

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on February 19, 2020. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners February 20, 2020. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Greg Sterkel. 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 Metz, that the Agenda and the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$842.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,937.87; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$95.50; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$45.63; Toni Blomenkamp, Travel Exp, \$69.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$46.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$47.20; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$712.05; Century Business Products, Equip, \$48.40; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$310.81; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,436.75; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$180.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$322.11; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, et al, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,768.65; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; James M. Goeman, Travel Exp, \$59.80; Government Forms & Supplies, Supplies, \$30.80; Hilton Garden Inn-Lincoln, Lodging, \$55.50; Celinda Howard, Reimbursement, \$49.14; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$187.22; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms & Law Enforcement Costs, \$400.74; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$112.93; Loretta C. McCoy-Co Treas, Taxes, \$169.46; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Midwest Special Services Inc, Transport, \$553.50; MIPS Inc, Supplies & Juror Fees, \$266.50; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,550.11; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,841.93; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACVSO, Dues, \$100.00; NE Assoc of Co Treas, Dues, \$50.00; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Equip, \$40.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$120.58; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$758.00; Panhandle Partnership, Registration, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,953.33 Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,172.16; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$32,630.17; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Katlyn Rosas, Meals, \$71.92; Sharon Schluterbusch, Travel Exp, \$47.15; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$134.90; Jonathon T. Stellar, Court Appointed Counsel, \$681.67; TotalFunds, Postage, \$167.91; University of NE, Registration, \$60.00; University of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$46.84; UNL ITS Comm, Service, \$45.02; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs & Equip, Supplies, Registration, Medical-Prisoners & Misc, \$2,406.01; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; \$176.49; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$18.24; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$83.64; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$146.94; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,714.11.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$351.87; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,046.59; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$83.38; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$76.14; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$6,694.64; Hansen's Locksmithing, Repairs, \$157.86; Bryan Hoerler, Phone & Meals, \$70.22; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$7,250.76; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$671.56; Koozer Construction Inc, Gravel, \$26,093.92; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$49.23; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,212.74; Morrill County Health Plan, Health

Insurance, \$17,420.54; NE Assoc of Co Hwy Supt, Eng & Surv, Dues, \$160.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$93.67; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$6,108.90; Panhandle Co-op, Tires, \$1,680.78; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,542.95; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$16,684.66; U S Bank, Fuel, Meals & Lodging, \$394.91; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$183.14; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,080.64.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$146.75.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$182.88.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2020 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: January - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

The January minutes of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the January Financials to the Commissioners. She reported on the amounts received from Medicare and on the success of having the MRI machine in-house.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds to the Road Department. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2020-05  
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 \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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 Board reported on meetings they had attended. Metz said he missed the Hospital Board meeting. Batterman reported on the phone conference for Panhandle Health meeting and them going with NACO for Blue Cross. She said the Aging Office is taking the Handyman program away from Scotts Bluff County and they will handle the Handyman program. She said they elected officers for Region I Behavioral Health and she is the President.

Val Jansante, liaison for Adrian Smith, met with the Board to give an update on what Smith has been working on as far as African trade, the sugar beet industry and election.

The Board, elected and appointed officials discussed the plans for County Government Day which will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Also, the County Handbook was discussed.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:52 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:37 A.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2020 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 19, 2020. 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 20, 2020. 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(6) at 7:37 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, discussed the fact that because of the sales in Bridgeport for houses, the increase will be 16% and for rural residentials for the dwelling will increase between 10-12% and there may be a lot of protests. She said these notices will go out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The Board discussed possible dates for protests, but no dates were decided.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to return to regular session at 7:50 A.M. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz \_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk