

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, November 26, 2019 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 November 20, 2019. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners November 21, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Alarm Security Technicians, Repairs, \$1,192.25; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$587.74; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,028.36; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$26.97; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$40.60; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$76.28; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$886.79; Century Business Products, Supplies, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; Cheyenne County Sheriff, Court Costs, \$30.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,841.45; Clerk of the District Court, Court Costs, \$108.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$19.03; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$95.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,981.54; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Howard County Sheriff's Office, Court Costs, \$260.00; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$44.76; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$397.02; David Kleenssang, Repairs, \$13.00; Kone Inc, Service, \$222.36; MailFinance, Postage, \$94.20; Tim Marquez, Mileage, \$165.88; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,465.37; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$36,733.57; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACO, Registration, \$65.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Dept of Labor/Finance, Elevator Inspection, \$120.00; NE Dept of Rev, Levy, \$50.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$3.39; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$46.40; Oshkosh Ace Hardware & Appliances, Repairs, \$198.87; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,976.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,503.11; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$31,166.35; Regional West Medical Center, Medical-Flu Shots, \$315.00; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Travis Rodak, Equip, \$1,502.68; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$88.16; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$343.03; Thompson Reuters-West, Law Library, \$545.00; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$188.36; University of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$30.27; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs, Meals, Fuel, Registration, Supplies, Phone & Misc, \$1,346.93; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,566.89; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$521.22; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$120.88; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,107.28.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,033.04; Andy Co, Gravel, \$830.00; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs, \$68.92; Bar-Nine Prospects LLC, Gravel, \$4,343.00; Myron Batt, Gravel, \$225.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Tires & Supplies, \$3,549.40; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$150.11; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$83.52; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$1,415.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,330.73; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$173.55; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Norma Hecht, Gravel, \$50.00; Harry W. Henkel, Gravel, \$1,545.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$584.24; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$121.09; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$429.00; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs & Tools, \$285.59; Jeff Metz, Gravel, \$255.00; Michael

Todd & Co Inc, Repairs, \$1,706.75; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,320.64; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$20,407.78; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$79.67; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$7,408.85; Bob Noonan, Gravel, \$801.00; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$99.40; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,339.44; Mary Pohl, Gravel, \$1,764.00; Power Equip Co, Repairs, \$11,470.42; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$16,990.04; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$493.78; Team Chevrolet GMC Toyota, Repairs, \$79.30; Owen D. Walker, Gravel, \$480.00; Troy D. Weborg, Gravel, \$35.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,960.32.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$147.79.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$184.16.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Alarm Security Technicians, Camera Installation, \$4,240.34.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization. Discussed land classifications and CRP land.

The following 2019 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: October - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the October Financials to the Board. Stuart said that after the Cost Study, they will receive \$186,000 from Medicare, which will cut the initial cost down. She said the MRI Building will be here on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Unit will be here on December 12<sup>th</sup>, so should be operational by the first of the year. She said they are setting policies for the Education Center.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer \$100,000 to the Road fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-42  
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 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel  
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the resolution that would set salaries for the Commissioners and the Clerk of the District Court for 2021-2024. The Board discussed with Julie Schildt, Clerk of the District Court, whether this position should be cut to part-time or combined with another office. Schildt said that she never knows how busy she will be. She said she had 20 criminal cases this past year and she is the one that gets the juries for both District and County Court. The Board tabled this resolution until the next meeting.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported Panhandle Public Health meeting and that they are trying to buy a building downtown. She said Region I has a pending law suit from former employee Sterkel reported Emergency Management meeting. He said they will have Regional Training in Bridgeport in May. He said it will involve the hospital, military, fire departments, etc. Metz said he attended the Fair Board meeting.

The elected officials asked about closing all day or half day on Christmas Eve. The Board discussed whether the Governor would declare it a holiday. Holiday pay was discussed for the Road and Law Enforcement. The Board had set it for a half day in January with it being discussed in November for a whole day. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, said we need to revise the handbook and discuss a floating holiday and then it would not be holiday pay for the Sheriff's Department. Cardenas said it would not work to do it that way. The Board agreed to set the full day for Christmas Eve day as a holiday.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:42 A.M. The next meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

