

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 8, 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 October 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 October 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 with the deletion of County Assessor's portion from BOE and the minutes of the September 23, 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, \$1,308.18; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,140.46; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,947.55; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Bob Benton, Furniture, \$220.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$108.28; Bobbin Heads, Misc, \$109.00; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, \$51.96; Kathy Brandt, Mileage & Phone, \$61.44; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Subscription, \$434.62; Ismael Cardenas, Phone & Law Enforcement Supplies, \$142.42; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,172.01; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$218.21; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$28.50; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$53.50; Custom Cage, Auto Lease, \$1,325.00; Dollar General, Supplies & Board of Prisoners, \$148.10; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions, LLC, Contract Labor, \$1,500.00; Jamie Holloway, Election, \$175.00; Holyoke, Snyder, Longoria Etc PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,743.80; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$216.84; Indoff Inc, Supplies, \$268.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$99.94; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Misc, \$16.78; L-Tron Corp, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$383.33; Andrew Lawson, Phone, \$40.00; Legacy Coop, Repairs, \$25.00; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,421.70; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$295.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$462.00; 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 & Medical-Prisoners, \$1,754.50; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$454.40; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,176.17; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; NE Law Enforce Train Center, Registration, \$150.00; NE County Court Assoc, Dues, \$5.00; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$554.80; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$60.10; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr \$1,000.00; Jason Perkins, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,022.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,431.42; Quadiant Leasing USA Inc, Equip Lease, \$1,905.00; Mary Ann Randall, Mileage, \$13.40; Region I Behavioral Health, Mental Health Service, \$17,194.00; Region 21 Emergency Mngmt, Quarterly, \$14,077.87; Riverside Lumber LLC, Supplies, \$19.99; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Sandhills Repairs, Repairs, \$69.99; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$5.98; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Service, \$537.60; Town & Country Advertising, Publishing, \$79.00; Trasnwest Ford, Repairs, \$169.82; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; U S Postal Service, Postage, \$1,200.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$816.18; Xerox Financial Service, \$218.79; General Employees, Salaries, \$63,937.29.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$109.60; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$651.52; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,734.58; Bayard Automotive, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,657.72; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$179.96; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs \$932.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$151.65; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, \$125.33; City of Bayard, Service, \$177.56; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$749.52; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dooley Oil Inc, Supplies & Oil, \$324.97; Filter Care of NE, LLC, Repairs, \$49.80; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$13,440.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$11,524.87; Legacy Coop, Supplies, \$708.00; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$238.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,099.72

NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,852.43; Powerplan, Repairs, \$858.94; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$291.03; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$7.98; Titan Machinery, Repairs, \$697.47; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$111.80; 21st Century Equip LLC, Supplies & Repairs, \$751.77; Road Employees, Salaries, \$33,196.28.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$734.97.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Mobius Communications Co, Phone System, \$12,439.52.

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.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the paperwork from Maximus. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Maximus report and have the Chairman sign. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the claims that she has for the Fairgrounds, that have to be paid out of a separate account. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the claims to be paid. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented the report that shows the remaining Unsold Property for lack of bidders as of September. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to acknowledge the receipt of the Unsold Property report. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$25,000 in to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-35
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 \$25,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of October, 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: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a subdivision of property for Michael & Marcelene Goeman. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-36
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL
ESTATE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners Michael W. and Marcelene J. Goeman, have applied for approval of an instrument effecting the subdivision of the below-described premises located in Morrill County, Nebraska.

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:

A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 4.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 18; TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, NORTH 02° 07' 00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 995.44 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID WEST LINE, NORTH 02° 07' 00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 156.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83° 52' 34" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 92.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 05° 06' 20" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 100.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87° 33' 05" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 69.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 77° 54' 19" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 99.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86° 16' 57" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 67.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 63° 48' 10" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 160.39 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 36° 58' 20" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 173.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08° 49' 12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 145.19 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81° 24' 33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 239.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 82° 48' 15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 209.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50° 10' 33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 159.52 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 4.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND THE 30 FEET ACCESS & UTILITY EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS:

A 30 FEET WIDE ACCESS AND UTILITY, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH SIXTEENTH CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, NORTH 87° 48' 26" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1290.84 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ON THE CENTERLINE OF A 30 FEET WIDE ACCESS AND UTILITY, THE FOLLOWING (3) THREE COURSES:

1. SOUTH 62° 05' 56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 599.87 FEET;
2. SOUTH 74° 32' 53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 65.25 FEET;
3. NORTH 81° 38' 29" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 138.92 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS;

WHENCE THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, SOUTH 32° 02' 32" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,164.28 FEET;

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 and filing fees at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member, County Board

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt
Member, County Board

ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Zeth Patterson, Custodian, asked about his vacation time and how much time could be carried over if not all was used. The Board looked at the handbook, which says you can accumulate 25 days. The Board told Patterson that he has 10 days, that he has earned and should take it before the end of this year.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said he had no meetings. Batterman said she had attended the Panhandle District meeting and the Public Hearing at the Bayard School. Metz said he had a meeting with Sitche & Wilkins and the fire marshal. He said they finally have the cost down to \$2.4 million. Metz said he attended the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners' meeting and they were changing their zoning to include solar power. He said he thanked them for doing all the work and that Morrill County should amend their zoning regs. He said he might have someone interested in the lots in Bayard. Metz said he had attended the District meeting and the Public Hearing at the Bayard School. He said they had a budget with a 3.6% increase and one with an 11% increase. He was surprised that they voted 4-2 in favor of the 11% increase.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:41 A.M., Tuesday, October 8, 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. Notice of such meeting having been published in the Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on October 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 October 3, 2024. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was also present. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(06) at 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk, presented the levies for Morrill County. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the levies and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-34

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute #13-508 requires all political subdivisions within Morrill County to file and certify to the Morrill County Board of Equalization a copy of the adopted budget and a copy of the adopted statement with the amount of real property tax required to fund their adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Morrill County Board of Equalization has received copies of adopted statements of real and personal property tax requirements from all political subdivisions whose certified valuation in Morrill County is greater than certified valuation in other counties; and

WHEREAS, Ne. Revised Statute #77-1602 requires that the Morrill County Board of Equalization levy the necessary taxes for political subdivisions on or before October 15th of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Equalization of Morrill County, Nebraska as follows:

That the levies of local political subdivisions for fiscal year 2024-2025 be established based on the attached document (Levy Sheet Attachment) which is incorporated into and is considered a part of this resolution.

That final levies for other political subdivisions with certified valuation in Morrill County less than certified valuation in other counties must be set by the Board of Equalization in the County with the greatest certified valuation.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2024.

Morrill County Board of Commissioners
Morrill County Board of Equalization

(S E A L)

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

**MORRILL COUNTY LEVIES
2024-2025**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	GENERAL	SPECIAL BLDG	BOND	CAPITAL IMPROV	TOTAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
21-BAYARD	0.999686	0.030954	0.055718		1.086358
63-BRIDGEPORT	0.892543		0.091049		0.983592
CEMETERY DISTRICTS					
		SINKING			
ANGORA	0.011571				0.011571
BAYARD	0.043995				0.043995
BRIDGEPORT	0.014664				0.014664
BROADWATER	0.003874				0.003874
REDINGTON	0.001909	0.000835			0.002744
FIRE DISTRICTS					
	GENERAL	SINKING			
#1 (BRIDGEPORT)	0.016502				0.016502
#3 (BAYARD)	0.025181				0.025181
#4 (BROADWATER)	0.095193				0.095193
CITIES/VILLAGES					
	GENERAL	BOND			
BAYARD	0.370935				0.370935
BRIDGEPORT	0.305117				0.305117
BROADWATER	0.290469				0.290469
COUNTY LEVY FUNDS					
GENERAL	0.297890				0.297890
HOSPITAL BOND FUND	0.012501				0.012501
TOTAL	0.310391				0.310391

We, the Morrill County Board of Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization, do hereby certify the above levies for Morrill County, to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024

Morrill County Board of
Commissioners

/s/Jeff Metz

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Josh Schmidt

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

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

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, 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

