

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 13, 2019 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on August 7, 2019. 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 August 8, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of the Shannon Anderson claim and approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,038.69; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$587.67; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,804.49; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$314.29; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Benzel Pest Control, Service, \$390.75; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$154.16; Bluff's Sanitary Supply, Inc, Supplies, \$63.22; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Mileage, \$92.20; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, Subscription & Supplies, \$691.13; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$137.72; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$202.07; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$129.10; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$947.93; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Consolidated Management Co, Meals, \$29.05; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; CVSOAN, Registration, \$50.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dollar General, Board of Prisoners, Medical-Prisoners & Supplies, \$111.85; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$662.02; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Graham Tire Co, Repairs, \$588.00; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$720.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Service, \$322.20; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Sara Leasure, Uniforms, \$49.98; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$192.59; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$239.42; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone & Mileage, \$66.10; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,572.71; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$60.18; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$1,558.84; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$285.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Share, \$2,466.47; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$67.86; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Public Health, Testing Fees, \$105.00; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Supplies, \$343.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$8.51; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$86.40; NSA/POAN, Training, \$230.00; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$169.82; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,401.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,750.19; Print Express, Supplies, \$372.95; Region I OHD, Mental Retardation Act, \$9,307.50; Jared Reynolds, Mileage, \$225.67; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Sheridan County Clerk-NACREC, Registration, \$100.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$57.90; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners, \$7.09; Susan D. Sparks, Postage, \$6.85; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$16.19; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$355.64; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$314.87; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,999.32.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.26; American Family Life Ins, Insurance, \$272.84; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,113.63; B & C Steel Corp, Steel, \$128.20; Big State

Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$167.76; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$354.65; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$160.12; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$90.00; Century Link, Service, \$78.99; Charter Communications, Service, \$89.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$223.73; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$361.71; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$94.30; Contractors Materials Inc, Supplies, \$114.00; Fastenal Co, Repairs, \$86.54; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$31.55; Frenchman Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$20,645.88; Groskopf Manufacturing, Culverts, \$2,218.24; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$3,247.25; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$95.72; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$234.34; Koozer Construction Inc, Gravel & Road Mntc, \$17,505.30; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Share, \$1,187.81; National Industrial & Safety Supply, Flares, Flags & Barricades, \$199.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Blades, \$1,997.56; PJ Sand & Gravel LLC, Gravel, \$540.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$650.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,875.84; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$47.50; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$3,925.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$77.59; Topkote Inc, Armor Coat, \$456,698.88; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$43.20; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; WY Bearing & Supply, Repairs, \$1,580.04; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$1,139.12; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,676.67.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Health Claims, \$74,711.18.

#### HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$80.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$75.00; Dawn P. Daniels, Service, \$140.00; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$540.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,780.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$90.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$415.00; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$380.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$550.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$180.00.

#### 911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$101.54; Prairie States Communications, Equip, \$200.00.

#### W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$436.04.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims 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.

Brian Moss, IT Tech, met with the Board to ask about upgrading the Wi-Fi system for a safer system. Moss said the old wireless has security holes in it and we need to rebuild with a central controller. The cost is around \$1,200.00 and Moss will install at no cost. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to agree to the upgrade. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented to the Board the 2018-2019 Inventories for each office. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the Inventories. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented a resolution to the Commissioners to either allow or deny part of the County's \$.05 for levy authority to the Cemetery and Fire Districts. Brandt explained to the Board that the Cemetery Districts have to go to a vote of the people in their district to get their levy and the Fire Districts no longer have to. She said that if the Board does not allow any levy authority from their \$.05 the Fire Districts can go up to 10 ½ cents for their levy. Brandt explained the cost of the elections for the smaller subdivisions. The Board decided to not allow any levy authority under their \$.05. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to not allow any of the County's levy authority to the Cemetery and Fire Districts and to adopt the following resolution:

IN THE COUNTY OF MORRILL  
STATE OF NEBRASKA  
RESOLUTION #2019-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners has agreed to allocate no funds for the political subdivisions under their levy authority.

The Districts included are:

Angora Cemetery District	Bridgeport Fire District #1
Bayard Cemetery District	Bayard Fire District #2
Bridgeport Cemetery District	Broadwater Fire District #3
Broadwater Cemetery District	
Redington Cemetery District	

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/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.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented the resolution to transfer W911 monies into the General Fund to pay 911 Call Taker personnel. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-26  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the W911 Fund monies have to be used by a certain date, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the General Fund. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds in the amount of \$25,618.37 into the General Fund, to pay 911 Call Taker personnel.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2019-27  
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 \$500,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution for correcting the over/under distributions, that the Auditor ordered. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the corrections and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-28

WHEREAS, The Morrill County Treasurer has implemented procedures for correcting over/under distributions of 5% Gross in-Lieu received from NPPD and Wheatbelt Public Power Companies and,

WHEREAS, The Morrill County Board of Commissioners have received from the Morrill County Treasurer a report listing all Subdivisions that received incorrect distributions for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and the fiscal year 2018-2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners directs the Treasurer of Morrill County to make these over/under corrections during the month of August 2019, so long as there are funds available to do so.

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also reported that she had a correction from the General to the Preservation and Modernization Fund for \$170.98.

The Board had a letter from WING asking for monetary support in the 2019-2020 budget year. The Board talked to Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, about what WING does for Morrill County and the costs they incur. Cardenas said he thought it would help if the County could give

them \$2,000 to help defray their costs. He said they are used in Morrill County quite often. The Board asked Cardenas if he could find out approximately what the cost is of having them working in the county.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Region 21 meeting. Batterman reported on the Aging Office meeting, the Office of Human Development review of Bob Davis, the new director and extending his contract for another year. Metz reported on the Fair Board meeting and that the Fair had been okay and the 4-H Sale had been good.

Budget Workshops were held with the following:

Buildings & Grounds  
Clerk of District Court, District Judge  
County Treasurer  
Extension  
Fair  
County Assessor  
County Clerk, Elections & Register of Deeds  
Handyman/Public Transit  
Veteran's Service Office & Veteran's Aid  
County Sheriff, Jail, E911, W911 and Law Enforcement Grant  
Road, Bridge Buyback and Road Sinking  
County Attorney, Child Support, Drug Fund and Stop Program  
Hospital  
Clerk Magistrate  
Board, Misc General, Relief, Health Fund, Inheritance, Building, Hospital Bond

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 11:37 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:49 A.M., Tuesday, August 13, 2019 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 August 7, 2019. 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 August 8, 2019. 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:49 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the Cemetery Report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Cemetery Report. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson presented her 3-Year plan. She explained the course for the next three years of valuations. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the 3-Year Plan of Assessment. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson also presented a Clerical Error report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the Clerical Error report. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson reported that Larry Kildow brought in his lagoon info, but he would have to file to TERC this year or come back next year. She also said that had looked at Gilroys and there are more acres under water than previously seen. She said she will have to put in into waste.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 8:09 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk