

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 8, 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 May 2, 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 May 4, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. 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 Metz, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,039.04; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bee-Line Service Inc, Repairs, \$103.56; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,292.79; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$192.27; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$1,040.66; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$132.67; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$22.50; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.63; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,763.49; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; CVSOAN, Dues, \$60.00; Dana F. Cole & Co LLP, Audit, \$13,177.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dollar General, Supplies, \$39.65; Election Systems & Software Inc, Election Supplies, \$4,385.43; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; General Reporting Service, Transcript, \$76.00; HTMC, Advertising, \$50.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners & Service, \$259.36; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$177.06; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$335.19; JC Auto Repair, Repairs, \$64.55; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$24.19; Lancaster Co Sheriff's Office, Court Costs, \$24.58; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Midwest Connect, Supplies, \$330.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,817.74; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,377.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$203.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$122.84 Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NACVSO, Registration, \$300.00; NACREC, Registration, \$125.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$89.00; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$127.20; Platte Valley Bank, Lease Pmts, \$20,128.07; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Contractual Weed Spraying, \$3,750.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, Medical-Prisoners, Board of Prisoners & Misc, \$157.18; Staples Credit Plan, Equip & Supplies, \$699.96; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Todd Harless Electric, Repairs, \$66.26; Trail City Supply, Repairs & Supplies, \$80.86; Transcript Gate LLC, Subscription, Publishing & Supplies, \$1,561.56; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$67.41; Veterans Information Service, Dues, \$55.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,121.65; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$227.44; 308 Embroidery, Uniforms, \$673.80.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$104.75; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,654.43; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$36.46; City of Bayard, Service, \$566.09; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$366.08; Contractors Materials Inc, Tools, \$1,546.30; Loretta McCoy-Co Treas, Bond Interest Pmt, \$562.50; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$225.88.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

R & C Welding & Fabrication, Road Project, \$22,435.00.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$162,346.12.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$125.00; Becky A. Fields, Service, \$18.00; Bernardo Garcia, Service, \$135.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$700.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$162.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$384.50; Adam Ouderkirk, Service, \$40.00; Alan Ouderkirk, Service, \$45.00. Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$135.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$118.45.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$144.78.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$1,720.00; Western States Bank, Bond Pmt, \$52,543.62.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The April minutes of the Veteran’s Board were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The April minutes of the Planning & Zoning Board were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented resolutions to transfer funds to the Road and the Road Sinking Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2018-14
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 8th day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2018-15
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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

The resolution from the “In God We Trust” campaign was presented. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to support the display of “In God We Trust” in a prominent location in the courthouse and to adopt the following resolution:

State of Nebraska
County of Morrill
IN GOD WE TRUST
Resolution #2018-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NE, SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO “IN GOD WE TRUST” IN A PROMINENT LOCATION IN THE MORRILL COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the words have been used on U.S. Currency since 1864; and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well above the Speakers’ dais in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to display this patriotic motto in the Court House as a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners of Morrill County do hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the County of Morrill, NE does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, “In God We Trust,” shall be permanently and prominently displayed in the Morrill County Courthouse.

Section 2. The County Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Commissioners of Morrill County, NE, held on the 8th day of May, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

ATTEST

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board set the Public Hearing date for amending the Zoning Regulations at 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz reported on the CAPWN and Hospital Board meetings. Batterman reported on meetings she will attend this week.

Clay Sheldon met with the Board to present his amended Snow Removal Agreement. The new agreement is for \$250 per day for the snow removal, including the parking lot, the sidewalks for the Courthouse, both sides, the Sheriff's office and the front steps and front sidewalk of the County Attorney's building. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the amended agreement. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Robert A. Erdman, appointed Veteran's Service Officer, and Bob Smith, Board Chairman, introduced Tim Marquez, who has been approved by the Veteran's Board as the new Veteran's Service Officer. Erdman said that Marquez served in the National Guard and would be attending trainings to receive his accreditation. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the hiring of Tim Marquez as the new Veteran's Service Officer. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board regarding the bids for the mowing tractor. Hoerler had looked at the tractors and said the JD 7800 would work. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the bid for the JD 7800 at \$31,500. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler asked if the hearing date for the One-and Six Year Road Program could be set for May 22, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. The Board agreed to that date. Hoerler reported on the culvert and that the panels that they take out of the old bridge might work elsewhere. Hoerler reported on the court case that he and Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, had to testify for. He said it would be June or July before a decision is made. Metz said that after the rains there a lot of roads that need rock. Hoerler reported on other road projects that they are starting on. Hoerler opened the bids for the Asphalt at 9:00 A.M. Present was Tammy Crawford from Rocky Mountain Chipseal LLC. Bids were received from Rocky Mountain Chipseal LLC for \$385,288.80 and from Topkote for \$326,641.92. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to award the bid to Topkote for \$326,641.92. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, reported that they had hired Cheryl Hamilton as the part time person and that Tammy Ost diek would be the Nutrition Expert for the area. She also reported that Kelley Rice will be leaving in June and will be the new Principal at the Bayard School.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:23 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:40 A.M., Tuesday, May 8, 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 May 2, 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 May 4, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2018-5,6 & 7. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk