

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 25, 2019 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 June 19, 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 June 20, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Batterman. Some of the Elected and appointed Officials were also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Tax List Corrections and the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Sterkel. Abstaining from the minutes: Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$505.09; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,817.51; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$54.13; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$183.44; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$61.18; Box Butte County Clerk, Child Support Agreement, \$2,500.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$294.64; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$3.96; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$762.53; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,107.68; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,641.84; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$150.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,550.00; Finance & Accounting Dept of HHS, Service, \$33.25; Graham Tire Co, Repairs, \$591.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$801.75; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$62.06; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$75.86; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$21.99; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$50.00; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$154.06; MailFinance, Lease Pmt, \$1,905.00; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$485.06; Lori McCoy, Mileage, \$459.94; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,758.02; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$.89; Morrill County Fair Board, Fair Expense, \$21,800.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,499.99; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,239.54; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACO, Registrations, \$375.00; NATP, Dues, \$75.00; NE Auditor of Public Accounts, Audit Cost, \$15,987.46; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$115.90; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$931.92; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$46.40; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$1,516.35; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,401.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,904.14; Property Assessment Div-Education, Training, \$540.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$29,792.86; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Julie Schildt, Meals, Mileage & Lodging, \$485.85; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$3,180.00; Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$187.50; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$5,488.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$1,296.10; Todd Harless Electric, Supplies, \$456.34; TotalFunds, Postage, \$5,010.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Supplies & Equip, Registration, Meals, Lodging & Misc, \$3,174.85; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,604.00; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$544.26; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$106.86; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,457.58.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,040.39; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$296.04; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Supplies, Tools & Tires, \$958.43; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$75.87; Charter Communications, Service, \$89.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,678.20; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$10,997.61; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service,

Repairs, \$59.81; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$22,529.48; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$160.66; Lussetto Machine, Repairs, \$634.06; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,134.89; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,919.67; Murphy Tractor & Equip Co Inc, Repairs, \$17,849.50; National Industrial & Safety Supply, Supplies, \$359.64; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$67.86; Newman Signs Inc, Signs, \$186.11; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$9,262.17; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$640.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,722.53; Power Equip Co, Repairs, \$12,217.62; R & C Welding Fab & Trucking, Repairs, \$171.37; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,473.80; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$109.70; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$5,343.00; U S Bank, Lodging, Fuel & Registration, \$335.10; WY Bearing & Supply, Repairs, \$2,614.74; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,025.55.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

BNSF Railway Co, Road Project, \$380.31.

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Bayard Museum, Advertising, \$1,000.00; Bridgeport Lions Club, Tour de NE, \$1,500.00; Bridgeport Museum, Advertising, \$1,000.00; Broadwater Museum, Advertising, \$1,000.00.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Insurance Claims, \$37,921.93.

STOP FUND

Watchguard Video, Camera, \$5,020.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$165.28; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$14.60; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$104.41; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$142.11.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$180.78.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2019 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: May - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the May Financials to the Board. She said that the In patient revenue was down for the past month but would probably increase for this month.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer \$100,000 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-18
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 25th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Caroline Sanchez presented the budget shortage for the Buildings & Grounds budget. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve a transfer to this account in the amount of \$1,950.00 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-19

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, proposed expenditures exceed budget authority allocated for the BUILDING & GROUNDS office function;

WHEREAS, budget authority in the County Miscellaneous budget, also an office function of the General Fund Budget, is adequate to allow for a transfer to meet current fiscal year expenditures, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, that an additional \$1,950.00 of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Building & Grounds Fund from the County Miscellaneous budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2019.

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/s/Jeff Metz

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(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, asked about the amount that was allocated to be transferred to the Road Sinking Fund. She said that in order to get it in for this year's budget it had to be passed today. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-20

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Road Sinking 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 Sinking Fund.

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

The contract for Stanard Appraisal was tabled until the next meeting when all three commissioners will be in attendance.

Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer, presented a letter from Robert G. Smith, resigning from the Veteran's Service Board. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the resignation from Robert Smith. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Marquez said the Board would like to appoint Mike Cerny to the Board. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the appointment of Mike Cerny to the Veteran's Board. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Marquez reported that Milo Cardenas is the new President, Gary Tyree is the Vice-President and Caroline Sanchez is the Treasurer. He said that the way the checking account now works, is that Caroline and Tim can each sign on the Veteran's Aid account, but not together, their individual signature has to be signed with Milo or Gary.

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, presented the acceptance of the Grant Award for Handyman. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to accept the Grant Award. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. The upcoming budget was discussed and the possibility of moving Eichthaler's salary from the Handyman Fund to the Public Transit Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the change from Handyman to Public Transit for Eichthaler's salary for the upcoming budget year. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A resolution for subdividing property for Myron and Glennabelle Batt was presented. A representative from Tri-State was present to say that the 5 acres was going to be used for a substation. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners MYRON & GLENNABELLE BATT 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 Parcel of land situated in Section 1, Township 18N, Range 47 West of the 6th P.M., County of Morrill, State of Nebraska being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a Point on the East line of said Section 1, from which the Northeast corner of said Section 1, bears N 01° 49' 06" E 3847.84 feet; Thence S 01° 49' 06" W 500.00 feet along the East line of said Section 1; Thence N 90° 00' 00" W 436.00 feet; Thence N 01° 49' 06" E 500.00 along a line 436.00 feet West and Parallel to the East line of said Section 1; Thence N 90° 00' 00" E 436.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 5.00 acres as described.

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 25th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, explained to the Commissioners the process of selling the property the county may own. Discussion was held regarding the actual ownership of the property. How it became county property is unclear and Rose Nelson, County Assessor, said that a title search needs to be done that would clear up the ownership. Metz said he didn't want to mess with it and then agreed that a title search should be done. Nelson asked that they hold off until the next meeting so they could research what is showing in their system. The Board agreed.

Frank Catron, owner of Frankie's Bar & Grill, asked for approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for July 27, 2019 for the Demolition Derby. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the Special Designated License. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Veteran's meeting and Safety Meeting. Sterkel said that they need one person from every office to be on the Safety Committee. Metz reported on the Fair Board and Hospital Board meetings.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:02 A.M. The next meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2019 for Valuation Protest Hearings and Tuesday, July 9, 2019 for regular meeting.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:38 A.M., Tuesday, June 25, 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 June 19, 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 June 20, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:38 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented a Clerical Error report. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the above report. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 7:52 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk