

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Wednesday, December 11, 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 December 5, 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 December 9, 2024. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Susanna Batterman were present. Absent: Josh Schmidt. 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 Metz, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization, Transfer of Funds and the Resolution for Red Dog Ranch and the minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$1,316.46; Kay Anderson, Training, \$40.00; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Bob Benton, Repairs, \$387.00; Blue360 Media LLC, Subscription, \$390.60; Cynthia J. Brandt-Court Reporter, Service, \$320.75; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, Phone & Misc, \$104.49; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, \$278.39; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$2,294.82; Century Link, Service, \$80.75; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$110.90; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$108.00; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Cozad Signs LLC, Auto Lease, \$700.00; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$60.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Inspections, \$44.00; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$150.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies & Equip Lease, \$295.43; Elmshaeuser Law, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,510.00; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions, LLC, Contract Labor, \$1,500.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$216.84; Indoff LLC, Supplies, \$31.70; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$81.05; J13 Enterprises LLC, Budget Preparation, \$3,705.85; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$22.96; LaQuinta Inn & Suites-Kearney, Ext-Lodging, \$149.00; Andrew Lawson, Phone, \$40.00; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,421.70; Los Tres Gallos, Appreciation Dinner, \$2,296.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$476.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,810.46; Morrill County Clerk, Filing Fees, \$10.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$2,274.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$476.00; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$184.60; NE Print Works, LLC, Supplies, \$527.31; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$93.60; Zeth Patterson, Phone, \$40.00; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr \$1,000.00; Jason Perkins, Phone, \$40.00; Lisa Peters, Misc, \$64.05; Retchless Technologies LLC, Contract, \$1,500.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Becki Schlager, Law Enforcement Costs, \$177.80; Scotts Bluff Co Treas, Probation Costs, \$3,789.65; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$9.45; Sonny's Super Foods, Medical-Prisoners & Supplies, \$109.40; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Service, \$537.60; Thompson-Reutres-West, Law Library, \$1,458.00; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$541.26; 911 Custom, Uniforms, \$287.50.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$110.20; Bayard Automotive, Repairs & Supplies, \$88.94; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$288.80; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,318.02; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs \$559.34; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$212.74; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$194.43; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, \$128.73; City of Bayard, Service, \$322.29; Dooley Oil Inc, Supplies, \$175.50; Ducks Unlimited Inc, Rd Mntnce, \$2,359.60; Fat Boys Ties & Auto, Supplies, \$90.00; Frank Parts Co, Repairs & Supplies, \$858.31; Harbor Freight Comm Acct, Supplies & Tools, \$384.86; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$33.28; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Equip, Repairs & Supplies, \$766.18; Lee's Service, Oil, \$1,124.75; Mike Linch, Gravel, \$1,613.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$224.00; Menard's-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$450.97; New Pig Corp, Supplies, \$157.03; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,472.21; Mary Pohl, Gravel, \$775.00; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$98.99; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$291.03; Satchell Farms Inc, Gravel, \$496.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$236.80; Westco, Fuel, \$15,378.66.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$73,269.09.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$92.46.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$240.39.

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

Board of Equalization

No Agenda items for Board of Equalization.

The December minutes of the Safety Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on File.

The Board received a letter from the Bridgeport/Scotts Bluff Extension Board, requesting that Julie Kappen be appointed to the Extension Board. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to approve the appointment of Julie Kappen to the Extension Board. Yeas: Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented her claims that she has paid out of the separate fund for the Fairground. She asked that Metz sign them.

A resolution was received from Ron Leal, with Emergency Management for the Disaster Plan. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-45

WHEREAS: the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Morrill County, Nebraska; and
WHEREAS: it has been determined that a Morrill County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to provide for a coordinated response to a Disaster or Emergency in Morrill County, and/or the cities and villages in Morrill County,
WHEREAS: the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County deems it advisable and in the best interest of Morrill County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;
WHEREAS: the acceptance of this 2024 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Morrill County Local Emergency Operations Plans;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska, that the Morrill County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby, is approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

Board of County Commissioners,
Morrill County, Nebraska

(S E A L)

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

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

The Year End Certification for Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, was received. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Metz, to authorize Chairperson Jeff Metz, to sign the Year-End Certification certifying that Bryan Hoerler is the Morrill County Highway Superintendent for the year 2024 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-46
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2024

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Morrill County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2024 at Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

The subject of possibly giving \$25 in Chamber Bucks for Christmas to the employees was brought to the Board. Metz and Batterman said they were not in favor of doing this.

Ryan Patterson reported on the Fairgrounds. He said they are preparing the grounds for the temporary shelters for next year's fair. He said the Commercial tent that will be put up is 60X100. He said it is made out of heavy canvas and should work well. He said the exhibits will go in there. He discussed the sheep barn and the C containers. He said they will need to get temporary electricity to the tent, etc.

The Board reported on meetings they attended. Batterman said she didn't have any meetings, but she had reached out to the Panhandle Public Health District about getting involved in the Child Advocacy Abuse cases to educate kids about being at risk for sexual predators. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:24 A.M. Next meeting will be Monday, December 23, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz _____,Chairman

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____,County Clerk