

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 28, 2017 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 November 22, 2017. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners November 22, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. All of the Elected Officials were also present. Doug Hashman, Box Butte County Commissioner and Tony Armer from Deuel County were present. John Erickson from the News-Blade was 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 November 14, 2017 meeting be approved 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, \$301.18; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,728.28; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$884.96; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$84.53; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$46.48; Mike Cerney, Meals, \$16.54; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,437.52; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$65.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$490.35; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$135.15; \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept. of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,339.63; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Cheree Fischer, Uniform, \$40.87; Daniel Flores, Meals, \$15.76; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$540.74; MailFinance, Postage, \$94.20; Midwest Connect, Service, \$145.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,0276.01; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,622.44; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$70.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Equip & Supplies, \$73.97; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging, \$91.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,596.25; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,512.90; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$22,900.59; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,931.25; Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Subscription, \$176.80; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$70.98; University of NE, Mileage, \$124.79; US Bank, Meals, Phone, Registration, Lodging, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$4,468.52; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$67.41; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$208.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,406.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$130.86; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,844.23; Century Link, Service, \$75.00; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$107.56; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$1,489.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,318.30; Garrett Tires & Treads, Repairs, \$78.00; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$815.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$581.92; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$905.84; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,414.11; National Industrial & Safety Supply, Supplies, \$191.76; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$53.77; NMC Exchange LLC, Supplies & Repairs, \$5,621.34; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$712.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,541.79; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$12,058.19; U S Bank, Fuel, Lodging, Meals & Misc, \$1,037.19; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,282.06.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$15.27; Morrill County Highway Dept,

Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$123.80; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$120.05.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$119.89.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

BOK Financial Corp Trust Services, Bond Pmt, \$177,590.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Loretta McCoy-Co Treas-Depository Trust, Bond Pmt, \$25,118.75.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2017 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Oct-I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the November Financial Reports to the Board.

The renewal from Maximus was received. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the renewal with Maximus for consulting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION #2017-42

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Dennis and Karma Hogeland, 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 the subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, N 02° 09' 26" E TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALLIANCE CANAL AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 61, PAGE 288 OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDER OFFICE, BEING A DISTANCE OF 299.14 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE, N 02° 09' 26" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 269.67 FEET; THENCE, N 81° 51' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 276.70 FEET; THENCE, S 00° 53' 13" E TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID CANAL CENTERLINE, BEING A DISTANCE OF 229.07 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, S 77° 11' 04" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 114.47 FEET; THENCE, ALONG A 400 FEET RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SUPPORTING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 9° 03' 00", CHORD BEING S 72° 39' 34" E FOR 63.12 FEET,

FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 63.18 FEET; THENCE, S 68° 08' 04" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 95.20 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AND AREA OF 1.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF WHICH 0.20 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 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 28th day of November, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

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/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Hashman reported on the meeting that Batterman missed.

The Elected Officials and County Board discussed salaries for the upcoming term from 2019-2022. Metz said he was considering a 1 ½% cost of living increase. The amount that the elected officials asked for was to get closer to the recommended median for a Class II County which started the Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk of the District Court at \$55,000 and a 4% increase each year after that. The amount for the Sheriff would be at 125% of that and the Attorney at 150% of that amount. Batterman and Sterkel said they were thinking of a 2% increase. The Elected officials presented an alternative with a straight 3 or 4% increase. The Board said they will review these and decide on the last meeting in December.

Mark Masterton, NIRMA Board member, presented the statistics for Morrill County. Masterton explained the insurance pool with NIRMA and all of the services that are offered and how much Morrill County has utilized these services.

The Board discussed the Juvenile Detention Center with Masterton and Rodak said he would like to know why it is possibly being located in Scotts Bluff County which is not centrally located. Hashman said he was interested in sharing services with other counties. Tony Armer said he was looking for space in Bridgeport to locate. Discussion was held regarding the detention center and the cost of taking juveniles to Madison County.

Eva Draper, Head Custodian, reported on the elevator being down and the possible cost of replacing the board that is not working. Julie Schildt, Clerk of the District Court, reported that two toilets in District Court need to be replaced. The Board told Draper to get in touch with a plumber and get them ordered.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:44 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:08 A.M., Tuesday, November 28, 2017 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 November 22, 2017. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners November 22, 2017. 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(6) at 8:08 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2017-28. She also presented a correction to #2017-27, which was approved at the last meeting. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Irrigation taxes.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:15 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

