

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 8, 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 October 2, 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 October 3, 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 Transfer of Funds and Tax List Corrections and approve the minutes of the September 24, 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, \$1,046.08; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$587.74; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,984.76; Stephanie E. Barker, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Joshua L. Bauer, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$241.48; Heather M. Blackstone, Juror Fees, \$79.08; Kathy Brandt, Mileage & Phone, \$420.48; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$305.43; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$185.17; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$292.54; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Patricia E. Cinocco, Juror Fees, \$52.40; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,057.90; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.17; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dataspec Inc, Supplies, \$898.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,753.18; Dollar General, Board of Prisoners, Laundry & Supplies, \$172.90; Tina M. Douglas, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,550.00; Celeste A. Esparza-Garcia, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Foremost Promotions, Misc, \$385.59; Nicholas J. Garcia, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Daniel J. Gilroy, Juror Fees, \$93.00; Roger A. Hamilton, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Kathie L. Heigel, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Michael D. Himes, Jr., Juror Fees, \$52.40; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$675.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Service & Laundry, \$322.20; Samantha Kittleman, Witness Fees, \$20.00; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Mobius Communications Co, Service, \$58.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,374.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$449.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,488.20; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$107.64; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE County Court Assoc, Dues, \$5.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$103.50; Rose Nelson, Phone & Postage, \$42.85; Melissa N. Noonan, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,051.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,340.15; Ramada-Kearney, Lodging, \$237.00; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, Mental Health Board Costs, \$19,961.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Travis Rodak, Meals, Mileage, Lodging, Registration & Phone, \$927.39; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, Mileage & Meals, \$2,218.69; Mark A. Sankey, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Kenneth A. Shutts, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Snell Services Inc, Supplies, \$75.00; Jeana Spencer, Witness Fees, \$20.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$141.29; Roseanna J. Terrell, Juror Fees, \$52.40; Gregory G. Timm, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$124.27; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$180.00; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Twin Rivers Health Care, Medical-Prisoners, \$376.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Cindy R. Vergil, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Kristi L. Weborg, Juror Fees, \$37.32; Jordan A. Weyenberg, Juror Fees, \$35.00; Austin L. Willey, Juror fees, \$52.40; WING, Donation, \$2,500.00; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,544.52.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.53; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.50; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,613.45; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$368.54; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs & Supplies, \$541.30; Century Link, Service, \$81.01; City of Bayard, Service, \$195.38; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$373.56; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$94.30; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,706.88; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$75.10; Frenchman Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$22,250.65; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$6,175.14; Koozer Construction Inc, Road Mntnce, \$4,070.00; Mebulbs, Repairs, \$1,507.31; NACO, Registration, \$125.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, \$753.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$97.64; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$650.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,965.44; Red Barn Shop LLC, Repairs, \$1,345.59; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$48.65; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Equip, \$239.44; Road Employees, Salaries, \$32,119.66.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Health Claims, \$50,565.39.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$100.00; Garland Crouse, Service, \$80.00; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$330.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,830.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$90.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$337.50; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$360.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$520.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$140.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$101.23.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$435.04.

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.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The September minutes of the Safety Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, introduced her new employee, Katlyn Rosas. Guzman said they had combined two positions in the office. Sara Paisley will be overseeing Rosas for 4-H and Katlyn has been to Lincoln for training. The Board welcomed Katlyn.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Study for Road 99. He said that the road has multiple curves, blind hill and has occupied dwellings with children present. He said they need to install Advisory Speed Plaques. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the signage and to adopt the following resolution:

MORRILL COUNTY ADVISORY SPEED PLAQUE FOR HORIZONTAL CURVE SIGNS ON COUNTY ROAD 99 RESOLUTION #2019-36

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Highway Superintendent was directed by the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, on September 5, 2019, to perform an engineering study at the curve located on the northeast corner of Section 20, Township 20N, Range 50W,

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Highway Superintendent and the Morrill County Sign Technician have performed the engineering study and based upon said study, (see attached), recommend that: 20mph Advisory Speed Plaques be installed on County Roads 99 beneath the existing turn signs at the above referenced locations controlling the speed of traffic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners hereby concurs with the attached engineering study and approves the installation of 20mph Advisory Speed Plaques based on the Highway Superintendent recommendation at the locations located on the northeast corner of Section 20, Township 20N, Range 50W in Morrill County, Nebraska.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

Morrill County Clerk

Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Metz reported that he and Hoerler had gone to Lincoln to purchase a 2015 Silverado Pickup from the Fed surplus. Hoerler said that he will use this pickup and the other will be used in Bayard. Hoerler reported on the armor coating and that in 3 years all of it will be completed.

Brian Moss, IT person, presented a contract with ALLO communications for backup when Charter goes down. Moss said he will negotiate the price since we have ALLO for our phone service. The Board had questions about the Website and how it can be more user friendly. Moss said he will check on it.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman said she will be attending the "Farmers Under Stress" meeting today. Sterkel said that after the meeting the other commissioners need to look at the front steps on the east to see if they need to be replaced. Metz reported on the NIRMA workshop and said he, Milo, Travis and Jared had met with Judge Miller and the court reporter about adding more cameras in the District Courtroom with a live feed to the Sheriff's office. Miller said that with civil cases the deputies are not always present. Miller also asked about parking and a secure entry. Metz also said we need to update our Safety manual. Rodak said we just have to use the NIRMA one and add our name to it.

A price for carpeting the entryways with abrasive carpet was received, for \$2,400.00. It has a 20 year warranty. No action was taken.

The Board agreed to move the meeting dates in December, to Monday, December 9 and Friday, December, 20, 2019.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:21 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, October 8, 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 October 2, 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 October 4, 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 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, Morrill County Clerk, presented the 2019-2020 Levies. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the levies for Morrill County for 2019-2020 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019 – 35

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute #13-508 requires all political subdivisions within Morrill County to file and certify to the Morrill County Board of Equalization a copy of the adopted budget and a copy of the adopted statement with the amount of real property tax required to fund their adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Board of Equalization has received copies of adopted statements of real and personal property tax requirements from all political subdivisions whose certified valuation in Morrill County is greater than certified valuation in other counties; and

WHEREAS, Ne. Revised Statute #77-1602 requires that the Morrill County Board of Equalization levy the necessary taxes for political subdivisions on or before October 15th of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Equalization of Morrill County, Nebraska as follows:

That the levies of local political subdivisions for fiscal ear 2019-2020
be established based on the attached document (Levy Sheet Attachment)
which is incorporated into and is considered a part of this resolution.

That final levies for other political subdivisions with certified valuation in Morrill County less than certified valuation in other counties must be set by the Board of Equalization in the County with the greatest certified valuation.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2019

Morrill County Board of Commissioners
Morrill County Board of Equalization

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

**MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2019 - 2020**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL BLDG	BOND	CAPITAL IMPROV	TOTAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
21-BAYARD	0.994391	0.045948	0.069310		1.109649
63-BRIDGEPORT	1.050000		0.094211		1.144211
CEMETERY DISTRICTS		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.010517				0.010517
BAYARD	0.058504				0.058504
BRIDGEPORT	0.018086				0.018086
BROADWATER	0.004235				0.004235
REDINGTON	0.002211				0.002211
FIRE DISTRICTS		GENERAL	BOND	SINKING	
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.012141	0.000000	0.004668		0.016809
#3 (BAYARD)	0.029302				0.029302
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.022940		0.013764		0.036704
CITIES/VILLAGES		GENERAL	BOND		
BAYARD	0.499454				0.499454
BRIDGEPORT	0.449955				0.449955
BROADWATER	0.391185				0.391185
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS					
GENERAL	0.312211				0.312211
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.023067				0.023067
TOTAL	0.335278				0.335278

We, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization, do hereby certify the above levies for Morrill County, to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2019

Morrill County Board of Commissioners
Morrill County Board of Equalization

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board discussed the Meadowview TERC case with Rose Nelson, County Assessor. The Board asked how they got so far off. Nelson said she disagrees with the number that the Board came up with. The Board asked about comparable sales in other counties. Rose said there

are some in Scotts Bluff and Box Butte Counties. Metz asked what happens at TERC if we do nothing. Rodak said it can be done and possibly have the property appraised. No action can be taken today, because it is not the agenda. The Board will address this at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 8:19 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk