

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2025 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the 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 Bridgeport News-Blade and the Bayard Transcript, on February 20, 2025. 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 20, 2025. 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. 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 Board of Equalization and Transfer of Funds and the minutes of the February 11, 2025 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, \$1,261.96; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,260.94; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$375.95; Bayard Transcript, Publishing, \$857.44; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$868.96; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$56.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$39.88; Stacy Brown, Mileage, \$50.82; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$183.79; Century Business Products, Equip & Supplies, \$198.75; Century Link, Service, \$80.75; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$3,426.61; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,932.13; Docu-Shred LLC, Service, \$135.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$71.49; Elmshaeuser Law, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,020.00; Shauna Faessler, Phone & Fuel, \$49.00; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney, Lodging, \$279.90; Holyoke, Snyder, Longoria, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$470.00; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$81.22; Susan Kelly, Phone & Uniforms, \$64.00; Kone Chicago, Service, \$319.23; Lancaster Co Sheriff's Office, Court Costs, \$20.92; Audrey M Long, Public Defender, \$4,687.00; Marlin Leasing Corp, Equip Lease, \$373.99; Medical Air Services Assn, Insurance, \$462.00; MIPS Inc, Supplies \$172.10; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,947.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,233.11; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,587.54; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$272.64; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,261.22; Panhandle Assoc of Co Assess, Dues, \$125.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,172.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,818.17; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$234.36; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,687.37; Samples Dean Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, \$180.00; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$4,020.00; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$17.95; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs, \$288.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs, Fuel, Phone, Postage, Law Enforcement Supplies, Uniforms, Notary, Meals, Supplies & Misc, \$5,672.79; Valley Tire & Service, Fuel, \$59.54; Shawn Weibert, NACVO Dues, \$50.00; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$201.95; General Employees, Salaries, \$66,505.55.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Action Communications, Equip, \$1,396.35; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,185.01; Barco Municipal Products, Inc, Sign Posts, \$1,493.75; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$124.36; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$1,580.81; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$313.23; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$775.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone & Misc, \$90.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,121.50; Medical Air Service Assoc, Insurance, \$224.00; Menards, Tools, \$107.25; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,077.64; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,348.82; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$91.90; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare,

\$5,726.16; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$105.83; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$13,988.94; Unitech, Supplies, \$637.50; U S Bank, Meals, Fuel, Registration & Lodging, \$1,706.11; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$115.40; Westco, Fuel, \$10,082.14, David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,311.19.

VISITORS' PROMOTION FUND

Jonathan Shadegg, Website Fee, \$348.00.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$140,760.08.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$177.62.

W911 FUND

Century Link Business Services, Service, \$555.79; Motorola Solutions Inc, Misc, \$11,581.53.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, 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: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2025 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Jan – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clerk, L McCoy, Co Treas and S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

The February minutes of the Tourism Board meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the board to discuss equipment that is getting repaired and Fuel Bids. He has a 2020 machine that the oil cooler went out on and has a cracked block, repairs will cost around \$37,000 not including the labor. He also has a 2012 machine that needed a new engine, cost for that will be around \$66,000. He stated with their approval he would like to start taking Fuel Bids for diesel and gasoline.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Resolution of Certificate of Completion for Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Rural Roads. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve and adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2025-04 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS

Whereas: Morrill County and State entered into an agreement “Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads” (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2331 executed on September 21, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is the responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Morrill County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Morrill County:

- (1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2025 at Bridgeport, Nebraska.

The County Board of Morrill County

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Josh Schmidt

ATTEST: (S E A L)

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

Yeas: Schmidt and Batterman. Nays: Metz. Motion Carried.

The Board reported on meetings they have attended. Schmidt went to Aging Office of Western NE and PADD. The Aging Office served 131 meals in Bayard and 171 in Bridgeport. Metz mentioned if they had considered serving meals to Broadwater. Josh stated he will ask about that at the next meeting. Batterman attended Region 1 Behavior Health and Region 1 Office of Human Development meetings. Metz attended the Fair Board meeting stating they have good plans in place for fair and the grounds. He also attended the Hospital Board meeting and things are looking good. He also stated he reached out to PADD about applications for grants being submitted and they are working on it.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:22 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

ATTEST: _____,Chairman

_____, Office Clerk

