

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 January 3, 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 on January 4, 2018. 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 Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of the Semi-Annual Report and the Board of Equalization, and to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

AES-Pmt Center, Testing Kits, Repairs & Data Processing Supplies, \$2,032.36; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,098.93; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$390.65; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,068.20; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$609.80; Blue360 Media, Law Library, \$264.74; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$266.37; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$154.66; Albert Bustinza, Phone, \$40.00; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$152.87; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$285.45; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,740.63; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$458.56; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$139.53; \$135.15; \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service & Repairs, \$158.35; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dollar General, Supplies, \$42.45; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners, Supplies & Service, \$211.20; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$8.51; Island Law Office PC LLO, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies, \$127.98; MailFinance, Equip Rental, \$1,905.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$3,029.05; Mobius Communications Co, Service, \$58.50; MOCIC, Dues, \$100.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$244.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$341.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,068.81; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$118.72; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Clerk of Dist Court Assn, Dues, \$50.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Registration, \$10.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$89.00; Brittany Nelson, Labor, \$47.25; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Panhandle Treasurer's Assn, Dues, \$10.00; Dr. Tom Perkins, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Personnel Concepts, Supplies, \$20.90; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,930.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,370.60; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Civil Defense, \$9,040.27; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$23,774.37; Renkoski Property Development LLC, Contractual Weed Control, \$3,750.00; Travis Rodak, Phone & Box Rent, \$272.80; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$470.00; Carol Sinner, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$30.84; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$6,127.50; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$65.96; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Trading Post, Repairs, \$3.82; Trail City Supply, Repairs & Supplies, \$18.35; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$131.08; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; USDA Aphis, Contractual Pest Control, \$2,089.49; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$119.97; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,135.18.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; Allo Communications, Service, \$105.77; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.31; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$2,857.11; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,817.14; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Pipes & Tools, \$693.83; City of Bayard, Service, \$312.36; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$457.26; Colonial Life Insurance Corp, Insurance, \$94.30; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$24.20; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$18.43; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$792.50; Hireright Solutions, Testing Fees, \$111.07; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$7,930.87; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$498.16; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,010.36; National Industrial & Safety Supply, Tools, \$129.80; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, \$401.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$41.57; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$712.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,734.26; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$601.33; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$12,710.60; Reliastar, Signs, \$553.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$92.03; ; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$16.99; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$60.72; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,396.41.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$20.00; Becky A. Fields, Service, \$18.00; Drew Leisy, Service, \$1,230.00; Thylor Schopen, Service, \$202.50.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$123.71.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$144.78.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Trail City Supply, Repairs, \$268.00.

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.

Board of Equalization

No Agenda items for Board of Equalization.

The Board proceeded to organize according to Section 23-153, 1943 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to nominate Jeff Metz to serve as Chairperson of said Board for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, that Susanna Batterman serve as First Vice Chairperson of said Board for the year 2018. Yeas: Sterkel, Metz and Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, that Greg Sterkel serve as Second Vice Chairperson of said Board for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Metz and Sterkel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the following Commissioners serve as representatives from Morrill County on the following Boards for the year 2018:

Sterkel - Region 21 Emergency Management, Safety Committee, and Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension Board.

Metz - CAPWN, Morrill County Fair Board and Morrill County Community Hospital Liaison.

Batterman - Region I Office of Human Development, Aging Office of Western Nebraska and Panhandle Health District and Panhandle Mental Health District.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the vote of the Morrill County Commissioner representative, to any of the boards outlined above, is made with full power and authority as if made by the County Board as a unit. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to appoint Gary Oltmann as principal and Judy Oltmann as alternate Morrill County Representatives to the Aging Office of Western Nebraska Advisory Council for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that Bryan Hoerler be re-appointed as County Highway Superintendent for the year 2018. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that Nancy Eichthaler be re-appointed as Handyman/Public Transit Director for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that Cody Renkoski be re-appointed as Contracted Weed Superintendent for Morrill County for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that Bill Dean be appointed as Zoning Administrator for Morrill County for the year 2018. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to appoint, the following to serve as members of the Morrill County Safety Committee for the year 2018: Chelsea Altena, Dana Cadwallader, Milo Cardenas, Eva Draper, Ron Franklin, Loretta McCoy, Doug McCloud, Brian Hoerler, Rose Nelson, Mary Ann Randall, Travis Rodak, Julie Schildt and Greg Sterkel. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to adopt the following holidays for the year 2018:

New Year's Day – January 1, 2018, Monday)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 15, 2018 (3rd Monday)
President's Day - February 19, 2018 (3rd Monday)
Arbor Day - April 27, 2018 (Last Friday)
Memorial Day - May 28, 2018 (Last Monday)
Independence Day - July 4, 2018 (Wednesday)
Labor Day - September 3, 2018 (1st Monday)
Columbus Day – October 8, 2018 (2nd Monday)
Veterans' Day - November 12, 2018 (Holiday on Sunday, Monday Observed)
Thanksgiving Day - November 22, 2018 (Thursday)
Day after Thanksgiving - November 23, 2018 (Friday)
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2018 (Monday)
Christmas Day - December 25, 2018 (Tuesday)

IF SUCH HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SUNDAY, THE FOLLOWING MONDAY SHALL BE A HOLIDAY. IF SUCH HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY, THE PRECEDING FRIDAY SHALL BE A HOLIDAY. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to adopt the following resolution designation banks for Morrill County:

RESOLUTION FOR BANKING #2018-01

WHEREAS, there are five banks in Morrill County, Nebraska, to wit:
Bank of the West, Farmers State Bank, Platte Valley Bank and Wells Fargo Bank Nebraska, NA, all in Bridgeport, Nebraska and Valley Bank & Trust Co., in Bayard, Nebraska and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the County Treasurer deposit in each bank a sum in excess of the capital stock and surplus in each of said banks,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD of Morrill County, Nebraska, that the County Treasurer of Morrill County, Nebraska, be and hereby is authorized to deposit in Bank of the West, Farmers State Bank, Platte Valley Bank and Wells Fargo Bank Nebraska, NA, all in Bridgeport, Nebraska or in Valley Bank & Trust Co., in Bayard, Nebraska and NPAIT, or each of said banks a sum in excess of the capital stock and surplus of each bank provided each of said banks secures the deposit by pledge of the assets of the Bank as provides in Section 77-2318.01 R.R.S., 1943. The Morrill County Treasurer shall receive a timely report as required by statute as to the market values and positions of each security that is pledged.

Said Resolution was passed and adopted this 9th day of January, 2018.

MORRILL COUNTY 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.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, designating the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate as the official newspapers for Morrill County for the year 2018 and they are to publish the official proceedings and the statutory rate for such publication shall be in accordance with statutes of Nebraska and said rate shall be divided between the official newspapers as follows: the Bridgeport News-Blade, a ½ share and the Bayard Transcript a ½ share. Also, the County's Website shall Post the meeting notice and the minutes. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to set the per diem limit for meals at \$30.00 and receipts must accompany the claim. If the meal allowance is for a day meeting, and not an overnight trip, the employee's/official's W-2 form will reflect these meals as a benefit. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mileage rates will be the same as the IRS rates. If you are using a county-owned vehicle, you will be able to charge fuel. If you are taking your personal vehicle to a county meeting, you may charge mileage.

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

RESOLUTION #2018-02
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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January, 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.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented a Purchase agreement between the County and the City of Bayard for the lots that were advertised for sale earlier. Rodak said if the County agrees to sell the lots for \$150.00 each, he will present the agreement to the City of Bayard. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the agreement and the sale of the lots to the City of Bayard. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cody Renkoski, Contracted Weed Superintendent, met with the Board regarding his continuing contract. Rodak said if both parties are agreeable, the contract just continues on, as long as there are not changes. The Board and Renkoski both agreed to leave the contract as is.

Clay Sheldon and Eva Draper, Head Custodian, met with the Board to renew Sheldon's snow removal contract. Sheldon said his price was the same as last year. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to renew the contract for snow removal. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Draper thanked Caroline Sanchez for taking care of the snow removal while she was on vacation.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting. Batterman and Sterkel had not attended any meetings.

Lisa Hinton and Tego Doyle did not attend the meeting regarding the complaint letter and STOP program.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, and Chelsea Altena reported on Extension programs and 4-H programs.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

