

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, December 22, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, December 22, 2020 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 Bayard Transcript on December 16, 2020. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners December 17, 2020. 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. Susan Kelly, Clerk of District Court-Elect was present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda, and the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$237.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$843.28; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,288.93; Kay Anderson, Training, \$30.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$98.00; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling, LLC, Repairs, \$414.25; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$80.95; Box Butte County Clerk, Child Support Contract, \$3,000.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$46.00; Bridgeport Business, Bucks, Misc, \$2,850.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$37.89; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$226.20; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$830.37; Century Business Products, Equip, \$40.32; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$314.10; Clerk District Court, Court Costs, \$171.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$322.11; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone & Bus Wash, \$55.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$69.88; Rebecca S. Doby, Law Enforcement Costs, \$130.96; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$13.45; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Gall's, LLC, Uniforms, \$76.95; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$173.11; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$587.89; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$86.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$282.80; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,452.78; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$35,824.89; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; Brian Moss, Data Processing Costs, \$3,000.00; NACo, Dues, \$450.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Registration, \$135.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$275.90; Sarah Paisley, Mileage, \$181.70; Panhandle Collections Inc, Garnishment, \$134.51; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,880.83; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,818.13; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, Mental Health Contract, \$19,961.00; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,547.70; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$4,019.90; Travis Rodak, Meals, Mileage & Lodging, \$371.76; Span Publishing, Subscription, \$149.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$177.48; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs & Equip, Supplies, Uniforms, Phone & Misc, \$1,749.67; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$22.87; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$135.53; General Employees, Salaries, \$62,542.09.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$293.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,182.44; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Tires, \$1,114.77; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$177.64; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$41.78; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$154.80; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Frenchman Valley Coop, Fuel, \$13,164.70; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$6,868.75; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$103.44; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies & Repairs, \$233.70; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$96.57; Mike Linch, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,396.85; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$19,922.68; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$72.90;

NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$8,732.10; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,711.70; Powerplan, Repairs, \$229.11; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$15,041.33; Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$187.50; U S Bank, Supplies, \$24.98; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,288.41.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Health Claims, \$68,718.62.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$181.61; Century Link Business Services, Service, \$69.46.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$445.58; Century Link Business Services, Misc, \$464.88.

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 2020 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: November- I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, was not present, but Travis Rodak, Hospital Board member, reported on the meeting.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, had two transfers, one Inheritance Fund to General and one for General to Road. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the transfers and to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #2020-52
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Inheritance Tax Fund monies were needed for the County General Fund, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners orders the County Treasurer to transfer the funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$175,000.00 into the County General Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2020-53
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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Susan Kelly, Clerk of the District Court-elect, met with the Board regarding the judge telling her that she had to be ready for court by January 4, 2021. The Board said she is not responsible for the duties until January 7, 2021 when she will be sworn in. She said that she had also been contacted by the State, regarding this matter and they said she could be deputized to handle it. The Board called Julie Schildt, Clerk of the District Court, to see when her last day would be and she said the end of the year. They told her she was responsible for her office until January 7, 2021 when Kelly takes over.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, opened bids for fuel at 8:30 A.M. Bids were received from Westco and Frenchman Valley Coop. The bid from Westco was for \$2.05.5 per gallon for gas, \$1.90.5 per gallon for diesel with .05 for ruby additive. It also included \$220 for installing monitors. Frenchman Valley's bid was for \$2.20 per gallon for gas and \$1.95 for diesel with \$.10 for winter additive. Hoerler said that Frenchman Valley had their monitors installed at no cost. The Bids were discussed and the Board did not want to pay for installing monitors. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to award the bid to Frenchman Valley. Discussion was held regarding Frenchman Valley being higher and if Westco could take off the cost of the monitors. Yeas: None. Nays: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Motion failed. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel to award the bid to Westco, with the cost of the monitors and installation of \$220.00 per monitor being removed. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. After the meeting, Metz and Hoerler contacted Westco and asked about the monitors and found out that the county would own the meters, so agreed to the \$220 per monitor.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended and talked about the reorganization in January and what boards they would serve on.

Jeff Metz, Chairman, presented a Certificate to Greg Sterkel and thanked him for his years of service to the County.

The Board presented Chamber Bucks to the employees in appreciation for their work and for making it through the pandemic and handling it well. Metz said the Courthouse would be closed on Christmas Eve all day, by order of the President.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:12 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:43 A.M., Tuesday, December 22, 2020 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 on December 16, 2020. 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 December 17, 2020. 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. Statue §77-1233.04(6) at 7:43 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor presented a Property Valuation Protest form Mike Felicissimo regarding towers. The Public Hearing for this was opened at 7:45 A.M. Tamera Berbee called to present her request for \$.00 valuation. These properties were centrally assessed and now have to be assessed by the County Assessor. Chairperson Metz closed the public hearing at 7:53 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to adjust the value to \$.00 for the year. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nelson said she will have this Tax List Correction at the next meeting

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:55 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk

