

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, August 27, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 27, 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 August 21, 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 August 22, 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 Transfer of Funds and the minutes of the August 13, 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, \$587.74; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,661.03; Kathy Brandt, Dues & Mileage, \$65.60; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$15.30; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$794.78; Century Business Products, Equip, \$120.01; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$216.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$161.28; \$19.03; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone & Bus Wash, \$65.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$99.88; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Elliott, Public Defender, \$2,550.00; Cheryl L. Hamilton, Supplies, \$51.28; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$8.60; Kone Inc, Service, \$222.36; MailFinance, Postage, \$94.20; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Mobius Communications Co, Repairs, \$213.94; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,466.47; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,239.54; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$378.63; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$68.76; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,401.65; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,556.69; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$50.42; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$31,978.77; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.08; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$3,750.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$177.65; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$106.03; Univ of NE, Mileage, \$53.45; U S Bank, Data Processing Supplies & Equip, Law Enforcement Supplies & Misc, \$3,796.87; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,716.34; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$216.63; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$36.65; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,219.92.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

All States Ag Parts, Repairs, \$750.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,876.92; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,181.77; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$79.69; Charter Communications, Service, \$91.33; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$122.64; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$222.62; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,187.81; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,919.67; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$91.09; Panhandle Co-op, Tires, \$30.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$650.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,318.82; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$15,552.20; U S Bank, Equip, \$147.64; David Zwirn, Repairs, \$2,000.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,572.49.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

BNSF Railway Co, Road Project, \$82.32.

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

City of Bridgeport, Signs, \$3,000.00; Rachele Eversole, Advertising, \$500.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$146.32.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$184.11.

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 Agenda items for Board of Equalization.

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

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

The August minutes of the Morrill County Visitors' Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the July Financials to the Board. Stuart said they have to pay medicare over \$800,000 because of being paid incorrectly for the ambulance service. It is for a period of 5 years that they were being paid wrong. Stuart said they are starting the construction for the MRI building. She said the machine will be here by November 13<sup>th</sup>. She said they hired Mel Leisy for Behavioral Health and Greg Wilroy for Pain Management.

Lori Faessler, Manager of Courthouse & Jail Rock Golf Course, met with the Board to request approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for the Vintage Market on September 21, 2019. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the license. Yeas: Sterkel and Metz. Abstained: Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said he had talked to WING about the amount per county for their costs, but since it sometimes involves more than one county they could not give an exact amount. He said they are asking for counties to donate money, because they are not getting the grants from the Crime Commission.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, reported on the hail damage to the vehicle and the buildings in Broadwater.

Kevin Sylvester, CPA for Dana F. Cole & Co., presented the final budget figures. He will prepare the final budget and the hearing date will be set at 8:30 A.M. on September 10, 2019.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Sterkel reported on the Veteran's Board meeting. He said he not been able to attend the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting. Milo Cardenas said that he had attended that meeting and they are going to have a disaster training in October. Batterman reported that she had attended the National Public Health Conference in Denver. She said our Panhandle Public Health District is one of the best in the nation. Metz reported on the Fair Board meeting and Hospital Board meeting.

Jon Cannon, Deputy Director of NACO, stopped by the meeting. There were several things that the Board felt needs to be addressed across the state with the recent flooding, etc. He said he will look into their concerns and see what can be done.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:16 A.M.  
The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk