

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on March 8, 2023. 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 March 9, 2023. 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 the Lease Agreement with the Rodeo Farm & Ranch Association and the minutes of the February, 28, 2023 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, \$1,258.29; American Family Life Ins Corp, Insurance, \$1,4,69.35; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,980.94; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$1,273.79; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip Lease, \$28.84; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$937.68; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$363.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$206.88; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$164.75; Country Catering, Meals, \$750.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$52.50; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$154.88; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Kirk Fellhoelter, Phone, \$180.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$155.93; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Director Fees, \$1,500.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners & Supplies, \$573.15; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$126.29; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$115.87; Susan Kelly, Juror Fees, \$58.37; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$7.49; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,250.00; M C Schaff & Assoc Inc, Survey, \$2,100.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$2,871.17; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$2,460.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$198.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,497.46; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$85.05; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$1,500.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Education, \$75.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$31.89; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Panhandle Assoc of Co Assessors, Dues, \$100.00; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$174.22; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,260.41; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,365.46; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Sheridan Co Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$28.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$33.30; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Teletype, \$448.00; Sarah Strawn, Training, \$20.00; Tracy Terrell, Misc, \$7.29; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,290.10; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$118.99; 911 Custom, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$321.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,332.62.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$109.98; American Family Life, Insurance, \$573.06; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,956.31; Aulick Industries, Supplies, \$750.00; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$494.30; Bayard Automotive, LLC, Supplies & Repairs, \$937.09; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$188.43; Century Link, Service, \$105.65; City of Bayard, Service, \$762.70; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$24.75; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$4,926.95; Filter Care of NE, LLC, Repairs, \$87.10; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$59.95; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$875.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$576.73; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$9,341.32; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$2,863.78; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$252.90; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Supplies, \$103.03; Menards-Scottsbluff, Supplies & Repairs, \$1,532.47; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$151.44; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,270.09; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Educ Telecomm Comm, Repairs, \$449.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$10,940.91; Panhandle Coop, Tools, \$247.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$400.00; Platte Valley

Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,247.72; Powerplan, Repairs, \$174.26; Pro Overhead Door Inc, Repairs, \$1,000.50; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$942.75; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$14.58; Michael Todd, Supplies, \$534.24; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$105.40; Westco, Fuel, \$19,199.22; 21st Century Equip, Repai, \$38.15; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,278.21.

HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$103,273.83.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$77.89.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$239.89; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Kone Chicago, Elevator Repair, \$3,686.51.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The March minutes of the Safety Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Discussion was held regarding County Government Day and how to improve on it, so that everyone gets to all of the locations.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented to the Board the March 2023 Tax Sale Report. Discussion was held regarding having names added to the lists that are in the newspaper. McCoy said she will not add the names. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to accept and approve the Tax Sale Report. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented an Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County, to hold prisoners. He said the cost is less than what we pay Scotts Bluff County. Cardenas said the Lincoln County will also pick up the prisoners at no cost. He said this will save the county a lot of money. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the above agreement. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A phone call was placed to Mitch Coffin, Program Manager for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Protection and Noxious Weed Program. Coffin said he works with the Nebraska Forest Service in repairing acres on flood plains in the North Platte Basin. He said this would include controlling Fragmites, Canadian Thistle, Russian Olives, etc and would be at no cost to the landowner. Coffin said he has tried to reach Cody Renkoski, and has left messages, but he never returns the call. He said the county needs to get Cody to take the lead on this for the money. He said the deadline is March 24, 2023. Metz said he will get in touch with Renkoski to get this taken care of.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented resolutions to correct the two resolutions that were adopted to vacate roads. He said the prior resolutions did not have the complete legal descriptions and these resolutions will correct it. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the corrections and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2023 – 12 RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION #2022-30 FINAL RESOLUTION VACATING ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that Resolution #2022-30 that was adopted on the 11th day of October, 2022, to vacate a

road in Angora, Nebraska, contained an incorrect legal description. This Resolution will correct the legal description of road to be vacated:

WHEREAS, the Angora City Streets that are to be vacated and abandoned are described and located as a 49 foot wide by 1068 foot long street right-of-way known as Rivett Avenue, a 65 foot wide by 624 foot long street right-of-way known as Chase Street, a 60 foot wide by 809 foot long street right-of-way known as Scanlon Avenue, and a 50 foot wide by 560 foot long street right-of-way known as Wodehouse Street, together with all alleys located in Rivett's First Addition to Angora, Morrill County, Nebraska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing was held on the 11th day of October, 2022, and hearing no objections regarding the vacating and abandonment of said streets as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter, hereby orders the above mentioned streets be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following Manner:

Shall revert back to the adjacent landowners.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Register of Dees and indexed against all affected property.

Dated at Bridgeport, Nebraska this 14th day of March, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman of the Board

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2023 – 13
RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION #2023-07
FINAL RESOLUTION VACATING ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that Resolution #2023-07 that was adopted on the 14th day of February, 2023, to vacate Minimum Maintenance Roads, contained an incorrect legal description. This Resolution will correct the legal description of roads to be vacated:

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Minimum Maintenance Roads 105 and 116 that are to be vacated and abandoned are more particularly described as follows:

Road 105, located between Road 114 and Road 116 in part of the East Half of the East Half (E ½ E ½) of Section 6, Township 21 North, Range 49 West of the 6th PM and part of the West Half of the West Half (W ½ W ½) of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 49 West of the 6th PM, and Road 116, located between Road 105 and Road 107 in part South Half of the South Half (S ½ S ½) of Section 32, Township 22 North, Range 49 West of the 6th PM and in part of the North Half of the North Half (N ½ N ½) of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 49 West of the 6th PM, all in Morrill County, Nebraska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing was held on the 14th day of February, 2022, and hearing no objections regarding the vacating and abandonment of said streets as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter, hereby orders the above mentioned streets be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following Manner:

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/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman of the Board

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

Discussion was held about the Lease Agreement with the Rodeo Farm & Ranch Association. Trent McVicker, representing the Fair Board said that the kids that have worked so hard in 4-H deserve a place to bring their animals and to show them. McVicker said that the Rodeo, Farm & Ranch Association's meeting was long and they could not agree on the lease and did not approve it. Metz said the Farm & Ranch Board's attorney told them to walk away. McVicker said that no matter where the fair is held there has to be different accommodations for multiple species. Metz said the county cannot afford to build a facility to accommodate everything. He said he does not want it to become a bond issue. Batterman asked if a public hearing should be held. Fellhoelter said the county could hold one. The Board discussed how many people might attend and that there might be too many opinions with no solutions.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office of Western Nebraska meeting and that they are raising all meal prices by \$.50. He said they are trying to get a provider list for the Handyman Program. Schmidt reported that the Office of Human Development is still looking to upgrade residence. Batterman reported that she had no meetings. Metz reported on the Community Action meeting and that they are now operating in the black. Metz reported on attending a lot of Fair Board meetings.

Cardenas reminded everyone that is time for the CPR classes again.

Susan Kelly, Clerk of the District Court, said that next week is Nebraska State Court Week.

Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer said the pancake feed will be April 6, 2023

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:17 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting in an open public meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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 having been published in the Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on March 8, 2023. 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 March 9, 2023. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, and Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney were 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 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2023-2 & 3, that she had previously presented. Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, presented the statute that says that Housing Authorities are exempt. He said he talked to the County Assessor and County Clerk in Scotts Bluff County and that it is exempt in Scotts Bluff County. A letter from their attorney said if the Tax List Corrections are not approved they would sue the county. Metz asked Fellhoelter if he would represent the county. Fellhoelter said he would to the best of his ability. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman and Schmidt. Nays: Metz. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to return to regular session at 8:02 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk