

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 13, 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 February 8, 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 February 8, 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, with the deletion of Tax List Corrections and Transfer of Funds and approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Alliance Animal Clinic, Humane Society, \$97.00; Allo Communications, Service, \$1,271.88; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,233.25; \$1,233.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,712.73; \$7,759.33; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$34.09; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,759.44; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies & Repairs, \$1,010.95; Kathy Brandt, Phone, Mileage & Dues, \$123.96; Robert M. Brenner Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, \$720.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, Subscription & Law Enforcement Costs, \$469.89; Bridgman Funeral Home, County Burials, \$3,261.46; Jeanne Camara, Mileage, \$194.30; Capital Business Systems, Inc. Data Processing Costs, \$184.81; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$1,021.71; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,498.52; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life Ins Corp, Insurance, \$218.21; \$218.21; Compton Electrical Services LLC, Repairs, \$200.00; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$243.60; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$29.50; D C Concrete & Tile LLC, Snow Removal, \$800.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,869.19; Dollar General, Medical & Laundry-Prisoners & Board of Prisoners, \$138.15; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Shauna Faessler, Phone & Fuel, \$55.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Director Fees, \$1,500.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$112.40; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$225.60; Island Law Office PC LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,263.69; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$101.37; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,268.65; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone & Mileage, \$72.83; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$177.96; Mid-States Org Crime Inf Center, Registration, \$100.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, Postage & Supplies, \$9,197.39; Morrill County Clerk, Stop Pmt Fees, \$25.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$1,801.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$338.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,165.39; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$503.58; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NACT, Dues, \$50.00; NE Assoc Co Clk, ROD & Elec Comm, Dues, \$50.00; NE Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Misc, \$90.00; Nein Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$30.96; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$4,406.79; Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$186.18; Zeth Patterson, Phone & Supplies, \$75.65; Patty Wax General Service, Property Mngr & Labor, \$1,650.00; Platte River Glass, Misc, \$286.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,265.05; \$13,118.51; Platte River Glass, Repairs, \$286.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$2,092.24; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Snell Services Inc, Contractual, \$780.00; Stanard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$2,080.00; State of NE-Dept of Admin Services, Service, \$537.60; Tom Stout, Repairs, \$84.38; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$167.33; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,063.60; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$187.25; General Employees, Salaries, \$63,124.61; \$62,921.34.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$109.81; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$772.88; \$775.85; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,224.89; \$3,241.54; B & C Steel Corp, Steel Products, \$6,360.27; Bayard Automotive LLC, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$491.17; Big State Industrial

Supply Inc, Supplies, \$957.60; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$5,762.79; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$1,074.30; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$107.92; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$237.67; Century Link, Service, \$114.53; City of Bayard, Service, \$733.22; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$560.20; Colonial Life Ins Corp, Insurance, \$22.16; \$22.16; Contractors Materials Inc, Steel Products, \$45.60; Cranmore Fire Protection LLC, Misc, \$1,927.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,536.66; Dooley Oil Inc, Supplies & Oil, \$367.63; Fat Boys Tire & Auto, Tires & Repairs, \$853.33; Filter Care of NE LLC, Repairs, \$243.55; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$220.00; Ronald C. Hoffman, Equip, \$400.00; Jodie Holthus, Equip, \$15.98; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$2,231.95; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Tools & Repairs, \$310.17; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$5,196.70; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,161.93; \$1,161.93; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; \$156.00; North Chautauqua Equip Sales, Repairs, \$4,500.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,702.51; \$5,741.30; Powerplan, Repairs, \$35,601.55; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$1,142.80; Caroline Sanchez, Misc, \$199.50; Simon, Asphalt, \$5,224.50; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$50.25; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$108.60; Westco, Fuel, \$12,176.40; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$152.50; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,665.72; \$28,813.73.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$81.00.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$487.56; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Mobius Communications Co, Repairs, \$120.00; Snell Services Inc, Repair, \$27,960.00.

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

Board of Equalization

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The January minutes of the Veteran's meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Loretta McCoy, presented the Delinquent Tax List Sale list that is published in the paper for three weeks. The Board appreciated the names now being listed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to accept the Delinquent Tax Sale List. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy explained that with Tax Sales, the buyer is allowed to add their expenses up to \$100 when selling them. She said receipts must be included.

Sarah Paisley, Extension Educator, presented the 2023 Annual Report to the Commissioners. She said that the "Impact at A Glance" highlighted the accomplishment of Demi Lapaseotes. She said the Impact report reached 2500 kids. She talked about the robotics team in Bridgeport and Melissa Hedin helps with that. Sarah said they are sending out a survey about the horse show, because one day is not enough and that maybe two to three days would be better, plus they cannot find judges, so may have to be moved to a weekend. The Board asked if she had gotten her car fixed. She said she did.

Metz explained that in order to build the new facility at the fairgrounds, a Topography survey has to be conducted before they can get an architect. He presented an agreement to have M.C. Schaff do the survey for \$7,000. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to have Metz sign the agreement with M. C. Schaff & Associates Inc for the survey. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A document was received from the U S Bankruptcy Court involving Opioid Claimants. Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, explained that the County would received up to \$4 for this settlement, but to sign up to be a part of it. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to accept the bankruptcy discrepancy and approve the portion the county might receive. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Metz explained that the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar required some necessary paperwork, which he signed along with a resolution and he needed the full Board's ratification of his actions. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to ratify the resolution and paperwork

that Chairman Metz signed for the Lease-Purchase agreement. Yeas; Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Veteran's meeting. Batterman reported on the Public Health meeting and that Kim Engelman is retiring. She reported on the Behavioral Health and Region I Emergency Management meetings. Metz reported on the Aging Office meeting that he attended in Josh's place. He reported on the Department of Ag and the problems with the Weed Superintendent over certification. He said he had talked to Cody and he is supposed to be attending the certification class. He reported on the CAPWN meeting that is contentious with personnel. He said he will be going to Kearney next week to look at the Fair buildings in Buffalo and Merrick Counties to see what the architect designed for them. Metz said he sent a letter of intent for possibly getting some funds from the state for the new Fair building.

The Board and officials discussed County Government Day.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, reported on the FEMA money he received from 2019.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said the District Judge needs a new phone system for court and it would be around \$300 and that they are also replacing the camera out front.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:56 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
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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.

Chairman Metz, opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 A.M. for Vehicle Tax Exemptions. Loretta McCoy, presented an exemption for Bridgeport Church of Christ. Hearing no public comment, Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Vehicle Tax Exemption. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:48 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk