

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, April 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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. Candace Panas, Office Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Transfer of Funds and addition of adjusting Custodian's pay, and the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$1,310.28; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,233.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,711.08; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Bob Benton, Repairs, \$63.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$323.95; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies & Repairs, \$60.96; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$685.98; Capital Business Systems, Inc., Copier Lease, \$157.25; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$736.03; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life Ins Corp, Insurance, \$218.21; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$184.10; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$53.50; D C Concrete & Tile, LLC, Snow Removal, \$1,250.00; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$130.00; Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapels, County Burial, \$2,000.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$61.76; Election Systems & Software Inc, Election Costs, \$3,334.79; Shauna Faessler, Repairs, \$120.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Director Fees, \$1,500.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$216.84; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$413.96; Lincoln Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$1,375.00; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,250.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone & Mtnc Fair Exp, \$444.68; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$161.00; Mips Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,738.98; Mobius Communications Co, Service, \$58.50; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$2,212.00; Morrill County Court, County Court Costs, \$452.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,240.39; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$256.54; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, Law Enforcement Costs, \$105.00; NE Print Works, LLC, Supplies, \$152.65; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$2,298.85; Panhandle District County Officials, Dues, \$350.00; Panhandle Geotechnical & Env Inc, Engineering, \$7,314.00; Zeth Patterson, Phone & Mileage, \$86.90; Patty Wax General Service, Property Mngr, \$1,000.00; Lisa Peters, Supplies, \$59.50; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,991.61; Krissa Randall, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$551.53; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$750.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff;s Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$8.80; Carol Sinner, Mental Health Board, \$100.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$37.94; Standard Appraisal Service Inc, Appraisal, \$390.00; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Westfield Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$19.89; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$977.73; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Lease, \$377.06; General Employees, Salaries, \$62,435.43.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$110.18; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$775.85; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,405.34; B & C Steel Corp, Steel Products, \$1,140.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$275.51; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$3,735.85; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$929.08; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$194.43; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equipment Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, Telephone, \$114.53; City of Bayard, Service, \$366.61; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$533.23; Colonial Life Ins Corp, Insurance, \$22.16; Filter Care of NE LLC, Repairs, \$99.50; Floyd's Truck Center, Inc,

Repairs, \$15.18; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$98.60; Garrett Tires & Treads, Tires, \$3,499.80; Harbor Freight Commercial Acct., Supplies & Repairs, \$139.95; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$238.49; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$34.00; Menards-Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$183.50; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,161.93; NE Assoc of Co Eng, Hwy Supt & Surv, Registration, \$160.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Dept of Revenue, Fuel Tax, \$355.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, Blades & Tools, \$38,313.92; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,054.63; Pohl's Welding & Fabrication Inc, Steel Products, \$39.22; Powerplan, Repairs, \$1,043.16; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$238.62; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$273.37; Caroline Sanchez, Misc, \$106.40; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$4.89; Steve's Truck & Equip, Repairs, \$121.50; Kurt Tremain, CDL Training, \$700.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$105.40; 21st Century Equipment LLC, Repairs, \$46.29; Road Employees, Salaries, \$30,269.72.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Bomgaars Supply Inc, Road Projects, \$479.95.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$4,068.39; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Patty Wax General Service, Labor, \$123.00.

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.

A letter was received asking that Jaz Livingston be appointed to the Fair Board. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to appoint Jaz Livingston to the Fair Board. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, reported that there is over \$15,000 in the Opioid Fund and discussed how the money could be used. She asked who would be responsible for reporting how it was spent. Discussion was held regarding what other counties were doing and possibly allowing the Sheriff to use it for possible drug users that are arrested. The Board questioned why, if there were no stipulations on how to use it, why it had to be reported. Batterman said that some counties are turning the money over to Region I Behavioral Health. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, said he will check in to it more on how the county could use these funds.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, said he didn't have anyone to clean at his location now and would like to have Zeth Patterson do the cleaning. The Board said they could re-negotiate Patterson's contract to allow for this. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to re-negotiate Patterson's contract in order to have him clean the office at the Road Department and to pay him \$100 extra per month from now until the end of the budget year. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler asked for permission to take bids for Chip Seal. He said he needs about 8-9 miles for a Broadwater road. The Commissioners gave him permission. The bids will be opened on May 13, 2024. Hoerler also said he will be having his One-and-Six Year Hearing on May 28, 2024. Bryan said he purchased a 95 Mac Dump truck, to replace the one in Broadwater, a 94 Tractor to replace one and two Belly Dump trailers for a cost of \$95,500. He said they will be picked up in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. The Board asked if he had to close any roads from the storm. He said that he did because of power lines down.

Discussion was held regarding County Government Day. Susan Kelly, Clerk of District Court, presented the schedules.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Hospital Board meeting. Batterman reported on the Region I Behavioral Health meeting. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting. He said he met with George Schlothauer, Superintendent of Bridgeport Schools and Justin Corman, School Board member, regarding whether their buses could be housed at the Fairgrounds. Metz also reported on a conference call with Erdman, Reisig and Knapper regarding a company that wants to come either to Morrill or Scotts Bluff County, to turn cow and pig manure into jet fuel. He said it would create 160 new jobs.

Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer, reported on the Pancake feed and that they served about 150 people.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:46 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 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.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2024-6. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt, and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson reported on the state wanting residential to go up 28%. TERC will review on April 23, 2024, this will be against the Property Tax Assessment. The Board asked who the new Property Tax Administrator is. Nelson said Sara Scott replaced Ruth Sorenson.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:47 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk