

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 27, 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 March 21, 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 March 22, 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the Agenda and the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting as emailed. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$374.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,491.85; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$247.80; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$576.47; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$38.15; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$63.50; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$33.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$438.88; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$152.54; \$139.53; \$2.42; CVSOAN, Registration, \$110.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Eva Draper, Supplies, \$57.41; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Robert A. Erdman, Contract, \$864.00; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$15.43; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$23.98; David Kleensang, Repairs, \$12.00; Lori McCoy, Mileage, \$74.12; Midwest Radar & Equip, Supplies, \$400.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical, \$642.88; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$1,993.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$31,035.41; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$70.00; NACT, Registration, \$100.00; NE Assoc Co Clk, ROD & Elect Comm, Dues, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Equip & Supplies, \$69.47; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$60.84; Rose Nelson, Phone & Notary, \$70.00; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$676.22; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,845.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,209.89; Plummer Insurance Inc, Notary, \$105.00; Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$237.20; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$22,841.05; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Weed Contract, \$30,000.00; Jared Reynolds, Mileage, \$76.30; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; RR Donnelly, Supplies, \$105.39; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$31.67; Staybridge Suites-Lincoln, Lodging, \$45.99; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$1,213.52; University of NE, Mileage, \$189.41; US Bank, Dues, Phone, Data Processing Costs, Meals, Lodging-Relief & Supplies, \$609.44; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$67.44; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$308.17; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$57.40; General Employees, Salaries, \$55,209.15.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.35; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,903.67; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$73.70; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$97.04; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$1,166.35; Koozer Construction Inc, Gravel, \$33,967.19; Lee's Service In, Oil, \$1,780.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Tools, \$182.87; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,169.65; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,695.35; NE Assoc of Co Engrns, Registration & Dues,, \$160.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$72.76; New Pig Corp, Supplies, \$581.23; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$9,940.79; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,164.50; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$13,525.98; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies,

\$38.82; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$163.30; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$226.83; U S Bank, Fuel, Registration & Meals, \$305.79; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,810.46.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$56,599.85.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; 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, \$198.09.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$119.96.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Kone Inc, Elevator Repair, \$1,268.29.

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

Board of Equalization

No Agenda items for Board of Equalization, but discussion was held regarding sales and that there has not been any decrease in the past four years. The UNL study was discussed and apparently it was statewide.

The following 2018 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Feb-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 Veteran's Service Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The March minutes of the Safety Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the February Financial Reports to the Board. Stuart reported that Dr. Hodde would be leaving in April and Wyatt Kramer will be replacing him and that Kendall Laux will be her after she completes her education.

Steve Hutchinson and Eva Draper, Head Custodian, met with Board and presented his contract for mowing for the 2018 season. Hutchinson said that the price is the same, \$720.00 per month. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the contract with Hutchinson. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, talked to the Board about the contract with Ideal Linen for the rugs. Rodak said the Board can meet with the General Manager at the next meeting to see if they can negotiate a buyout of this contract.

Sterling Hopkins met with the Board for a subdivision of property. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2018-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Marshall S. & Paula C. Hopkins, have applied for approval of an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER FOR THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, N 01° 16' 42" E TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING A DISTANCE OF 217.22 FEET, SAID POINT BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, CONTINUING ON SAID WEST LINE, N 01° 16' 42" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 274.24 FEET; THENCE, S 82° 15' 23" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 430.84 FEET; THENCE, S 23° 24' 57" W TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING A DISTANCE OF 359.85 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N 68° 31' 31" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 311.66 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF WHICH 0.21 ACRES ARE CONTAINED IN COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE: Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 27th day of March, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds into the Road Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2018-11
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper funds. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board regarding Northport Irrigation District. Hoerler said that he was meeting with the Irrigation board to discuss the cost of changing the canal. Hoerler said the State will pay 75% of the cost and the Board told Hoerler to see if Northport Irrigation would split the 25% with the county. Hoerler reported on the NEMA Funds that will be the end of that money when it is paid. Hoerler asked if he could get permission to take bids for a mowing tractor. He said he has enough in his budget for possible two. The Board told him to wait until the bridge is completed. Hoerler said he will have the stop sign studies at the next meeting. The Board asked about the cost of the bridge project. Hoerler said that he doesn't know the cost of the crane service yet or Koozer's cost.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented the Amended Agreement for the Formation of the Region I Behavioral Health Authority and the Dissolution of the Panhandle Mental Health Center and Mental Retardation Facility. He said it is agreeing to support the dissolution of the program. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to agree and sign the Amended Agreement. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported that they had not attended any meetings. Metz reported that he is going to the Public Hearing at the City of Bayard where they want to use the County right-of-way for a sewer pipe.

Chelsea Altena from the Extension Office reported on the Makerspace project that is going to be available at the library in May. Altena showed the various things that could be made using these techniques.

Lynn Arenson, Regional Manager of Medical Transport Solutions, met with the Board to present the program her company offers for Emergent Ground and Air Ambulance transports. She said her company uses any emergency transportation across the United States and worldwide. Arenson said they are working with other counties in the area and some local businesses. The Board explained that we have a contract in place until July for AirMed. They said they will look into this further and give the employees possible a choice.

Tony Armer told the Board, they now have a location in Bridgeport to provide Civil Engineering, architectural and other services.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

