

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 13, 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 February 7, 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 February 8, 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 Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of the Transfer of Funds, and to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Abstained: Sterkel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Radio Equip, \$302.10; Allo Communication, Service, \$987.95; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$374.79; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,938.29; Axon Enterprise Inc, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$242.00; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$104.81; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,312.17; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$271.18; Bob Barker Co Inc, Supplies, \$510.84; Cynthia J. Brandt-d/b/a Brandt Court Reporting Services, Law Enforcement Costs, \$120.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Mileage, \$78.15; Bridgeport Family Dental LLC, Medical-Prisoners, \$158.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing Supplies & Subscription, \$491.32; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$132.67; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Ismael Cardenas, Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$122.24; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,764.88; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$438.88; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$139.53; \$152.54; \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$136.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Douglas, Kelly Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,599.50; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Devin Heumesser, Phone, \$120.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Laundry-Prisoners & Service, \$417.07; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$476.57; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$27.94; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$50.00; JC Auto Repair, Repairs, \$64.55; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Mid-American Research Chemical Corp, Supplies, \$332.81; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,817.74; Mobius Communications Co, Installation, \$481.90; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$495.60; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$318.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$68.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,018.81; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$246.76; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Registration, \$10.00; NE County Court Assoc, Dues, \$25.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$3,484.15; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel & Repairs, \$778.73; Panhandle District Assoc, Dues, \$350.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,930.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,141.34; Renkoski Property Development LLC, Contractual Weed Control, \$3,750.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,931.25; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Scotts Bluff County Treasurer, Probation Costs, \$3,504.64; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$400.00; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, Medical-Prisoners & Board of Prisoners, \$131.33; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$4005.00; Lyle Staudenmaier, Phone, \$40.00; Sarah Strawn, Training, \$20.00; Town & Country Advertising, Publishing, \$72.00; Trail City Supply, Repairs & Supplies, \$88.91; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$67.44; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,440.70; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$350.80; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$119.97; 308 Embroidery, Uniforms, \$144.50; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,194.92.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.83; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.31; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$2,832.13; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$450.16; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$2,040.10; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$5,378.93; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies & Tools, \$580.94; Century Link, Service, \$73.49; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$812.81; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$453.12; Colonial Life Insurance Corp, Insurance, \$94.30; Contractors Materials Inc, Repairs, \$294.00; Ideal Linen Supply, Supplies, \$95.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$1,424.09; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$239.78; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Supplies, \$40.72; Menards-Scottsbluff, Supplies, \$413.26; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,069.65; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; Newman Traffic Signs, Signs, \$2,484.55; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$3,954.26; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$6,638.69; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,070.80; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$144.61; Riverside Lumber LLC, Supplies, \$26.26; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$42.01; Robert D. Ross, Reimbursement, \$440.78; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$98.68; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$96.99; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,174.47.

BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND

Husker Steel, Bridge Project, \$39,464.00.

HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$81,924.94.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$120.00; Becky A. Fields, Service, \$36.00; Drew Leisy, Service, \$540.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$162.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$45.00; Thylor Schopen, Service, \$216.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$335.43.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$410.07.

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.

Eva Draper, Head Custodian, met with the Board regarding the elevator maintenance. She had gotten a quote from O'Keefe to do the maintenance. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, reviewed the contract with Kone and said it would take a notice to Kone to get out of the contract and possibly a cost. Draper reported that the rugs that we get from Ideal Linen are not good quality and a tripping hazard. The Board advised her to purchase some good rugs instead of using Ideal. Draper also reported that the sidewalk on the north side of the building needs repaired.

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Handi-Bus Director, presented the Detailed Plan of Operation for the next fiscal year. She said that it has to be in by March 1st and will hopefully get her grant money for the Handyman program. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the Detailed Plan of Operation. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Eichthaler also reported for Bryan Hoerler, Road Superintendent, that he needs to conduct a road study on Rd 123 & 76 and Rd 88 & 123 for a possible stop sign or yield sign.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to order a road study for these two roads. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting. Batterman reported on the Region I and the decision for the Panhandle Health group will be made on Thursday, regarding closing it. Batterman said there are 8 or 9 groups who may be able to help the Panhandle Health Group. Sterkel reported that he had attended the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting and they are considering buying a new pickup.

The Elected Officials met with the Board regarding changing the Courthouse hours to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and to 7:30 to noon on Friday. Metz had talked to Linda Hayden, Clerk Magistrate, and she is opposed to this because her hours are set by the Supreme Court system, which is separate from the County system, and they require 8 – 5 Monday through Friday. The Board said because of needing the elevator, they were concerned about safety if only one person was in the building. They said it is up to the individual offices to set their own hours and the hours they would have the custodian there were the same as they are now.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, reported that the feedlots were almost finished for the re-appraisal. Chelsea Altena reported on a new program called “Next Chapter” which is available via Zoom. She talked about new programs with the library. Charlie Browne reminded the Commissioners that the Panhandle counties own the Panhandle Health Group building if it could be used for a detention center.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 8:30 A.M. in the District Courtroom.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
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The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:14 A.M., Tuesday, February 13, 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 February 7, 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 February 8, 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(6) at 8:14 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Metz, opened the Public Hearing, according to Ne Statute #40-006.07, for the purpose of reviewing a permissive exempt property at 8:15 A.M. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the property of the Turning Point Church. There being no public comment, Chairperson Metz closed the hearing at 8:19 A.M. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Exemption. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson presented Tax List Corrections #2018 – 1, 2 & 3. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 8:25 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk