

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, July 9, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 9, 2024 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on July 3, 2024. 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 July 3, 2024. 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 and the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Aging Office of Western NE, Annual, \$2,642.00; Allo Communications, Service, \$1,302.27; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,226.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,623.71; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$264.00; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$1,882.05; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$222.00; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$218.21; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Supplies, \$44.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$4,230.70; Dept of Rev-Property Assmnt Div, Training, \$270.00; Dollar General, Board of Prisoners, Supplies & Laundry-Prisoners, \$100.85; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$232.88; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$216.84; Intoximeters Inc, Supplies, \$30.00; Audrey M. Long Atty, Public Defender, \$4250.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,810.46; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,105.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$208.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,146.88; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$261.28; Nationwide Management Services, Inc, Subscription, \$500.00; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; NIRMA, Insurance, \$82,178.00; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr \$1,000.00; Patty Wax General Service, Property Mngr, \$1,000.00; Platte Valey Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,022.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,134.00; Sons of American Legion, Uniforms, \$176.74; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; United States Treasury, PCORI ACA Mandated Fees, \$390.00; USDA Aphis General, Pest Control, \$3499.72; Joe G. Viola, Prior Service, \$132.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$661.55; Xerox Financial Service, \$972.91; General Employees, Salaries, \$62,852.75.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$109.21; American Life Insurance, Insurance, \$723.15; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$4,123.80; B & C Steel Corp, Supplies, \$316.20; Bayard Automotive LLC, Tools & Repairs, \$445.78; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$44.00; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$194.41; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, Telephone, \$117.07; City of Bayard, Service, \$171.12; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$2,027.48; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil,, \$2,847.26; Filter Care of NE, LLC, Supplies, \$138.35; Frank Parts Co, Repairs & Supplies, \$10.14; Harbor Freight Comm Acct, Supplies, \$1,109.98; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$68.60; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,109.01; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Dept of Rev/Motor Fuels Div, Fuel Tax, \$575.00; NIRMA, Insurance, \$81,887.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$27,763.05; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$7,901.93; Power Equipment Co, Repairs, \$24,448.90; Powerplan, Repairs, \$1,030.57; Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$104.89; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$304.98; Sandberg Implement Inc, Repairs, \$2,827.06; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$17.49; Steve's Truck & Equip, Repairs, \$1,962.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$36,656.01.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Morrill County Health Insurance Acct, Claims, \$64,242.99.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$239.93; Frontier, Misc, \$68.38; Stancil Corp, Misc, \$1,018.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Mobius Communications Co, Phone, \$3,931.75; Thomas J. Wiens, Spraying, \$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.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to correct Resolution #2024-11, which should have been for \$75,000 instead of \$70,000. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the correction and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-15
TRANSFER OF FUNDS CORRECTION

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund at levy time, it is necessary to transfer those monies into the proper fund. On June 25, 2024, Resolution #2024-11 transferred \$70,000 into the Road Fund. The actual transfer should have been \$75,000. The Morrill County Board of Commissioners approves the County Treasurer to transfer the additional funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 into the Road Fund. Transferred before the end of the Fiscal Year June 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVE this 9th day of July, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

McCoy said money is needed in the Road fund in the amount of \$200,000. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-16
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 \$200,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2024.

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/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman
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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

The Board evaluated Head Custodian, Zeth Patterson. They thanked him for the great job he is doing. They discussed an increase for his wages. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to increase his wage to \$20 per hour, beginning July 1, 2024. Yeas; Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board evaluated the County Highway Superintendent, Bryan Hoerler. They thanked him for the job he is doing with the Road Department. They discussed increasing his salary. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to give Hoerler a 1 1/2% raise for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brody Retchless introduced himself and said he was interested in taking Brian Moss's place for the IT. He said he had worked with Brian and knew our system. He said he would be willing to do it for the same price, \$1,500 per month. The Board asked him to put a contract together and they would have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt had no meetings. Batterman reported that she had been put on the committee for hiring a director for Panhandle Public Health. Metz reported on the Community Action meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:35 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the Clerical Error Report. She explained that the notices that went out showed the prior value not the corrected value from last year. The Board said they will act on this later.

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

/s/Jeff Metz Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk