

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 24, 2017 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 October 18, 2017. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners October 20, 2017. 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, that the Agenda, with the deletion of Barb Otto for the "In God We Trust" campaign and Loretta McCoy for tax statement questions and transfer of funds, and the minutes of the October 10, 2017 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

Chelsea Altena, Lodging & Mileage, \$228.96; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$301.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,015.96; Applied Concepts Inc, Radio Equip, \$134.00; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$592.50; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$251.70; Stacy Brown, Mileage, \$42.80; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Uniform, \$30.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$823.43; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$490.35; Comfort Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$189.90; Irene Y. Cooper, Mileage, \$248.24; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$135.15; \$2.42; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone & Service, \$55.00; DAS State Accounting, Data Processing Costs, \$82.88; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$35.99; Galls LLC, Uniforms, \$251.90; Devin Heumesser, Phone, \$80.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$399.80; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$7.08; Inman Services, Repairs, \$70.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$528.54; JC Auto Repair, Repairs, \$279.57; Lynn Peavey Co, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$76.00; Loretta C. McCoy-Co Treas, Misc, \$155.12; Lori McCoy, Mileage, \$339.19; Morrill County Community Hospital, Medical-Prisoners, \$144.72; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premiums, \$2,023.84; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,622.44; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$70.00; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$138.47; NE Total Office, Equip & Supplies, \$93.57; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$139.10; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,596.25; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,166.07; Gina Rebillet, Misc, \$150.00; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$23,296.52; Jared Reynolds, Mileage, \$308.69; Travis Rodak, Office Exp, Lodging, Meals, Mileage & Phone, \$1,030.97; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$19.90; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$180.76; University of NE, Mileage, \$67.19; US Bank, Meals, Phone, Registration, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$3,599.47; USDA Aphis, Pest Control-Contractual, \$1,492.55; Verizon Wireless, Service, \$70.23; Xerox Corp, Equip Rental, \$237.35; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$208.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,273.93.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$252.07; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$135.81; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,787.39; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$277.37; Breinig Truck & Trailer LLC, Trucks, \$43,000.00; Century Link, Service, \$149.70; Charter Communications, Service, \$84.99; Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, Insurance, \$157.70; Fastenal Co, Pipes & Bolts, \$102.17; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$567.50; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$199.90; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$1,168.41; Kimball Midwest, Repairs, \$368.88; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$326.92; Lusetto Machine, Repairs, \$257.82; Loretta C McCoy-Co Treas-Wire, Bond Pmt, \$10,677.50; Morrill County Health Plan, Employee Premium, \$943.34; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$16,308.76; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$300.01; NE Educ Telecomm Comm, Rental Agreement, \$449.00; NE Public Power

Dist, Service, \$54.92; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$572.47; Panhandle Co-op, Fuel, \$15,416.83; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$780.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,371.20; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$11,027.82; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$489.98; Team Chevrolet, Repairs, \$775.00; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$1,286.81; Michael Todd & Co Inc, Supplies, \$3,023.00; U S Bank, Fuel, \$23.18; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$92.28; Road Employees, Salaries, \$24,872.84.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Twin Rivers Testing & Environment LC, Project, \$1,848.50.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Mobile Binders, Supplies, \$365.98.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$68,208.03.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Action Communications Inc, Service, \$141.30; Century Link, Service, \$197.26.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Action Communications Inc, Service, \$172.70; Century Link, Service, \$119.87.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Inman Services, Repairs, \$303.50; Western States Bank, HVAC Pmt, \$52,543.62.

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 2017 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Sept-I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, J Schildt, Clk of Dist Ct, K Brandt, Co Clk and L McCoy, Co Treas.

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

The Quarterly reports for the Road, Handyman & Public Transit were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the September Financials to the Board for their review. Stuart said if the county is interested in the Christmas party it will be December 16, 2017. The Board said they would be interested.

Chairperson Metz said that Lane Kizzire is moving and is resigning from the Fair Board. He asked that Paul Stafford be appointed as a replacement. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to accept Lane Kizzire's resignation and to appoint Paul Stafford to the Fair Board. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The October minutes of the Planning & Zoning Board were received. The Zoning Board recommended a zoning change for Arnold & Shane Harimon from Agricultural to Commercial. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board and to approve the change. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A letter was received from NIRMA to recommit for three years to the insurance pool. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to recommit to NIRMA and to adopt the following resolution and addendum:

RESOLUTION #2017-38
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Morrill County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association Risk Management II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claim and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire June 30, 2018, ad

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morrill County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as and amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2017

MORRILL COUNTY BOARD

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L Brandt

County Clerk

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

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, presented an Interlocal Agreement for Child Support Enforcement with Box Butte County. Rodak said that it would cost \$12,000 a year payable monthly and that Box Butte County has two full time people that work on Child Support enforcement. He said there would be Federal money to help with the cost. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Interlocal agreement. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Rodak said that Box Butte County still has to agree to this.

Chairperson Metz opened the Public Hearing at 9:00 A.M., for the possibility of selling the properties in Bayard that the county has acquired from the lack of a tax sale.

Rodak explained that the property would be sold to the highest bidder on November 13, 2017. Hearing no public comment, Chairperson Metz closed the Public Hearing at 9:12 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to sell the property to the highest bidder on Monday, November 13, 2017 on the Courthouse steps and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA, as follows:

WHEREAS Morrill County owns the following tracts of real property located in Morrill County, Nebraska, more particularly described as:

Lot Four (4), Block Six (6), South Bayard Addition to Bayard, Morrill County, Nebraska.

Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Fifth Addition to South Bayard, Morrill County, Nebraska.

Lot Eleven (11), and Lot Twelve (12), Block Two (2), Second East Addition to South Bayard, Morrill County, Nebraska.

Lot Seven (7) and Lot Eight (8), Block Twelve (12), Fifth Addition to South Bayard, Morrill County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS said real property owned by the County is not required for county purposes, and the Morrill County Board of Commissioners desires to sell said real property, and whereby Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-107.03(1), requires that an open and public hearing be held prior to any such sale at which any interested party may appear and speak for or against the sale or lease and raise any issue regarding the fair market value of the property as determined by the County Board, and to determine whether sale of said property is in the public good; and

WHEREAS said public hearing was held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that these parcels of real estate will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 10:00 A.M.** at the steps of the east entrance of the Morrill County Courthouse, 606 L. Street, Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska, and that notice of said hearing shall be given in accordance with the statutes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk on behalf of the County Board, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-107-01(3), shall cause to be printed and published once at least ten (10) days prior to the sale or lease in a legal newspaper in the county an advertisement for bids on the property to be sold, stating the legal description and address of the real estate and that the real estate shall be sold to the highest bidder, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that no bids are received or if the bids received are substantially lower than the fair market value of said real estate, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners may negotiate a contract for the sale of said real estate in the best interest of Morrill County, Nebraska.

PASSED AND APPROVED in regular session on this 24th day of October, 2017.

COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel
Board Member

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented to the Board the Annual report for the Board of Classifications & Standards. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to receive the annual report and to have the Chairperson sign such report. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Hoerler reported on a bridge that needs to be replaced. He said that because of the agreement with Scotts Bluff County for the county matching funds, they have to expedite the approval. The Board said to get the bridge closed for truck traffic and to get it fixed as soon as possible.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral Health meeting. Sterkel reported on the Legislative meeting that all three commissioners attended and Metz reported on the Hospital and Fair Board meetings.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:08 A.M., Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript on October 18, 2017. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners October 24, 2017. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Greg Sterkel were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was also 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. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 8:08 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the levies from other counties that Morrill County shares valuation with for ratification. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and ratify the levies that share valuation with Morrill County as follows:

**MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2017 - 2018**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL BLDG	BOND	CAPITAL IMPROV	TOTAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
1-BANNER	0.930000	0.010000			0.940000
3-CHEYENNE	0.631230	0.009468			0.640698
6BX-BOX BUTTE	1.003715	0.046285	0.009937	0.052000	1.111937
21-BAYARD	0.993762	0.046383	0.069642		1.109787
32-SCOTTS BLUFF	1.040420	0.051930	0.213350	0.009580	1.315280
35-0001 GARDEN	0.345240	0.043940			0.389180
63-BRIDGEPORT	1.050000		0.093390		1.143390
ESU					
ESU #13	0.013676		0.000503		0.014179
WCC					
WEST COMM COLLEGE	0.075436			0.021379	0.096815
NRD					
NORTH PLATTE NRD	0.057982				0.057982
CEMETERY DISTRICTS		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.008057				0.008057
BAYARD	0.055066				0.055066
BRIDGEPORT	0.018299				0.018299
BROADWATER	0.004277				0.004277
REDINGTON	0.002195	0.001463			0.003658
EASTMOR/WEST GARD	0.001756				0.001756
FIRE DISTRICTS	GENERAL	BOND	SINKING		
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.012593		0.004842		0.017435
#2 (CHEYENNE CO)	0.021955				0.021955
#3 (BAYARD)	0.028830				0.028830
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.023721				0.023721
#G2 (GARDEN CO)	0.014234	0.012958			0.027192
#A6 (BOX BUTTE CO)	0.033750		0.000200		0.033950

CITIES/VILLAGES	GENERAL				
BAYARD	0.494671				0.494671
BRIDGEPORT	0.449955				0.449955
BROADWATER	0.391186				0.391186
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS					
GENERAL	0.328877				0.328877
BUILDING FUND	0.013286				0.013286
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.014546				0.014546
TOTAL	0.356709				0.356709

We, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization, do hereby certify the above levies for Morrill County and Counties that share valuation in Morrill County to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2017.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

(S E A L)

/s/Greg Sterkel

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

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

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Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2017-22 & 23. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:20 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

