

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, August 28, 2018

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 28, 2018 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 22, 2018. 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 23, 2018. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Some of the Elected Officials were also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and Transfer of Funds and the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting be approved as emailed. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Chelsea Altena, Supplies, \$34.07; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$350.01; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,580.52; Bank of America, Na, Garnishment, \$152.54; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$75.70; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$38.15; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$80.40; Cenex Fleet Card, Fuel, \$819.26; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$105.64; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,223.19; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$499.24; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$175.72; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$150.00; Douglas Kelley, Ostdiek & Ossian PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$429.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$720.00; Christine Karell APRN, Medical-Prisoners, \$100.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$43.31; Morrill County Clerk, Filing Fee, \$10.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,287.01; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$36,272.76; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE County Attorney Assoc, Dues & Registration, \$665.00; NE Health & Human Services, Service, \$93.00; NE Public Health Lab, Testing Fees, \$420.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,857.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,559.54; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$217.44; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$30,233.23; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$1,957.00; Secretary of State-Election Div, Supplies, \$80.00; Staples Credit Plan, Equip, \$1,542.98; Star-Herald, Publishing, \$636.86; University of NE, Mileage, \$357.61; US Bank, Supplies, Phone, Data Processing Costs, Law Enforcement Supplies, Postage & Misc, \$4,672.41; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Joe George Viola, Prior Service, \$132.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,034.36; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$245.95; General Employees, Salaries, \$56,319.74.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$252.29; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,552.03; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, \$57.63; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$60.00; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$74.85; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$94.30; Fastenal Co, Supplies, \$262.65; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, Repairs, \$78.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$6,633.01; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$193.47; Doug McCloud, Phone \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$1,011.82; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,713.21; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$59.61; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$2,710.03; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$4,514.73; Pohl's Welding & Fabrication Inc, Repairs, \$60.00; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$496.95; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$12,990.75; Road Employees, Salaries, \$22,684.68.

STOP FUND

Applied Concepts Inc, Equip, \$2,707.50.

HANDYMAN FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$104.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$67.50; Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$115.36; Handyman Employee, Salary, \$600.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$142.07.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$199.78.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2018 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.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the July Financial reports. Stuart said they should be getting \$400,000 from Medicare/Medicaid. She reported on the old Jack & Jill building they had purchased for training purposes.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the Inventories for each office. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign all of the inventories. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lori Faessler, Manager of Court House & Jail Rock Golf Club, requested a Special Designated Liquor License for the Heirloom Market on September 22, 2018. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the license. Yeas: Sterkel & Metz. Abstained: Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the new contract with Burlington Northern for the railroad crossing on Road 82. The agreement is for \$186,977 for signals and \$16,751 for the crossing surface and \$33,000 for the approaches which the county will prepare. Hoerler said the cost to the county will be in labor and materials, not in dollars being paid out. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, didn't like the way the contract was worded, but said the Board can agree to it. The Board discussed the crossing and that it did need to be fixed. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve and sign the contract, and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2018-28

WHEREAS, the County Board of Morrill County, the BNSF Railway Company and the State of Nebraska intend to make improvements to a railroad grade crossing, located on Road 82 in Morrill County at DOT No 089074R.

WHEREAS, the parties have provided for the terms and conditions for making those improvements in a Supplemental Agreement.

WHEREAS, the County of Morrill wishes to enter into this three-party agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Morrill County, hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation and the BNSF Railway Company for the installation of flashing light signals

and gates with constant warning circuitry and install 8' concrete panels on each end of the current concrete crossing surface on Road 82 at BNSF Railway Company DOT. No. 089074R. Morrill County will be improving the approaches at this location.

NDOR Project Number: RRS-NFG-1150(1)
NDOR Control Number: 51593
NDOR Project Description: Bridgeport Southeast

RESOLVED THIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

/s/Jeff Metz
County Board Chair

Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Chairperson Metz asked Hoerler if he would like to go into Executive session to discuss his salary or stay in regular session. Hoerler said he preferred Executive session. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to enter into Executive Session at 8:27 A.M., according to Ne. Statute #84-1410(d), to present needless injury to an individual and that Hoerler and Rodak be included. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 8:43, saying no action was taken. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the Region I meetings and Metz reported on the Hospital meeting.

The Board discussed the budget document that Pete Peterson had sent. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, explained the process of having reserves especially for the bond payments and gave them a printout of how many times the Board has had to borrow from other funds to make payments. The Board agreed that the Health Insurance Fund has to be paid back, but the Inheritance Tax Fund does not.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said that he has to purchase a new console for the Communications Center and was looking into the NACO Lease-Purchase program. He said it would be a four-year plan. The Board told him to look into it.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:19 A.M. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

