

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on wall of the Commissioners' room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC, on April 18, 2024. 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 April 18, 2024. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of March Monthly reports and minutes of the Extension meeting and with the deletion of Transfer of Funds, and Paul Strommen and approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Ackerman Ag Service & Supply, Bldg Mntnce, \$242.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,233.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,805.92; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$305.69; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$50.01; Bayard Transcript, Publishing, \$351.40; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$583.94; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, \$533.98; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$225.12; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$37.60; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs & Equip Lease, \$164.21; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$1,609.31; Century Business Products, Equip & Supplies, \$192.24; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,062.71; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$296.00; Jennifer Coleman, Mileage, \$164.15; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$218.21; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$109.70; Country Catering, Co Govt Day-Meals, \$900.00; Morgan Dermer, Mileage, \$750.40; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$3,813.99; Eakes Office Solutions, Furniture & Supplies, \$981.39; Election Systems & Software Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$1,505.11; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Jamie Holloway, Election Costs, \$625.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$79.44; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; L-Tron Corp, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$2,112.66; Legacy Coop, Repairs, \$87.42; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$476.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,240.39; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,105.86; NACO, Registration, \$250.00; NACT, Registration, \$150.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$444.74; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$53.60; Janice Newhoff, Mileage, \$33.50; Sarah Paisley, Lodging, Meals & Mileage, \$486.58; PPCT Management Systems Inc, Training, \$208.76; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,319.11; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$220.99; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$161.41; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$21,692.58; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$6,276.72; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$187.60; Samples Dean Law, LLC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$749.00; Sirchie Acquisition Co LCL, Law Enforcement Costs, \$102.40; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$63.80; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs, \$288.00; Thompson Reuters-West, Law Library, \$752.00; Town & Country Advertising, Publishing, \$79.00; U S Postal Service, Postage, \$1,200.00; U S Bank, Data Processing, Weed Control, Uniforms, Phone, Registration, Uniforms, Law Enforcement Costs, Supplies & Misc, \$5,574.75; USDA Aphis, Contractual Pest Control, \$2,307.88; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$99.79; Jesscia Velasquez, Mileage, \$46.90; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$374.66; General Employees, Salaries, \$64,274.77.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$775.85; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,432.32; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,269.22; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$119.40; Certified Ready Mix, Trucks & Equip, \$95,500.00;

Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$579.99; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$1,664.46; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$71.39; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$29,766.51; Lussetto Machine Inc, Repairs, \$6,994.28; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$252.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,161.93; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$14,863.72; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$66.38; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,117.23; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$114.92; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$61.88; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$10,864.16; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$183.71; State of NE-Dept of Corr Svc, Tools, \$2,150.00; U S Bank, Meals & Fuel, \$280.15; Westco, Fuel, \$12,444.00; WPCI, Testing Fees, \$78.00; David Zwirn, Phone, Meals & Mileage, \$712.04; Road Employees, Salaries, \$30,509.43.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$203.65.

W911 FUND

Century Link Business Services, Service, \$548.22; GeoComm Inc, Misc, \$4,218.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

U S Bank, Equip Repair, \$363.70.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2024 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: Mar – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct

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

Sarah Paisley, Extension Educator, met with the Board regarding the Extension budget. She said that Katlyn Rosas has resigned and she needs to hire someone to replace her and that they need someone to answer the phone when the educators are out of the office. She said they get complaints from parents trying to get into the office and no one is there. She discussed the jobs they do and that they are connected to other counties. Sarah said she cannot advertise for the positions until she knows if the commissioners will allow her more money for the new budget year. The Board said they will try to increase it by \$7500 for the 2024-2025 budget

Steve Hutchinson presented a proposal for applying fertilizer to the lawn. He said he would do three applications for \$350 each and the county would buy the fertilizer. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Fertilizer contract with Steve Hutchinson. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, reported that he signed up for a Weed Superintendent's class. He said they are trying to get counties to go together to spray for Fragmites. Bryan said he's studying for his certification. Hoerler asked for permission to do a NMC rebuild. Tom Thompson from NMC was present and said it would be \$152,600 for the rebuild. He said the warranty would be a 3 year, 5000 mile warranty. He agreed to including a new seat in the cab.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on County Government Day. He reported on the meeting with the Aging Office and that they are moving to a different building. He said there is a new State Supervisor. He said there will be legal clinics in July. Schmidt reported that Bridgeport serves 140 meals per month and Bayard 143 per month. He also attended the Office of Human Development meeting and they evaluated the Executive Director. They are also getting a new engine in the Ford Van. Schmidt reported on the NIRMA workshop and that it was very informative. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral

Health meeting, they approved financials for \$200,000. She said they evaluated the Public Health Director and are hoping to hire a new director. Metz reported on the meeting with the Architect and the Engineer for the Fair building. Metz said they hope to get everything together for bidding. He said in May, they hope to get the building ordered and hope it's available. He said as soon as the fair is over, the old building will be demolished. He said M C Schaff is testing the soil and that they will need a leech field. He said that Pete Lussetto donated arena lights.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:53 A.M.
Next meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, April 23, 2024 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 having been published in the Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on April 18, 2024. 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 April 18, 2024. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2024-7 & 8. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:45 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

