

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 8, 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of such meeting have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on January 2, 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 January 3, 2019. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel 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 Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and the minutes of the December 21, 2018 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,007.44; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$505.04; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,989.67; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,526.98; Blue360 Media LLC, Subscription, \$282.10; Bluff's Sanitary Supply Inc, Supplies, \$173.77; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$131.95; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$154.79; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$275.65; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,089.18; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$406.37; Comfort Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$879.60; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$2.42; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Dollar General, Supplies, Medical-Prisoners, Laundry, \$127.75; Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapels, County Burial, \$1,917.00; FIA Card Services, N.A., Garnishment, \$161.28; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; HLP Consulting LLC, Budget, \$2,000.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$439.80; Ideal Linen Supply, Service, \$158.56; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$158.98; David Kleensang, Phone, \$40.00; Lynn Peavey Co, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$76.25; MailFinance, Equip Rental, \$1,905.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Bobby Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,952.27; MOCIC, Dues, \$100.00; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$3.36; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$119.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,462.96; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$346.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Clerk of Dist Ct Assoc, Registration, \$125.00; NE Health & Human Services, Service, \$15.00; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Lisa Peters, Supplies, \$8.09; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,964.15; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,280.05; Plummer Insurance Inc, Notary, \$80.00; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Civil Defense, \$8,662.76; Renokoski Vegetation Services LLC, Weed Contract, \$3,750.00; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Travis Rodak, Phone & Box Rent, \$272.80; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Clay Sheldon, Snow Removal, \$250.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$17.96; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$203.90; Leonard G. Tabor PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$120.00; Trail City Supply, Repairs, \$160.95; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$143.40; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Dept of Education, Garnishment, \$138.45; Jon Worthman, Public Defender, \$2,500.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,677.62.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$105.74; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$272.84; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$2,868.07; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Tools, \$239.60; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$3,264.26; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$782.68; City of Bayard, Service, \$657.36; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$354.01; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$119.05; Filter Care of NE, Repairs, \$39.40; Frenchman

Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$9,227.22; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$5,847.50; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$7,439.10; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$293.56; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,208.14; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, \$743.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$12.70; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,106.84; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$44.50; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,493.96.

HANDYMAN FUND

Andrew Leisy, Service, \$640.00; Pamela S. Loomis, Service, \$340.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$395.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$44.03.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$235.93.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Todd E. Harless, Repairs, \$129.32; Kone Inc, Elevator Repairs, \$1,784.65; Jared Reynolds, Repairs, \$54.27.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims 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.

The Board proceeded to organize according to Section 23-153, 1943 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to nominate Jeff Metz to serve as Chairperson of said Board for the year 2019. Yeas: Batterman & Sterkel Abstained: Metz Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, that Susanna Batterman serve as First Vice Chairperson of said Board for the year 2019. Yeas: Sterkel & Metz. Abstained: Batterman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, that Greg Sterkel serve as Second Vice Chairperson of said Board for the year 2019. Yeas: Batterman & Metz. Abstained: Sterkel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the following Commissioners serve as representatives from Morrill County on the following Boards for the year 2019:

Greg Sterkel, Region 21 Emergency Management, Safety Committee, Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension Board and Veteran's Service Board.

Jeff Metz, CAPWN, Morrill County Fair Board and Morrill County Community Hospital Liaison.

Susanna Batterman, Region I Office of Human Development, Aging Office of Western Ne and Panhandle Health District and Panhandle Mental Health District.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the vote of the Morrill County Commissioner representative, to any of the boards outlined above, is made with full power and authority as if made by the County Board as a unit. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel to appoint(re-appoint) Judy Oltmann as principal and Gary Oltmann as alternate Morrill County Representatives to the Aging Office of Western Nebraska Advisory Council for the year 2019. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that Bryan Hoerler be re-appointed as County Highway Superintendent for the year 2019. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, that Nancy Eichthaler be re-appointed as Handyman/Handi-Bus Director for the year 2019. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel that Cody Renkoski be re-appointed as Contracted Weed Superintendent for Morrill County for the year 2019. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel seconded by Batterman, that Bill Dean be re-appointed as Zoning Administrator for Morrill County for the year 2019. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel to appoint, the following to serve as members of the Morrill County Safety Committee for the year 2019: Chelsea Altena-Sterkel, Dana Cadwallader, Milo Cardenas, Caroline Sanchez, Jared Reynolds, Ron Franklin, Loretta McCoy, Doug McCloud, Bryan Hoerler, Mary Ann Randall, Travis Rodak, Julie Schildt & Greg Sterkel and to accept the resignation of Rose Nelson. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to adopt the following holidays for the year 2019:

New Year's Day – January 1, 2019, (Tuesday)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 21, 2019 (3rd Monday)
President's Day - February 18, 2019 (3rd Monday)
Arbor Day - April 26, 2019 (Last Friday)
Memorial Day - May 27, 2019 (Last Monday)
Independence Day - July 4, 2019 (Thursday)
Labor Day - September 2, 2019 (1st Monday)
Columbus Day – October 14, 2019 (2nd Monday)
Veterans' Day - November 11, 2019 (Monday)
Thanksgiving Day - November 28, 2019 (Thursday)
Day after Thanksgiving - November 29, 2019 (Friday)
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2019 (Half day Tuesday)
Christmas Day - December 25, 2019 (Wednesday)

IF SUCH HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SUNDAY, THE FOLLOWING MONDAY SHALL BE A HOLIDAY. IF SUCH HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY, THE PRECEDING FRIDAY SHALL BE A HOLIDAY. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR BANKING #2019-01

WHEREAS, there are five banks in Morrill County, Nebraska, to wit:

Bank of the West, Farmers State Bank, Platte Valley Bank and Wells Fargo Bank Nebraska, NA, all in Bridgeport, Nebraska and Valley Bank & Trust Co., in Bayard, Nebraska and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the County Treasurer deposit in each bank a sum in excess of the capital stock and surplus in each of said banks,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD of Morrill County, Nebraska, that the County Treasurer of Morrill County, Nebraska, be and hereby is authorized to deposit in Bank of the West, Farmers State Bank, Platte Valley Bank and Wells Fargo Bank Nebraska, NA, all in Bridgeport, Nebraska or in Valley Bank & Trust Co., in Bayard, Nebraska and NPAIT, or each of said banks a sum in excess of the capital stock and surplus of each bank provided each of said banks secures the deposit by pledge of the assets of the Bank as provides in Section 77-2318.01 R.R.S., 1943. The Morrill County Treasurer shall receive a timely report as required by statute as to the market values and positions of each security that is pledged.

Said Resolution was passed and adopted this 8th day of January, 2019.

MORRILL COUNTY 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: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, designating the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript as the official newspapers for Morrill County for the year 2019 and they are to publish the official proceedings and the statutory rate for such publication shall be in accordance with statutes of Nebraska and said rate shall be divided between the official newspapers as follows: the Bridgeport News-Blade, a ½ share and the Bayard Transcript a ½ share. Also, the County's Website shall Post the meeting notice, Agenda and the minutes. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to set the per diem limit for meals at \$30.00 and receipts must accompany the claim. If the meal allowance is for a day meeting, and not an overnight trip, the employee's/official's W-2 form will reflect these meals as a benefit. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mileage rates will be the same as the IRS rates. If you are using a county-owned vehicle, you will be able to charge fuel. If you are taking your personal vehicle to a county meeting, you may charge mileage.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution that she feels should be adopted annually to allow her to transfer the delinquent taxes that go into the Hospital Maintenance fund to be transferred into the Hospital Bond Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-02
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Hospital Maintenance Fund is no longer a separate fund account, and

WHEREAS, this fund previously received Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes levied toward this fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all monies currently held in the Hospital Maintenance Fund account and all monies collected in the future that would have been credited to this fund, be transferred to the Hospital Bond fund Account.

Passed and approved this 8th day of January, 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. McCoy also presented a transfer for the Road Department. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2019-03
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 8th day of January, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Chelsea Altena-Sterkel, Extension Office coordinator, gave a quarterly report. She introduced Sarah Paisley, who replaces Kelly Rice as 4-H Educator. Chelsea said that Sarah will be working with Morrill and Garden County on the Connect the Dots program. They both reported on several projects they are working on for the counties and through the schools.

Cody Renkoski was not present, but the Board had his contract for renewal. The only difference in the contract was stating that Renkoski could only bill the county on a monthly basis, not at his discretion. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to renew the contract with Cody Renkoski as Contracted Weed Superintendent. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the Region I Office interviews. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting.

The Officials discussed County Government Day which will be held at the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:31 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

