

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on 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 Transcript Gate LLC, on April 18, 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 18, 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 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 addition of a subdivision of property for Kevin & Vickie Hall and approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 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, \$1,233.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,989.30; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$305.69; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$675.15; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs & Supplies, \$207.72; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$91.97; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$10.40; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$1,065.12; Century Business Products, Supplies & Equip, \$205.11; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,241.80; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$688.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$218.21; Mary C. Coon, Election, \$220.20; Country Catering, Election-Meals, \$150.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$11.30; Carrie J. Harless, Election, \$180.00; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Steven R. Hutchinson, Lawn Contract, \$1,080.00; Rosemary Jacoby, Election, \$180.00; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; L-Tron Corp, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$380.38; Lori McCoy, Phone & Mileage, \$153.23; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$476.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,240.39; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,105.86; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$449.10; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$53.60; NIRMA, Cancellation Fee, \$50.00; Linda M. O'Bannon, Election, \$180.00; Judy Ogard, Election, \$146.10; Sarah Paisley, Supplies & Mileage, \$124.63; Zeth Patterson, Mileage, \$47.57; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$15,938.84; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$215.57; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$21,196.58; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$80.40; Cecilia C. Sanchez, Election, \$220.20; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$975.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$111.00; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs, \$825.60; U S Postal Service, Box Rent, \$154.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Boarding Contract, Phone, Registration, Uniforms, Law Enforcement Costs, Repairs, Supplies & Misc, \$4,666.11; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$60.97; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Repairs, \$949.01; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$302.43; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$76.16; 4-H Showworks Billing, Registration, \$299.50; 911 Custom, Uniforms, \$497.70; General Employees, Salaries, \$72,826.33.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$775.85; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,511.63; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Tools & Repairs, \$2,665.61; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Dan Carnine, Gravel, \$50,000.00; Century Link, Service, \$118.42; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Fairfield-Kearney, Lodging, \$279.90; Fat Boys Tire & Auto, Repairs, \$43.26; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$124.30; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$26,642.89; Medical Air Services Assoc, Insurance, \$252.00; Menards-Scottsbluff, Culverts, Tools, Repairs & Equip, \$6,484.35; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,161.93; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$14,863.72; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service,

\$58.67; NKC Tire Group, Repairs, \$30.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$450.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,361.06; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$110.21; Pro Overhead Door Inc, Repairs, \$4,163.00; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$10,087.46; Steve's Truck & Equip, Repairs, \$750.00; U S Bank, Registration, \$40.94; David Zwirn, Phone & Trailer, \$340.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$31,214.54.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Project, \$7,270.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$125.76.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$247.39; Century Link Business Services, Service, \$548.22.

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 2024 monthly reports were received, reviewed and place on file: April – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct

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

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

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, reported on the Grant money for the Fairgrounds. She said they told her that it required a separate checking account and needed to have two people authorized to sign on the account. She said she thought that she and the Clerk should be the ones authorized. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to authorize a separate account to be opened for the Grant monies and that Loretta McCoy and Kathleen Brandt be the authorized signers on the account. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a resolution to transfer money into the Road Fund. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-06  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Fund monies were put into the General Fund at levy time, it is now 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 \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, presented the estimates for having new flooring installed and for replacing the toilets in the jail. He said that he only had one estimate for each and a couple of others may submit an estimate. He said he is waiting for the Jail Inspection to see if he has to do anything.

The Board had received an application for a liquor license from Los Tres Gallos for an event at the Rural Fire Hall on June 1, 2024 and Metz had signed the application so they could submit it in time. He asked that the Board approve his actions. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Los Tres Gallos on June 1, 2024. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mike Goeman also presented an application for a liquor license for the Farm & Ranch Board for the rodeo in July. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Farm & Ranch Board for July 4 & 5, 2024. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received a subdivision of property for Kevin and Vickie Hall. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-07  
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL  
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVLED, that the present record owners KEVIN G. HALL & VICKIE C. HALL, 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 PARCE OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 5.70 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST, OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20, SOUTH 01° 05' 33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1922.26 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20, SOUTH 01° 05' 33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 717.42 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20, NORTH 88° 04' 53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 790.11 FEET; THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, A RADIUS OF 1,383.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42° 33' 42", A DISTANCE OF 1,027.35 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING NORTH 46° 13' 28" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,003.89 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 85° 38' 49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 38.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88° 54' 27" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 40.02 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 5.70 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.  
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO MORRILL COUNTY ROAD OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD 111.  
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO NORTHPORT IRRIGATION DISTRICT IRRIGATION DITCH.

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.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz  
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Chairman, County Board

(S E A L)

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Member, County Board

/s/Josh Schmidt  
Member County Board

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for the One-and Six Year Road Improvement Plan at 8:33 A.M. Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented the One-and Six Year Road Improvement Plan. Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the One-and Six Year Road Improvement Plan. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, reported that the current Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Peter Schilke, is retiring in July. He said this will mean that the county has to find another pathologist to do autopsies. He said this will create a problem from Kearney west. He said that Cheyenne County may use Weld County in Colorado. The Board asked Fellhoelter to see if there is one in Cheyenne.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Veterans' meeting. Batterman reported on the LEOP meeting that will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. She said that the elected officials should attend. Metz reported that he had missed the Fair Board meeting, but that they do have big plans for the fair. He said the planning meeting for the Fairgrounds is coming in at a higher cost than planned, so some cuts will have to be made.

The Board discussed when to hold protest hearings. They tentatively set July 8, 9 & 10, if that many days are needed.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:12 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:41 A.M., Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the 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 May 23, 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 May 23, 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.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the Over & Under Valuations for Bridgeport Community Church, Bruce & Melody Landen, James & Lori Miller, Collin Harvey & Cassidy Kildow Harvey, Ivan & Joyce Dobrinski, Jennifer Dobrinski, Amanda Anderson & Scott Mathis. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the Over & Under Valuations. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:51 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk



