

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, July 31, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 31, 2018 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 July 25, 2018. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners July 26, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the Elected Officials were also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Cody Renkoski and the minutes of the July 6 and July 10, 2018 meetings be approved as emailed. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Aging Office of Western NE, Aging Costs, \$2,562.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$350.01; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,638.02; Bank of America, Na, Garnishment, \$152.54; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$99.54; Box Butte County Clerk, Interlocal Agreement, \$7,000.00; Cynthia J. Brandt d/b/a Brandt Court Reporting, Law Enforcement Costs, \$610.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$38.15; Bridgeport News-Blade, Supplies, \$99.53; Cenex Fleet Card, Fuel, \$800.33; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerney, Misc, \$23.53; Charter Communications, Service, \$105.64; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,181.59; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$499.24; Pamela S. Cook RPR, Court Appointed Counsel, \$71.50; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dataspec Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$898.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,724.55; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$150.00; Douglas Kelley Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, \$162.50; Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapels, County Burial, \$1,883.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Marcia J. Hradecky, Mileage, \$71.94; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$720.00; Andrew Leisy, Repairs, \$50.00; Lynn Peavey Co, Supplies, \$53.50; MailFinance, Postage, \$94.20; Lori McCoy, Mileage, \$23.98; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Midwest Special Services Inc, Transportation & Board of Prisoners, \$553.50; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,262.01; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$33,791.49; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Health & Human Services, Service, \$90.00; NE Total Office, Equip & Supplies, \$298.65; Rose Nelson, Supplies, \$4.65; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$90.13; Lisa Peters, Mileage, \$38.15; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,807.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,804.46; RAVE Mobile Safety, Code Red, \$1,488.32; Region I OHD, Mental Retardation Act, \$9,307.50; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,564.47; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor & Supplies, \$510.92; Susan D. Sparks, Postage, \$16.10; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$413.75; Jonathon T. Stellar, Court Appointed Counsel, \$523.34; Stutsman County Sheriff, Court Costs, \$40.00; Todd Harless Electric, Repairs, \$38.00; TotalFunds, Postage, \$200.00; University of NE, Mileage, \$268.03; University of NE-Lincoln, Registration, \$75.00; US Bank, Supplies, Phone, Data Processing Costs, Autopsy Costs, Juror Fees & Misc, \$2,060.45; USDA Aphil, Pest Control Contractual, \$1,866.83; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$97.75; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$220.95; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$66.04; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,199.63.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.29; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,762.02; Bayard Automotive LLC, Fuel, Supplies & Repairs, \$1,626.27; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies & Repairs, \$342.84; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$76.31; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,260.20; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$24.20; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$2,295.00; Bryan Hoerler,

Phone, \$40.00; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,094.65; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$16,704.28; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$57.28; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$4,540.41; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$19,560.90; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$4,967.60; Power Equip Co, Repairs, \$26,942.68; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$11,377.09; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$41.95; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$116.80; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$33.46; U S Bank, Postage, \$31.60; Road Employees, Salaries, \$24,551.34.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$153,430.43.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$15.23; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$115.36; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$118.02.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$218.14.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2018 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: June - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

The Quarterly reports for the Road, Handyman & Public Transit were received, reviewed and placed on file.

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

Rose Nelson, Chairperson of the Safety Committee asked that Caroline Sanchez and Jared Reynolds be appointed to the Safety Committee. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to appoint Sanchez and Reynolds. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the June Financial reports. Stuart reported that their projection for the Medicare reimbursement is \$300,000. Stuart reported that the Hospital is looking into buying a building where they can make an Education Center for training staff and possibly surrounding hospital staff. She said that Rodak is working on the possible purchase of the Jack & Jill building. Stuart presented the Hospital's 2018-19 budget.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual report. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to accept the report. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the corrected agreement from BNSF and the State for a crossing. Hoerler said he had gotten it down from 5% to 2 ½ %. He said that the county would only be responsible for the man hours and equipment time. Rodak reviewed the contract and said they need a solid figure in the contract. Hoerler talked about the road to the State lakes and who is responsible for it. Tony Armer was present and asked who receives highway allocation money for it. Apparently, the City of Bridgeport receives the

allocation. It was reported that Paul Keeper from the State said there are funds available for this road but you have to apply and be put on a list.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Veteran's Board meeting, the Extension meeting and that Region 21 Emergency Management will meet this week. Batterman and Metz had no meetings to report on.

Budget workshops were held with the following:

- County Attorney, Child Support, Drug Fund & Stop Program
- Clerk of the District Court & District Judge
- County Treasurer
- County Extension
- Fair
- County Assessor
- County Clerk, Election, Register of Deeds & Health Fund
- County Sheriff & Jail
- Handyman & Public Transit
- Road, Bridge Buyback & Sinking Fund
- Veterans & Veteran's Aid Fund
- Clerk Magistrate
- Boad, Buildings & Grounds, County Building Fund & Misc General

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, July 31, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:39 A.M., Tuesday, July 31, 2018 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on July 25, 2018. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners July 26, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor was also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:38 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, said she had no Tax List Corrections but wanted to visit with the Board regarding their feedlot decision. She said that she is disagreeing with the Board regarding changing the 12 inches per head to 18 inches. The Board said the if they are finishing they need to be at 12 inches if not finishing they need to be at 18 inches. She said the changes they made to Valley Feed Yard and Stuart Feed Yard are not fair to other feedlots. She said she will have to go and look at all of these after January 1st to see how many head they are feeding. Sterkel said that most of these feedlots cannot hold what they are permitted for but they have to keep what they've been approved for in order to add more bunks. Metz said they cannot look at the Hass sale as a comparable.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:47 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

