The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 23, 2022 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on wall of the Commissioners’ room. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC, on August 17, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk’s office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners August 18, 2022. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. 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 Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

**GENERAL FUND**

Allo Communications, Service, $73.20; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, $1,470.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, $6,956.51; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Service, $390.75; Black Hills Energy, Service, $605.15; Cynthia J. Brandt, Court Reporter, Law Enforcement Costs, $556.50; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, $60.56; Conex Fleetcard, Fuel, $1,301.15; Century Business Products, Supplies & Equip, $177.61; Century Link, Service, $80.76; Charter Communications, Service, $319.19; Cheyenne County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, $18.50; City of Bridgeport, Service, $3,530.17; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, $250.96; Dept of Rev-PAT Div, Registration, $2,175.00; Shauna Faessler, Bus Wash, $8.00; James M. Goeman, Mileage, $62.50; Holly Hjemstad, Phone, $40.00; Jackson’s Garage LLC, Repairs, $62.28; Susan Kelly, Phone, $40.00; Kone Chicago, Service, $248.31; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, $4,166.66; Lynn Peavey Co, Law Enforcement Supplies, $14.15; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, $476.00; Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, Law Enforcement Costs, $23.00; Morrill County Clerk, Recording Fees, $20.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners & Contract, $1,138.21; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, $2,436.07; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, $33,753.17; Morrill County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, $48.24; NE Assoc of Transport Providers, Dues, $75.00; Nossaman Petit Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, $1,892.95; Sarah Paisley, Meals, Mileage & Lodging, $326.38; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, $92.59; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, $1,495.66; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, $13,390.01; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, $215.38; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc, Postage, $105.54; Quill LLC, Supplies, $254.64; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, $30,038.02; Katy A. Reichert/Holyoke, Snyder, Long, Rice, Court Appointed Counsel, $301.00; Robert M. Brenner Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, $14.00; Tarah Ross, Mileage, $169.38; Sarpy County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, $8.01; Sayler Screenprinting, Uniforms, $83.30; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff’s Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, $25.92; Sergio’s Fencing LLC, Repairs, $281.25; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Equip, $337.11; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, $69.88; Jonathon T. Stellar, Court Appointed Counsel, $606.67; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, $22.00; Tyler Technologies, Data Processing Costs, $898.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Supplies, Registration, Dues, Autopsy Costs, Phone & Misc, $3,529.06; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, $80.86; Jessica Velasquez, Mileage, $50.00; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, $302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, $161.14; General Employees, Salaries, $59,417.69.

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND**

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, $354.53; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, $3,012.47; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, $17.50; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, $40.00; Century Link, Service, $108.97; Charter Communications, Service, $109.98; Fat Boys Tire-Corp, Tires, $718.00; Filter Care of NE LLC, Repairs, $43.60; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, $40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, $14,738.79; Heigel’s Field Service, Repairs, $175.00;
Bryan Hoerler, Phone, $40.00; Jamie Holloway, Labor, $378.75; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, $221.32; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, $2,238.92; Koke’s Auto Farm Truck, Tools, Supplies & Repairs, $1,840.26; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, $249.60; Lee’s Service Inc, Tires & Supplies, $1,320.50; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, $266.00; Mike’s, Misc, $40.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, $40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, $1,183.09; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, $15,968.66; NE Child Support, Child Support, $156.00; NE Public Power, Service, $74.69; NMC Exchange LLC, Supplies & Repairs, $5,239.07; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, $20,135.33; Paul Reed Construction, Gravel, $31,200.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, $425.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, $5,403.88; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, $110.40; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, $14,482.29; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, $36.00; David Zwirn, Phone, $40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, $26,777.46.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Project, $6,870.00.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, $71,331.22.

VETERANS’ AID FUND

U S Bank, Grave Markers, $99.33.

HANDYMAN FUND

Loretta Abel, Refund, $50.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, $40.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, $122.73.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link-Business Service Service, $547.02; GeoComm Inc, Misc, $3,850.00.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2021 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: July – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

The August Agenda of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting was received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the July Financials to the Board. She said the building was just about finished.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution for transferring $50,000.00 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-27
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund budget at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper fund. 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 23rd day of August, 2022.
The Documents from the State Department of Transportation were received for certifying the County Highway Superintendent and for Compliance with the program. Bryan Hoerler, Highway Superintendent was present and he asked if the Board would wait until after the One-and Six Year Road program was compliant. The Board tabled this item until a later meeting.

Susanna Batterman, Commissioner, talked about Ron Leal, Region 21 Emergency Manager, wanted this data for the Crisis Track. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, said she is getting them the data through Gworks.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the 2022 Inventories to the Commissioners for their review and approval. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the 2022 Inventories for all offices. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board, regarding the possible vacating of roads in Angora. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to order Hoerler to do a Road Study on the Schanlon, Chase and Rivett Ave. in Angora, NE for the possibility of vacating these roads. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler asked if the Board could go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session, according to NE Statute §84-1410(d) at 8:35 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:55 A.M., with no action taken. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Subdivision of property was received from Jarrod Anderson & Benjamin Janssen. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-28
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Jarrod W. & Paula J. Anderson and Benjamin J. & Jennifer L. Janssen, have applied for approval of an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska:

A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 4.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 51 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 04° 23’ 53” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 100.13 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 04° 23’ 53” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,217.22 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE, ON THE SOUTH LINE OF A PROPERTY DESCRIBED AT DEED BOOK 81, PAGE 536, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS, NORTH 88° 16’ 49” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 152.77 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE TOP OF THE EAST BANK OF AN IRRIGATION DITCH AND ON THE WEST LINE OF A PROPERTY DESCRIBED AT DEED BOOK 81, PAGE 536, OF THE MORRILL COUNTY RECORDS, NORTH 04° 48’ 46” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,072.70 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE AND TOP OF EAST BANK, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID IRRIGATION DITCH, NORTH 53° 08’ 29” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 145.10 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG CENTERLINE OF SAID IRRIGATION DITCH, NORTH 62° 47’ 31” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 179.57 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID CENTERLINE, NORTH 01° 45’ 12” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 18.28 FEET, TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY L62A; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 88° 27’ 53” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 290.40 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 87° 55’ 32” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 103.69 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 46° 13’ 14” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 51.65 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 4.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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 newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of August, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member, County Board

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member, County Board

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

A Budget workshop was held with all of the elected and appointed officials. Cuts were made to several budgets. Discussion was held about the Hearing and Adoption of the Budget.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office meeting and the Office of Human Development meeting. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral Health Meeting. Metz reported on the Hospital and Fair Board meetings.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. The next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

/s/Jeff Metz ________Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt __County Clerk
The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:43 A.M., Tuesday, August 23, 2022 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. Notice of such meeting be published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Transcript Gate LLC on August 17, 2022. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available at the Morrill County Clerk’s office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on August 18, 2022. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, and Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer were present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to enter into Board of Equalization, according to NE Statute §77-1233.04(6) at 7:43 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Metz opened the Public Hearing for a Vehicle Exemption at 7:44 A.M. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Vehicle Tax Exemption for the Bridgeport Church of Christ. There being no one present to discuss the exemption, Chairperson Metz closed the hearing at 7:46 A.M. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Vehicle Tax Exemption for the Bridgeport Church of Christ. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:51 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz____________Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _______County Clerk