

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Monday, May 11, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Monday, May 11, 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. 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 May 5, 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 May 6, 2020. 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 Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to approve the Agenda and approve the minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,092.95; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$858.62; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,741.34; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$55.75; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$44.65; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,003.63; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$508.65; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$140.72; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Century Business Products, Equip, \$47.44; Mike Cerney, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$140.82; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$102.04; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$322.11; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$25.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, Teletype, \$448.00; Justin Dobrovolny, Phone, \$40.00; Dollar General, Supplies, \$18.75; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Uniforms, \$28.42; Steve Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$720.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Service, Supplies & Laundry-Prisoners, \$539.72; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$26.94; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Shannon Miller, Notary, \$30.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,572.71; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,255.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$196.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,420.66; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$145.08; NE County Atty Assoc, Dues & Registration, \$665.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$197.06; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Nossman, Pettitt Law Firm, PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$150.00; Platte Valley Bank, Lease-Purchase, \$11,305.58; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$2,018.33; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,895.57; Plummer Insurance Inc, Notary, \$40.00; Pritchard & Abbott Inc, Consulting, \$3,690.00; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, Postage, \$6,020.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,009.95; Rhonda R. Flower, Atty, Court Appointed Counsel, \$642.45; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Samples Dean Law, LLC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$53.90; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Julie Schildt, Phone, \$40.00; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$7.95; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners & Supplies, \$108.89; Trail City Supply, Supplies, \$33.96; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$858.55; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Univ of NE-Lincoln, Mileage, \$187.50; UNL ITS Communication Center, Service, \$45.02; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Repairs, \$17.32; Leora Weborg, Meals, \$50.00; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$83.64; General Employees, Salaries, \$57,503.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$106.70; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$343.16; Ameritas Investment Corp, Retirement, \$3,097.47; Baker & Assoc Inc, Engingeering, \$300.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$2,094.29; Century Link, Service, \$84.74; City of Bayard, Service, \$690.59; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$351.42; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$76.14; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$2,760.00; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$61.00; Frenchman Valley Co-op, Fuel, \$16,184.82; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$29,102.44; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs,

\$2,356.25; Hireright LLC, Testing Fees, \$168.21; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$12,414.84; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies & Repairs, \$793.72; Loretta McCoy-Co Treas, Bond Pmt, \$225.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,236.83; \$1,312.74; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$222.00; \$252.93; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$676.51; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$3,705.34; Pipe & Pivots Ag Services Inc, Culverts, \$3,225.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$497.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,569.71; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$35.86; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$4,031.00; Steve's Truck & Equip, Repairs, \$50.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing & Subscription, \$49.60; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$95.22; 21st Century Equip Inc, Repairs, \$664.25; Road Employees, Salaries, \$27,532.95.

HIGHWAY-BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Mtnc, \$5,965.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Joann Callan, Service, \$57.50; Garland Crouse, Service, \$40.00; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$135.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$275.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$260.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$40.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$54.01; Frontier, Misc, \$63.23.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$219.31; Frontier, Misc, \$288.06.

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

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

Joanie Dudden, Deputy Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2020-14
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 11th day of May, 2020.

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.

The Board had received correspondence from Brad Slaughter, Senior Vice-President-Piper Sandler & Co., regarding refinancing the Hospital Bonds. Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator was present and a phone conference was held with Slaughter. The refinancing of the bonds would save the county between \$30,000 - \$100,000 depending on which offer they take, either Cash Flow Savings or Shortened Amortization and lower the interest rate to below 2%. The Board asked Slaughter if he could attend the meeting on May 26th and bring the appropriate paperwork. Slaughter said he could. The Board will address this at the next meeting.

The Board reported that they had not had any meetings. Metz did report that UNL Extension will not open until June 15th and that this may affect County Fairs for the 4-H.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:26 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Monday, May 11, 2020

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:38 A.M., Monday, May 11, 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 and the Bridgeport News-Blade on May 5, 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 May 6, 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. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:38 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2020 – 11, 12 & 13. Motion was made by Sterkel, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Sterkel, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Batterman asked if we could set the dates for the Property Valuation Tax Protests. Nelson said there might be quite a few since the residential in Bridgeport is going up 16%. It was decided to hold the hearings on July 6, 2020 from 1-5 p.m.. and on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and possibly later if needed.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Sterkel, to return to regular session at 7:53 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Sterkel and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk