the Commissioners. She reported on the success of having the MRI machine in-house. She said the Training Center is almost complete and the next Hospital Board meeting will be held there. She said it can be rented for meetings and they have an application that you can fill out for approval.

Andrew Leisy d/b/a Leisy K-Lawn, presented his terms for the spraying. The amount is the same as last year. The Board asked if he could spray trees. He said he will check with the Extension to see what they would need to be sprayed for. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to hire Leisy K-Lawn for the lawn spraying for the year. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ron Leal, Region 21 Emergency Manager, met with the Board regarding a Disaster Declaration. He said it is simply a formality that if a disaster should arise from the virus, we would be eligible for NEMA funds. Metz signed the declaration. Discussion was held about the Courthouses that were closed to the public except through appointments. Metz said we were not closing and would encourage people to use the mail and online applications for their business. He said we will not be closed unless the State closes or if there would be a problem with our insurance coverage.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented the Emergency Preparedness Plan. He said this is for the Safety Manual regarding any emergency that would arise, such as active shooter,

bomb threats or other threats to the safety of the courthouse personnel. He said this would be included in the Safety manual and would comply with NIRMA.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel said his meeting is this week. Batterman said she attended the Aging Office and Human Development meeting and the others were cancelled because of the weather. Metz said he missed the Hospital and Fair Board meetings, but had been in contact with the Fair Board and there are questions about the County Fair and State Fair.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:54 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, March 24, 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 March 18, 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 March 19, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, discussed a protest that was filed by the City of Bayard for the lagoons. She said this will be on the next meeting for them to take action. She said action cannot be taken until after April 1st.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:51 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk