

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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 have been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on May 5, 2021. 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 6, 2021. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Allo Communication, Service, \$1,127.05; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,172.61; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,929.49; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bob Benton, Repairs, \$131.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$960.76; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Suppies, \$33.57; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, \$151.97; Capital Business Systems Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$408.43; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charter Communications, Service, \$143.95; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$112.85; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$27.50; Justin Dobrovoly, Phone, \$40.00; Dollar General, Laundry & Supplies, \$148.95; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$44.99; Audrey M. Elliot, Public Defender, \$4,166.66; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Galls LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$208.39; Graham Tire Co, Repairs, \$591.04; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Contract, \$585.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Service, \$214.40; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Law Enforcement Costs, \$449.64; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$14.99; Tim Marquez, Phone, Meals & Mileage, \$606.40; Marshall Swift/Boeckh LLC, Appraisal, \$1,028.15; Bryan Martinez, Phone, \$40.00; Maximus Inc, Cost Allocation, \$1,287.00; Lori McCoy, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$86.00; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,007.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$288.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,525.94; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$125.35; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; NACO, Registration, \$35.00; National Pen Co LLC, Supplies, \$104.38; Ne Dept of Revenue, Garnishment, \$50.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$48.95; Rose Nelson, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, Supplies, \$130.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,675.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,796.14; Pritchard & Abbott Inc, Appraisal, \$3,800.00; Rave Wireless Inc, Code Red, \$1,048.32; Jared Reynolds, Supplies, \$177.85; Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$207.10; Travis Rodak, Phone, \$180.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$600.00; Caroline Sanchez, Contract Labor, \$2,100.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Equip, \$463.72; Tracy Terrell, Supplies, \$44.90; Town & Country Advertising, Publication, \$75.00; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$182.52; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,052.65; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$377.06; General Employees, Salaries, \$58,668.94.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$111.45; American Family Life, Insurance, \$278.06; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,908.38; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,503.49; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Repairs & Tools, \$1,020.64; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$73.11; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$143.89; Century Link, Service, \$94.43; City of Bayard, Service, \$514.93; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$379.60; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Deluxe Radiator, Repairs, \$145.00; Eake Office Solutions, Supplies, \$86.66; Fat Boys Tire-Corp, Tires, \$926.00; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$407.91; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$1,652.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$190.62; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$8,119.54; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs & Supplies,

\$674.76; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,356.14; \$1,304.24; NE Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$4,593.40; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$422.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,252.56; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$166.60; Red Barn Shop LLC, Repairs, \$132.50; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$751.03; Transcript Gate LLC, Publishing, \$67.13; Kurt Tremain, Registration, \$150.00; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$107.23; 21st Century Equip LLC, Repairs, \$7.62; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,852.26.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Gary Wagoner, Road Projects, \$6,436.00.

HANDYMAN FUND

Garland Crouse, Service, \$50.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$44.99; Perfecto F. Garcia, Service, \$135.00; Andrew Leisy, Service, \$310.00; Debra Mason, Service, \$519.00; Bryan Lee Schluterbusch, Service, \$40.00.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$69.73; Farmers State Bank, Pmt, \$11,933.26; Frontier, Misc, \$4.44.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$466.63; Frontier, Misc, \$29.75.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

BOK Financial Corp Trust Services, Bond Int Pmt & Fees, \$9,465.00.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Riverside Lumber LLC, Repairs, \$140.58.

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.

The Quarterly reports for the Road, Handyman & Public Transit were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Joanie Dudden, Deputy County Treasurer presented resolutions from the Alliance and Northport Irrigation Districts, stating that they will remove the water rights and strike all dollar amounts of irrigation taxes from the county-owned property.

Pete Lapaseotes presented three subdivisions to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Schmidt seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivisions and to adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION #2021- 15
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION OF REAL
ESTATE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Connie Lapaseotes LTD, 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 TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE ACCRETED LANDS TO SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, N 01° 35' 00" E TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4, BEING A DISTANCE OF 3398.69 FEET; THENCE, N 28° 28' 34" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 1183.40 FEET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, N 31° 45' 32" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 500.00 FEET; THENCE, N 49° 16' 01" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 662.70 FEET; THENCE, S 17° 58' 53" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 723.72 FEET; THENCE, S 69° 54' 07" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 492.39 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 7.84 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO TO INCLUDE AN ACCESS EASEMENT BEING 20 FEET WIDE FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE ADJOINING OWNERS AS SHOWN ON CORRESPONDING SURVEY.

NOTE: Any driveway 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 11th day of May, 2021.

/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

RESOLUTION #2021- 16
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION OF REAL
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Christine Lapaseotes Trust, 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 TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, S 88° 19' 33" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 849.42 FEET; THENCE, N 01° 16' 44" E FOR THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY #92, BEING A DISTANCE OF 65.45 FEET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, N 01° 46' 44" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 281.38 FEET; THENCE S 82° 36' 52" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 436.69 FEET; THENCE, S 02° 52' 03" W TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING A DISTANCE OF 239.23 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N 88° 09' 28" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 430.06 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.58 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

NOTE: Any driveway or culvert to be at owner expense.

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Passed and approved this 11th day of May, 2021.

/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

RESOLUTION #2021- 17
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION OF REAL
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owners, Connie Lapaseotes LTD, 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:

TRACT 1:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, S 89° 53' 15" W TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY #88, BEING A DISTANCE OF 60.32 FEET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, S 89° 53' 15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 481.94 FEET; THENCE, S 00° 06' 41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 207.29 FEET, THENCE, N 89° 53' 02" E TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING A DISTANCE OF 459.46 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N 06° 04' 44" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.48 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT 2:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REFERRING TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, S 89° 53' 15" W TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY #88, BEING A DISTANCE OF 60.32 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, S 89° 53' 15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 481.94 FEET; THENCE S 00° 06' 41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 207.29 FEET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, CONTINUING, S 00° 06' 41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 202.83 FEET; THENCE, S 85° 59' 33" E TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, BEING A DISTANCE OF 435.19 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N 06° 04' 44" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 235.50 FEET; THENCE, S 89° 53' 02" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 459.46 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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/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.

Brad Slaughter, Senior Vice President of Piper Sandler & Co., presented the documents for issuing general obligation hospital bonds for the addition for Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy. Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator was also present. Slaughter said he would work with Stuart, regarding the amount when the bids come in, but the paperwork needs to be in place to get this started and set the interest rate, which should be no more than 2%. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Hospital Obligation Bonds and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021 - 18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION HOSPITAL BONDS, SERIES 2021, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,260,000, TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING AN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY HOSPITAL; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF EACH SERIES OF BONDS ISSUED AND RELATED MATURITY DATES OF THE BONDS, THE INTEREST RATES, THE REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, AND OTHER TERMS RELATING TO THE BONDS, TO SELL THE BONDS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING THERETO, AND TO DESIGNATE A REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS, ALL AS PROVIDED AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS HEREIN; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BONDS; PLEDGING THE NET REVENUES FROM THE COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME, IF NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF; DESIGNATING THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Complete Resolution is on file at the Morrill County Clerk's Office.

DATED: May 11, 2021

THE COUNTY OF MORRILL, NEBRASKA

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Sara Paisley and Katlyn Rosas from the Extension Office met with the Board. Paisley said they were allowed by UNL to hire an intern. They introduced Amber Rosas who will be interning. She will work 40 hours per week for \$12 per hour. Sara asked if they could get a county credit card, to pay for the Mi-Fi which they pay Garden County for now. She said her budget is in Garden County and that when Morrill County pays the fee by check, it goes into General and not into her budget. They also would like to pay the phone bill through the credit card. Travis Rodak, County Attorney, said they could adjust the budgets in order to reflect the added expense. The Board discussed the credit card. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve a county credit card with a \$500 limit. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, opened the only bid from TopKote Inc. that was received for Armor Coating. The bid was \$205,568.00 for Chip Seal, \$55,756.80 for Fog Seal and \$161,920.00 for Prime Coat, for a total of \$423,244.80. The Board discussed the one portion that goes under the railroad track off of HWY 385 and getting the railroad to pay part of the cost. Hoerler and Schmidt will contact the railroad. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to accept the bid from TopKote Inc. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hoerler asked about possibly renting a Skidsteer from NMC. He said it rents for \$5,400 per year through a government program. The Board told him to get more information and bring to the next meeting.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said his meetings are this week. Batterman reported on the Region 21 Emergency Management meeting, they are working on budgets. Metz reported on the CAPWN meeting and property that they own in Potter and are trying to sell.

Travis Rodak, County Attorney, gave a report on the COVID funds that we are receiving and the how the funds can be spent. A lot has to do with building cubicles, divisions, or adding on for divisions for distancing purposes or for Health Care facilities for vaccines, Hazard pay, etc. He said we have four years to use it but the use has to be an approved use.

The Board asked Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, about the State Recreation ground and having to police that area. They asked if Games & Parks pays anything. Cardenas said they do not.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:22 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting at 7:41 A.M., Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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 being published in the Bridgeport News-Blade and Bayard Transcript on May 5, 2021. Copies of the Agenda, kept continuously current were available at the Morrill County Clerk's office and were e-mailed to each of the Commissioners on May 6, 2021. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, was 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(6) at 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson presented Tax List Correction #2021-11. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk