

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 27, 2022 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 September 21, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners September 22, 2022. 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 deletion of Board of Equalization, and the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,475.04; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,798.57; B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$290.06; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$178.68; Box Butte County Clerk, Consulting Fees, \$10,000.00; Century Business Products, Supplies & Equip, \$194.03; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,784.37; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$255.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$250.96; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$148.50; Dept of Rev, State Income Tax, \$4,346.84; Rebecca S. Doby, Law Enforcement Costs, \$534.05; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$306.42; Susan Kelly, Phone & Misc, \$116.23; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$490.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,536.07; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$35,246.79; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$25.90; NACO, Registration, \$50.00; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$321.25; Sarah Paisley, Meals & Mileage, \$369.15; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,495.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,475.57; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$292.16; Print Express, Supplies, \$48.75; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc, Equip Lease, \$1,905.00; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$95.97; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$24,594.98; Travis Rodak, Utilities, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Katlyn Rosas, Meals & Mileage, \$64.22; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$151.44; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$95.19; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs & Teletype, \$517.88; Town & Country Advertising, Publishing, \$79.00; UNL-WCREEC, Registration, \$85.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip & Supplies, Utilities, Postage, Supplies, Registration, Dues, Autopsy Costs, Meals, Lodging, Repairs, Phone & Misc, \$5,844.17; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$27.52; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$83.64; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$32.28; 308 Embroidery, Uniforms, \$805.60; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,330.25.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$354.60; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,948.25; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$175.83; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools, Signs & Repairs, \$296.26; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$108.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$646.42; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$24.75; Dept of Correctional Services, Pickup & Tools, \$17,250.00; Dept of Rev, State Income Tax, \$1,398.24; Fairfield by Marriott-Kearney, Lodging, \$737.70 Frank Parts Company, Repairs, \$40.68; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$1,480.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, & Meals, \$136.48; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$485.25; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Supplies, \$424.80; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$266.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,283.09; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,462.28; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$75.97; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,222.53; PowerPlan, Repairs,

\$371.80; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$110.40; Pro Overhead Door, Inc, Repairs, \$115.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,482.29; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$269.26; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$71.83; US Bank, Fuel, Postage & Meals, \$299.99; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,206.70.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$129.44.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$67,427.82.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$203.73.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link-Business Service, Service, \$547.02.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$2,831.20.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2021 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: August – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

The July and August Minutes of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the August Financials to the Board. She said the new facility would open on October 10, 2022. She said the Auditors would be here next week. Stuart presented a letter from the Hospital Board asking that the Commissioners re-appoint Frank Lussetto to serve a six-year term. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to re-appoint Frank Lussetto to serve on the Hospital Board for a six-year term ending in 2028. Yeas; Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget at 8:00 A.M. The Budget was discussed. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 8:11 A.M.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution for transferring \$75,000.00 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2022-32
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund budget at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper fund. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented the Uncollected Distress Warrants. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Uncollected Distress Warrants. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution to strike Personal Property Taxes. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to strike the Personal Property Taxes for 2020 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33

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 2020 and older unless otherwise noted. Tax only; No interest, fees or penalties are shown. The total amount involved is \$3,996.27.

Passed and approved this 27th day of September, 2022.

/s/Loretta McCoy
Morrill County Treasurer

/s/Jeff Metz
County Commissioner

/s/Susanna Batterman
County Commissioner

/s/Josh Schmidt
County Commissioner

(S E A L)

ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported that he hadn't had any meetings. Batterman reported on the Zoom Opioid meetings. Metz reported on the Hospital Board meeting.

The Commissioners recessed for 15 minutes. The Board reconvened at 8:59 A.M.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for the Morrill County Tax request at 9:00 A.M. There being no comments from the Public, Chairman Metz closed the public hearing at 9:07 A.M.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:08 A.M. The next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public meeting at 9:15 A.M., Tuesday, September 27, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse for the purpose of adopting the 2022-2023 Budget. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting be published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC on September 21, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available at the Morrill County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on September 22, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Some of the elected and appointed officials were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Agenda. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Budget and Tax Levy Request was held at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, with no one present to object. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget and to increase restricted funds by 1% and to set the Morrill County Levy at .375541 which is different from the 2021-2022 levy of .347260 and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2022-34
MORRILL COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, A proposed County Budget for the Fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the Morrill County Board of Commissioners on or about the 7th day of September, 2022;

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

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is adopted as the Budget for Morrill County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2022.

MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2022-35
ALLOWABLE INCREASE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS (1%)

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 provides that no governmental unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last prior year's total of budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth and plus the basic allowable growth percentage of the base limitation; and

WHEREAS the base limitation established under section 77-3446 is two and one-half percent; and

WHEREAS a governmental unit may exceed the limit provided for a fiscal year, by up to an additional one percent, based on the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, by a majority affirmative vote exceeding 75 percent, resolves to approve an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority; for a total increase of three and one-half percent in the restricted funds authority for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

On a roll call vote, **All** Ayes and **None** Nays.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2022.

MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2022-36
AUTHORIZATION/REAUTHORIZATION OF PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-106(2) (Reissue 2007) authorizes the Morrill County Board of Commissioners to establish Petty Cash Funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners set the amount of money to be carried in such petty cash funds, and

WHEREAS: That statute also requires that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners also set the dollar limit of an expenditure from petty cash funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Morrill County Board authorizes/reauthorizes the following Petty Cash Funds and lists the amount to be carried in each fund and the dollar limit of an expenditure from each fund as follows:

Petty Cash Fund	Amount to carry in Fund	Dollar Limit of Expenditure from Fund
Clerk	\$100.00	\$100.00
Clerk of Dist Court	\$100.00	\$100.00
Veteran’s Aid	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Health Insurance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
County Court Mag	\$100.00	\$100.00

Dated this 27th day of September, 2022.

MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2022-37
PROPERTY TAX REQUEST 2022-2023

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request of the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing body passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the property tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, this action can only be taken after a special public hearing required to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Morrill County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the property tax request be set as follows for each Morrill County Fund which directly receives property taxes as all or a portion of its revenue.

1. The 2022-2023 tax rate be set at **.375541** which is different than the 2021-2022 tax rate of **.347260**.
2. The 2022-2023 property tax request for the General Fund be set at **\$4,191,334.00** which is different than the 2021-2022 Property Tax asking of **\$3,754,929.00**.
3. The 2022-2023 property tax request for the Hospital Bond Fund be set at **\$130,354.00** which is different than the 2021-2022 Property Tax asking of **\$106,023.00**.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2022.

MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

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

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

