

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 28, 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. 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 23, 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 October 23, 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 also 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 deletion of the Assessor's portion of the BOE meeting, and approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,260.39; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,822.08; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$385.77; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$311.73; Blake's Automotive, Repairs, \$39.83; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, \$41.28; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$395.59; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$6.71; Candlewood Suites-Kearney-Comm, Lodging, \$134.25; Capital Business Systems, Data Processing Costs, \$1,742.77; Century Business Products, Supplies & Equip, \$311.03; Century Link, Service, \$80.75; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,233.25; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$131.00; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Comfort Inn-Kearney-Elec, Lodging, \$440.00; Credit Management Services Inc, Garnishment, \$201.74; Docu Shred LLC, Service, \$262.50; Dollar General, Board of Prisoners & Supplies, \$65.87; Election Systems & Software Inc, Elect Costs, \$3,369.95; Penny M Fellhoelter, Meals, \$38.21; Galls, LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$45.91; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Holiday Inn Express-Kearney-Ext, Lodging, \$269.90; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility, Laundry-Prisoners, \$231.96; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$26.94; Kaiser Tire, Repairs, \$305.99; Julie Kappen, Mileage, \$37.10; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Logoz LLC, Uniforms, \$771.85; Lynn Peavey Co, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$68.21; Medical Air Services Assn, Insurance, \$490.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$145.00; MIPS Inc, Pink Post Cards, \$1,390.66; Mobius Communications Co, Service, \$58.50; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,256.42; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,683.96; Morrill County Health Plan, Vision, \$426.80; NACO, Registration, \$160.00; National Child Safety Council, Supplies, \$204.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; Sarah Paisley, Meals, \$11.46; Zeth Patterson, Supplies, \$51.58; Karen Petersen, Meals & Mileage, \$148.72; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,896.06; POAN, Law Enforcement Costs & Training, \$320.00; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$264.04; Timothy W. Rice, Supplies, \$43.45; Sonny's Super Foods, Board of Prisoners, \$43.96; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs & Service, \$825.60; Town & Country Advertising, Ad, \$79.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc, Supplies, \$951.88; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Registration, Uniforms, Phone, Board of Prisoners, Lodging, Supplies & Misc, \$10,839.13; USDA Aphis, Pest Control, \$264.56; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$77.32; Leora Weborg, Meals, \$50.00; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Lease, \$517.89; 911 Custom, Supplies, \$45.00; General Employees, Salaries, \$71,940.84.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$5,375.45; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$321.47; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Repairs & Tools, \$1,807.50; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$136.48; Charter Communications, Service, \$119.99; City of Bayard, Service, \$199.41; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$638.42; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Croell Redi Mix, Inc, Concrete, \$2,254.00; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$4,167.94; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Medical Air Service Assoc, Insurance, \$238.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,139.47; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$16,842.44; Morrill County Health Plan, Vision, \$271.60; NE Educ Telecomm Comm, Misc, \$449.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$88.77; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$11,116.73; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$120.60; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$124.34; Walter Field Repair, Repairs,

\$493.24; WPCI, Testing Fees, \$400.00; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$47,781.84.

MORRILL COUNTY HELATH PLAN

Morrill Co Health Fund, Claims, \$94,833.61.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$344.62.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$247.39; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, 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: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2025 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: September – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clerk, L McCoy, Co Treas and S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

The October minutes of the Veterans’ Service Board meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The September Financial report for the Hospital was received from Josh Schmidt.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer \$50,000 into the Road Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-34
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 28th day of October, 2025.

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

Diego Cardenas met with the Board to discuss the possible renewal of his contract for snow removal for 2025-2026. He said the price would be the same as last year. Motion was made by

Zeth Patterson presented a subdivision of property. He said he has to meet with the City of Bridgeport, but he had a survey and a resolution to subdivide this property that he is purchasing from Brad Noonan. The Board said they can approve the subdivision and resolution since it is outside the city limits and if it's not necessary because of the City, he will not have to file the document. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Sec. 23-372 R.R.S., et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, does hereby authorize and permit subdivision of the following described real estate in Morrill County, Nebraska:

NOTE: Any driveway, grading or culvert to be at owner expense.

NOTE: The Morrill County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the zoning and land use and has determined its compliance with Morrill County Zoning Regulations.

NOTE: Publication of this document for the newspapers and filing fees at owner expense.

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

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Veterans' Board meeting and the green lighting for Veterans. He reported on the NIRMA meeting. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, reported that he is still having trouble getting NIRMA to replace the roof on his building. Batterman had no meetings. Metz reported that they are working with an architect, still designing the Fair building, but it's coming along. He also reported that

Scotts Bluff County and Morrill County will be separated and not together any more for the Extension meeting. He said that he had a call from a Bayard School Board member asking if the County Board could meet at a different time so that it was more convenient for people to attend.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:32 A.M. Next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:35 A.M., Tuesday, October 28, 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. 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 23, 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 October 23, 2025. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, 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 7:35 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the levies from the other counties that we share valuation with for ratification. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to ratify the levies with the other counties that Morrill County shares value with:

MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2025 - 2026

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL	BOND	CAPITAL	TOTAL
		BLDG		IMPROV	
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
1-BANNER	0.774690	0.017592			0.792282
3-CHEYENNE-LEYTON	0.854875	0.008250			0.863125
6BX-BOX BUTTE	0.804146	0.069651		0.000000	0.873797
21-BAYARD	1.034555	0.006591	0.050702		1.091848
32-SCOTTS BLUFF	0.589938	0.091531	0.140000	0.030000	0.851469
35-0001 GARDEN	0.360311	0.009953			0.370264
63-BRIDGEPORT	0.866915		0.086261		0.953176
ESU					
ESU #13	0.015000		0.000721		0.015721
WCC					
WEST COMM COLLEGE	0.000000			0.021007	0.021007
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NRD					
NORTH PLATTE NRD	0.043226				0.043226
CEMETERY DISTRICTS		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.010949				0.010949
BAYARD	0.042631				0.042631
BRIDGEPORT	0.013840				0.013840
BROADWATER	0.003678	0.000041			0.003719
REDINGTON	0.001844	0.000769			0.002613
EASTMOR/WEST GARD	0.001777				0.001777
FIRE DISTRICTS	GENERAL	BOND	SINKING		
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.016014		0.002193		0.018207
#2 (CHEYENNE CO)	0.027284				0.027284
#3 (BAYARD)	0.027069				0.027069
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.086211				0.086211
#G2 (GARDEN CO)	0.014143	0.009968			0.024111
#A6 (BOX BUTTE CO)	0.028875				0.028875

CITIES/VILLAGES	GENERAL				
BAYARD	0.365949				0.369549
BRIDGEPORT	0.305116				0.305116
BROADWATER	0.297531				0.297531
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS					
GENERAL	0.285995				0.285995
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.011979				0.011979
TOTAL	0.297974				0.297974

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 28th day of October, 2025

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the TERC Tax List Corrections. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve 2025 – 50, 51 & 52 for McNabb’s and Dean’s. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve 2025 – 57 for Batterman Land & Cattle. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Abstained: Batterman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve 2025 – 53, 54, 55, 56 & 58 & 59. Yeas: Batterman. Nays: Schmidt and Metz. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:46 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz,Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt,County Clerk

