

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 12, 2021 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 6, 2021. 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 8, 2021. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Transfer of Funds, and the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,113.78; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,106.63; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,962.88; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, Court Appointed Counsel, \$480.00; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$161.52; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$149.73; Kathy Brandt, Phone, Meals & Mileage, \$379.21; Bridgeport Memorial Chapel, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$447.27; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip & Data Processing Costs, \$138.75; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,260.35; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$155.09; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$107.68; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Comfort Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$219.90; Consolidated Management Co, Meals, \$97.36; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$222.33; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$27.50; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$42.16; Audrey M. Elliot, Public Defender, \$4,185.25; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Government Forms & Supplies, Supplies, \$519.77; Dick Hadden, Mowing, \$50.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$114.95; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$675.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Service, Supplies & Laundry, \$613.32; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$316.97; Susan Kelly, Postage, \$7.95; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$48.76; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; Mobius Communications, Service, \$58.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$851.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$410.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,529.15; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$115.08; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$136.04; NE Sheriff's Assoc, Cont. Ed, \$165.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$14.90; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$46.73; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Nossman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$449.33; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$100.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,857.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,884.48; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Quarterly, \$7,219.26; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, Misc, \$381.88; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Samples Dean Law LLC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$60.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, Boarding, \$164.68; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$71.10; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$44.60; Staples Credit Plan, Equip, \$221.53; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Service, \$448.00; Tracy Terrell, Mileage, \$263.20; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$404.70; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,221.14; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,332.17.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$108.19; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$266.68; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,029.16; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$178.93; Century Link, Service, \$100.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$178.96; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$2,574.27; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$41.38; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$39.40; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$1,045.00; Ideal/Bluff's Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$253.84; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$225.60; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$304.24; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$127.67; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$837.90; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs,

\$238.55; Michael Todd & Co Inc, Supplies, \$2,593.16; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,275.31; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, \$780.00; Newman Signs Inc, Signs, \$1,806.76; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$4,487.66; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$347.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,493.04; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$256.38; Simon, Asphalt, \$2,535.00; Kurt Tremain, CDL Training, \$250.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$107.23; Westco, Fuel, \$12,418.50; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$100.08; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,925.82.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$75.00; Blanca Carrillo De Lamas, Service, \$300.00; Jeffrey D. Erdman, Service, \$615.00; Corbyn Fleming, Service, \$90.00; Jerry Foland, Service, \$240.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$100.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$1,185.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$537.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$190.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$57.96; Frontier, Misc, \$7.18.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$218.04; Frontier, Misc, \$27.01.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Dan Krentz, Repairs, \$1,200.00.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

A resolution from North Platte NRD was received for the Federal Mitigation Act. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-43

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the North Platte Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the counties and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect Morrill County and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Morrill County in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of Morrill County does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the North Platte NRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman of Board

(S E A L)

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt and Batterman both said they have no meetings until later this week. Metz reported that he and Rodak had attended a meeting in Sioux County. He reported on the CAPWN meeting. He was upset that they passed a resolution for vaccination mandates.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:04 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

/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 7:35 A.M., Tuesday, October 12, 2021 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 Bayard Transcript on October 6, 2021. 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 October 8, 2021. On roll call, Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, to enter into Board of Equalization according to NE Statute §77-1233.04(6) at 7:35 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the 2021-2022 levies for Morrill County. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the levies and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-42

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 year 2021-2022 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 12th day of October, 2021.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners
Morrill County Board of Equalization

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

**MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2021-2022**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL BLDG	BOND	CAPITAL IMPROV	TOTAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
21-BAYARD	0.997057	0.019731	0.069836		1.086624
63-BRIDGEPORT	1.050000		0.093072		1.143072
CEMETERY DISTRICTS					
		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.011350				0.011350
BAYARD	0.056951				0.056951
BRIDGEPORT	0.017483				0.017483
BROADWATER	0.003616	0.000544			0.004160
REDINGTON	0.002562	0.000625			0.003187
FIRE DISTRICTS					
	GENERAL	BOND	SINKING		
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.012250	0.000000	0.004674		0.016924
#3 (BAYARD)	0.031876				0.031876
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.044122		0.000000		0.044122
CITIES/VILLAGES					
	GENERAL	BOND			
BAYARD	0.499646				0.499646
BRIDGEPORT	0.449956				0.449956
BROADWATER	0.392349				0.392349
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS					
GENERAL	0.337724				0.337724
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.009536				0.009536
TOTAL	0.347260				0.347260

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 12th day of October, 2021.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Josh Schmidt

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

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

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2021-17 & 18. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:46 A.M.
Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk