

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 14, 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 August 8, 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 August 9, 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 Batterman, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the July 31, 2018 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,006.59; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$349.96; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$7,497.72; Bank of America, N.A., Garnishment, \$152.54; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$232.38; Bayard Tiger Paws, Fuel, \$57.82; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$27.12; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$173.78; Bob Barker Co Inc, Supplies, \$92.84; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$626.64; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$132.67; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$571.50; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$106.51; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$499.24; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Repairs, \$50.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners & Service, \$334.94; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$81.67; Inman Services, Repairs, \$119.03; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$179.89; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$4.29; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,758.02; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$103.32; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,066.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$374.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,287.01; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$248.22; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$50.85; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$53.80; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,857.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$15,482.85; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Snell Service Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies & Misc, \$43.52; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$67.48; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Tracy Terrell, Supplies, \$29.94; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$65.09; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$342.92; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$235.38; XESI, Equip Rental, \$45.11; General Employees, Salaries, \$64,468.18.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$104.64; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.24; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$2,736.83; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$31.70; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$44.01; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$30.00; Century Link, Service, \$74.67; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$172.68; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$417.69; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$94.30; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$102.85; GIS Workshop, Data Processing, \$400.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$94.92; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$2,496.20; Menards-Scottsbluff,

Repairs & Supplies, \$104.65; Midwest Auto Supply, Repairs, \$25.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,094.65; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$13,910.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,034.41; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$353.74; Simon Contractors Co, Asphalt, \$2,002.00; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$233.90; Trail City Supply, Supplies & Repairs, \$29.86; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; WestCo, Supplies, \$98.40; ZM Lumber Co, Tools & Lumber, \$764.99; 21st Century Equip, Repairs, \$254.40; Road Employees, Salaries, \$24,531.22.

VISITORS’ PROMOTION FUND

Flagship Publishing Inc, Advertising, \$2,600.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Jeffrey G. Baird, Service, \$40.00; Matt Branon, Service, \$78.75; Elijah Conley, Service, \$30.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$119.00; Dawn P. Daniels, Service, \$85.00; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$692.50; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,800.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$427.50; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$540.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$385.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$420.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$74.17.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$455.67.

COOURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Repairs, \$415.00; Kone Inc, Repairs, \$213.81; Dan Krentz, Repairs, \$1,654.00.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the above claims be approved and checks drawn on the various funds, delinquent personal property taxes deducted where owing. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The July minutes of the Visitor’s Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the resolution for the Board to either deny or allow the Cemetery and Fire Districts to use a portion of the County Levy. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to deny any levy allocation to the Cemetery and Fire Districts and to adopt the following resolution:

IN THE COUNTY OF MORRILL
STATE OF NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION #2018-25

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:

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| Angora Cemetery District | Bridgeport Fire District #1 |
| Bayard Cemetery District | Bayard Fire District #3 |
| Bridgeport Cemetery District | Broadwater Fire District #4 |
| Broadwater Cemetery District | |
| Redington Cemetery District | |

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th day of August, 2018.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Rose Nelson, County Assessor presented the renewal for the contract with Pritchard & Abbott for minerals. She said the increase was \$390 per year for 2019 and 2020. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to renew the contract for two years. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting and their budget. Batterman reported on the Aging Office of Western NE meeting and the Office of Human Development meeting and she had attended Bob Krist's meeting. Metz reported on the CAPWN and Hospital meeting. Metz invited the other two commissioners to attend the Hospital meeting next week.

Joanie Dudden, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board regarding moving heavy items and who is responsible for that. Jared Reynolds said it is not in his job description, but that if he can help he will, but it has to be when he is free. A resolution to transfer funds to the Handyman fund was presented. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to transfer the funds and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2018-26
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Handyman 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 \$2,000.00 into the Handyman Fund.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/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, reported to the Board that they had had a shop and sign audit from NIRMA. Hoerler said there are a couple of curves that need studies conducted on to see if the speed limit should be changed. He asked for permission to have these studies conducted. The Board told him he could. He said the Chip Sealer should be here the 27th of August. Hoerler also reported that he had received a letter from Todd Palmer regarding the cost of the railroad crossing agreement and the cost for the county will be \$7,300 and Hoerler said it will be in labor not writing a check. He said he also had been asked by the railroad if the

Sheriff could watch a crossing at DeGraw that people keep going through. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said that the Railroad has their own police to enforce this.

Chairperson Metz opened the Public Hearing for the possible closing of a portion of RD 100 at 8:30 A.M. Present were Rick Bentley, Frank Nerud, Roger, Glenn, Rex & Claire Schmidt and Kendra Strommen, Attorney. Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, gave his report on the Road Study he had conducted in June. He said the road has not been maintained or touched for over ten years. Bentley said he has had a locked gate on the road since the commissioners approved it in 2011. Kendra Strommen, Attorney, said that she had an easement agreement that the adjacent landowners need to sign allowing access to the Schmidt property through Frank Nerud's property. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, was available by phone commenting on the issue was closing the road and that the Non Exclusive easement was between the landowners, not the county's responsibility. Roger & Glenn Schmidt, Frank Nerud and Rick Bentley said they have no problem with it being closed. Rex Schmidt said he is opposed to having it closed, because the property would be landlocked and feels they should wait until the easement is signed. Glenn Schmidt said he wants to make sure the easement doesn't cause problems if they sell with others coming on the piece of land he owns. There being no further comment, Chairperson Metz closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to vacate the road and adopt the following Resolution:

FINAL RESOLUTION VACATING ROAD
RESOLUTION #2018-27

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that a public hearing was held in the Commissioners' Room on the 14th day of August, 2018, at 8:30 A.M., pursuant to notice of public hearing published in the Bridgeport News-Blade for three consecutive weeks previous to such hearing.

WHEREAS, the portion of County Road 100 that is to be vacated and abandoned is described and located as an 80 foot wide county minimum maintenance road right-of-way located in Section 13 and 14, Township 20 North, Range 52 West and Section 18 and 19, Township North, Range 51 West of the 6th P.M., in Morrill County, Nebraska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at such public hearing 9 persons appeared regarding the vacating and abandonment of said road as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter hereby orders that the following road be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following manner:

Shall revert back to the adjacent landowners.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the register of deed and indexed against all affected property.

Dated at Bridgeport, Nebraska this 14th day of August, 2018.

Batterman moved and Sterkel seconded the motion to adopt the resolution.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman, Morrill County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Morrill County Clerk

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

Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer, and members of the Veteran's Service Board met with Board regarding Bob Smith's resignation as President and the appointment of Robert Allen Erdman as President. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to accept Smith's resignation and the appointment of Erdman as President. Yeas; Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Naomi Loomis, met with the Board to report on the Fair. The Board asked the cost. She said it was between \$50,000 - \$52,000. She said they get some money from their budget, some from KENO funds and some from the foundation. Batterman asked if it would be a possibility of having a Fair Manager. Loomis said that would lift the weight off of everyone, because of having

to take off from work and all of the time that goes into the Fair. Loomis said that Susan Coulter is resigning because of all the time that it involves. She said the Demo Derby was well attended. Metz asked about the 4-H Council and what their job is. It was explained how they work together. They asked about shortening the fair, but Rose Nelson said with all of the different events and livestock, it cannot be shortened.

Jeff Lampman, Dept of Ag, met with the Board to give the overview for 2017 for Noxious weeds. He said the Fragmities are really bad and he feels the county should force them to spray or be penalized. Cody Renkoski, Contracted Weed Superintendent, said that they give a 15 day notice and another 30 days to get it cleaned up. The Board asked if he had issued any and he said he had not this year. The Board asked Lampman how other counties control it and he said they have an active weed management division that gets funding. Renkoski said the High Plains Weed Management is basically defunct. Renkoski reported on the spraying and that he has hired Carl Shaw and Kent Laurent to do spraying and they are doing right-of-ways and doing well. Batterman said she would like to know what has been sprayed or what is going to be sprayed so that when people call she can tell them.

Pete Peterson presented the budget for upcoming 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. The Board made various cuts with most of the offices. Reserves were discussed and the amounts for the bonds that have been not had the tax dollars collected in time. Peterson will work with the new numbers and get a draft back to the Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 12:16 P.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:39 A.M., Tuesday, August 14, 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. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on August 8, 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 August 9, 2018. 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(06) at 7:39 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the Cemetery Report that are exempt. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to accept the report. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson presented her Three Year Plan of Assessment for approval. The Board asked if since 2009 if the entire county had been assessed. Nelson said they are working on and it is in the plan. Discussion was held about irrigated grass on accretion and water rights. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Three Year Plan. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:50 A.M. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk