

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Monday, August 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Monday, August 11, 2025 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 having been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on August 7, 2025. 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 August 6, 2025. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of a Special Designated Liquor License for the Flyover Brewery and approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$223.09; \$223.09; Allo Communications, Service, \$1,375.44; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,284.38; \$1,260.39; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$10,461.37; \$8,309.12; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Transcript, Publishing, \$498.85; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$66.38; Kathy Brandt, Phone & Mileage, \$213.60; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, \$333.43; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip Lease, \$49.78; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$2,454.51; Century Business Products, Supplies, \$17.39; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$118.37; Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Lodging, \$149.99; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; \$179.63; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$148.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$4,603.99; Dollar General, Supplies, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$424.15; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$2,257.40; Eakes Office Solutions, Equip & Supplies, \$2,435.79; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Foxster OPCO, Data Processing Software, \$18,355.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Contract Labor, \$1,500.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$86.68; Steven R. Hutchinson, Landscape Contract, \$1,080.00; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$281.95; Kaiser Tire, Repairs, \$188.98; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$61.47; Andrew Lawson, Phone, \$40.00; LPI, Publishing, \$151.75; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,925.44; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$2,406.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$281.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,243.63; \$2,156.42; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$42.40; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$274.16; \$236.31; \$236.31; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Zeth Patterson, Mileage, \$49.00; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr, \$2,000.00; PEAC Solutions, Equip Lease, \$606.43; Jason Perkins, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$19,065.35; \$13,752.69; Physicians Laboratory PC, Autopsy, \$300.00; Region I OHD, Mental Health, \$6,022.50; Retchless Technologies LLC, Contract Labor, \$4,500.00; Timothy W. Rice, Supplies, \$117.30; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$1,824.02; Snell Services, Inc, Mntce, \$780.00; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Service, \$537.60; US Postal Service, Box Rent, \$6.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$235.92; General Employees Salaries, \$81,943.44; \$67,180.23.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$110.32; American Family Insurance, Insurance, \$663.73; \$663.73; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$3,279.83; \$3,435.89; Bar-Nine Prospects LLC, Gravel, \$634.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$129.50; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$195.93; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$1,396.03; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, \$138.54; Charter Communications, Service, \$119.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$189.56; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$837.70; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$400.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,657.83; Fat Boys Tire & Auto-Scottsbluff, Tires, \$2,900.20; Filter Care of NE LLC, Repairs, \$161.00; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, \$138.00; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$6.28; Harry W. Henkel, Gravel, \$1,017.00; Ideal Linen/Bluff's Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$305.82; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$565.98; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,013.02; Mike Linch, Gravel, \$477.40; Menards, Culverts, \$36.99; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,080.56; \$1,080.56; NMC LLC, Repairs, \$4,059.36; Platte Valley Bank, HSA cts, \$625.00; \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,996.24;

\$6,428.49; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$114.43; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$324.60; Sapp Bros. Inc, Fuel, \$12,803.55; Simon, Asphalt, \$3,502.95; TopKote Inc, Equip, \$311,602.30; Transource Truck & Equip, Repairs, \$1,147.70; Vision Care Direct, Insurance, \$252.20; David A. Wiggins, Gravel, \$140.00; Road Employees Salaries, \$29,154.08; \$30,541.39.

MORRILL COUNTY HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Plan, Claims, \$124,328.75.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$81.00.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$487.91; Frontier, Supplies, \$34.19.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Thomas J. Wiens, Labor, \$2,750.00.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, that the above claims be approved and checks drawn on the various funds, delinquent personal property taxes deducted where owing. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The Quarterly report for the Road Department was received, reviewed and placed on file

Del Kraupie asked for approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for the Rope, Stroke & Shoot event that will be held on August 23, 2025. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the SDL for the event on August 23, 2025. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A request for a Special Designated Liquor License for the Flyover Brewing Company was received for an event at the Pumpkin Patch on August 22, 2025. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the SDL for the event on August 22, 2025. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the 2025 Inventories for every office in Morrill County. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the Inventories. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented her 3-Year Plan of Assessment. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the 3-Year Plan. Yeas: None. Nays: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Motion failed.

Zeth Patterson, Custodian, met with the Board about adding the Evidence Building to his list of cleaning. He said that he cleans the bathrooms once a week and the rest of the building once a month. The Board asked if he was cleaning the Road Building. He said he does clean there. The Board suggested that the Sheriff and Road pay him \$100 per month out of their budgets. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to pay Patterson \$100 per month out of both the Road and Sheriff's budget for a total of \$2,400 per year. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Opioid Settlement, that the County received. She presented a resolution that established an authorized signatory for settlement. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the County Treasurer as the authorized signator and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS RESOLUTION #2025-21

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska that the County has received proposed settlements as a result of national class action lawsuits related to the opioid epidemic sweeping the country.

Bridgeport Fire District #1

Bayard Cemetery District
Bridgeport Cemetery District
Broadwater Cemetery District
Redington Cemetery District

Bayard Fire District #3
Broadwater Fire District #4

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of August, 2025

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Dispatch and Non-emergency phone services between the City of Bayard and Morrill County. He said he increased the amount they now pay to \$2,500 per month. He said the City of Bayard has to approve it also. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bayard. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board regarding Sourcewell Procurement. He said he signed the County up for this and anyone can use to purchase items. He said this company eliminates having to do the bidding process. He has a John Deere grader that he would get \$32,500 as trade-in for the \$125,000 Caterpillar grader. It would cost \$92,000. He said he will continue to look for a grader. The Board gave him permission to look for a grader.

A Temporary Easement for the State of Nebraska to improve a portion of Highway 26 in Morrill County was received from the Department of Transportation. They will pay the County \$400.00 for the Temporary Easement. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Temporary Easement for the State of Nebraska. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt had no meetings. Batterman reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting. Metz said he and Caleb Johnson met with the Bridgeport Fire District for increased funding and whether it would be a ballot issue or a bond issue.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairman

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Monday, August 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:39 A.M., Monday, August 11, 2025 in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of the Commissioners' room. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on August 7, 2025. 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 August 7, 2025. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:39 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2025 – 21-36. Nelson said these were the corrections from TERC after they ruled on Nelson's figures to be used. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman (abstaining from her own correction). Nays; Schmidt and Metz. Motion failed.

Nelson presented Clerical errors for Protests that were filed, they included numbers reversed and errors in addition. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Clerical errors. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson also presented the Cemetery Report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to accept the Cemetery Report. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 8:00 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz_____,Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt_____,County Clerk

