

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, April 23, 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 April 17, 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 April 19, 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, and the minutes of the April 9, 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

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$505.04; \$505.09; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,159.88; \$6,663.81; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$5.30; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$40.60; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$7.20; Cenex Fleet Card, Fuel, \$927.04; Century Business Products, Equip, \$92.01; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$141.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; \$161.28; \$19.03; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,816.85; Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapels, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$126.99; Lincoln Marriott-Cornhusker, Lodging, \$119.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Mobius Communications Co, Service, \$58.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$77.76; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,473.30; \$2,473.30; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,745.51; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; \$138.47; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Repairs, \$254.55; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$86.40; Sarah Paisley, Mileage, \$52.20; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,989.15; \$1,989.15; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,021.08; \$12,969.02; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$30,064.69; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Susan D. Sparks, Postage, \$15.55; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$870.11; U S Bank, Data Processing Supplies, Registration, Phone, Lodging & Misc, \$1,037.65; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; \$138.45; University of NE, Mileage, \$229.20; USDA Aphis Control, Contractual Pest Control, \$1,090.65; Watchguard Video, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$175.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,039.69; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$220.95; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$81.39; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,969.60; \$57,051.21.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Action Communications Inc, Repairs, \$384.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.84; \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,701.40; \$2,694.55; B & C Steel Corp, Repairs & Supplies, \$210.70; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, Supplies & Tires, \$1,335.02; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$77.83; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; \$94.30; Bob Crable /d/b/a R C Repair, Repairs, \$485.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,209.34; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Carl Gurnsey, Road Mntnce, \$3,000.00; Hireright Solutions, Testing Fees, \$63.95; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$130.18; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$8,928.83; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$1,254.14; Lee's Service Inc, Oil & Tires, \$1,008.00; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Loretta McCoy-Co Treasurer, Bond Pmt, \$435.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,162.81; \$1,162.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,320.70; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00;

\$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$87.33; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$2,939.08; Panhandle Co-op, Tires & Tools, \$435.93; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$640.00; \$640.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$4,856.97; \$4,874.33; Pro Overhead Door, Repairs, \$278.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$14,086.80; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$92.98; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$548.86; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$42.87; Treasure Coast Maintenance Supplies, Supplies, \$458.16; U S Bank, Supplies, \$149.80; Road Employees, Salaries, \$24,012.42; \$23,951.56.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Health Claims, \$85,878.27.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$165.28; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$14.60; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$104.41; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$133.27.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$189.60.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Trail City Supply, Repairs, \$129.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$155.00.

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

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2018 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: March - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

The Quarterly reports for the Road, Handyman & Public Transit System were received, reviewed and placed on file.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the March Financials. Stuart said they are getting recruitments started for Kim Malone's position and for Dr. John Post, who will be retiring in 2021. She reported on the Health Fair which is being held the second Tuesday of every month. She reported on the work on the building they are remodeling. She said it should be completed by fall. She said the building for the MRI is built offsite then brought in. The MRI machine comes from Germany.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution for correcting a fund balance that the auditors ordered. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-09 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Fees Collected Fund (#9500) should have a zero balance; the Fees Collected for previous Tax Sales & Redemptions should have gone into the General Fund, therefore a correction is needed.

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds from the Fees Collected Fund in the amount of \$140.00 into the General Fund/Fees Collected (100-36006).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer, and Bob Smith, Board member, met with the Board to discuss an appointment to the Veteran' Service Board. The Veteran's Board recommended that Milo Cardenas be appointed. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to appoint Cardenas to the Veteran's Service Board. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Marquez said they will be meeting soon to reorganize and appoint a Chairman. Smith said that they are going to add another signature to the Veteran's Aid account, so that there will always be two available to sign the checks.

Jack Whittier, District Director of Panhandle Research & Extension Center, Jackie Guzman, Extension Agent, Tammie Ostdiek and Sara Paisley met with the Board. Whittier said there are 16 counties in the Panhandle and he gave a breakdown of the counties that are served and who serves each one. He said they are realigning the counties and are devoting more time to the districts with less travel time. 4-H Education and the county fairs were discussed.

Greg Sterkel, Commissioner, presented a resolution regarding the Red Flag law that is in Colorado. Metz said that 34 out of 64 counties in Colorado have passed this resolution, but that the Red Flag law is not in Nebraska. Metz said that Senator Mohrfield has introduced a bill, LB 58 and we should wait to see what happens with this bill. Cardenas said that he felt that they should hold off on passing anything. The Board said they did not feel the need to pass resolution at this time, since there is no "Red Flag Law" in Nebraska and address it at the proper time.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss the process for the FEMA and NEMA funds. He said it is more streamlined this time and should be a faster process for receiving funds. He said that for Federal Highway monies there has to be a minimum of \$5,000 worth of damage. He said he is putting all of the damage on one road in Broadwater in as one to meet the \$5,000. He said if any of the roads are a Federal Aid Route they do not pay, the Federal Highway does. He said he will be meeting with the Federal Highway Team this week. The Commissioners asked about training for the new employees. Hoerler said that they all go to training. Batterman reported on Gwen Jessen's road. Hoerler asked for permission to set the One-and Six Year Road plan for May 28th and to accept Chip Seal bids. The Board agreed to both. Metz said he is going to check with D A Davidson regarding loans for fixing roads before FEMA and NEMA monies come in.

Jeff Kelly, Executive Director for PADD, met with the Board to give an update on what PADD has been doing. He said there are 35 member communities which results in \$60,000 in dues. He showed the Board some of the projects they have worked on and invited the County to join.

The Commissioners reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel said he had had no meeting. Batterman said she attended the Region I Behavioral Health meeting and the Aging Office meeting. Batterman said the new director will take over May 16th for Behavioral Health. Metz said he missed the Hospital meeting and will attend the Fair Board meeting tonight. He reported that he had met with the State Auditors and they will be sending a final draft in the next few weeks to each office and then we will go over the audit with each office. He said they said everyone had been very cooperative through the audit process.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:44 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:45 A.M., Tuesday, April 23, 2019 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 April 17, 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 on April 19, 2019. 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 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2019 – 5, 6, 7 & 8. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson discussed the 2019 Reports and Opinions. She asked if any of the Commissioners had looked at this report. They had not. She asked them again to look at it. She discussed the revalue on commercials. She said they told her she did not meet the appraisal valuations. She said that some of those were before the tornado in Bayard and that she did the revalue for all of the commercial. The Board said they knew she did and would back her if she does not do a revalue in Bayard.

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

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk