

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 25, 2021 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 Bayard Transcript on May 19, 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 April 22, 2021. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: Susanna Batterman. 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 Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$190.00; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,172.79; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,121.30; Brian Peters d/b/a B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$366.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$283.84; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$4.68; Ismael Cardenas-Co Sheriff, Court Costs, \$10.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,129.04; Century Business Products, Equip, \$122.16; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Mike Cerny, Misc, \$4.90; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,114.57; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Copier Connection Inc, Contract, \$240.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, Bus Wash & Misc, \$115.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$4,002.11; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone, \$40.00; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$16.70; Galls LLC, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$182.98; GWorks, GIS, \$9,425.00; Hampton Inn-North Platte, Lodging, \$192.00; Celinda Howard, Uniforms, \$75.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies & Laundry, \$403.61; Susan Kelly, Misc, \$15.90; Kone Inc, Service, \$239.28; Andrew Leisy d/b/a/ Leisy K-Lawn, Snow Removal, \$500.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$75.00; Midwest Special Services Inc, Transport, \$553.50; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Supplies, \$2,637.04; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,525.94; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$37,824.48; Morrill County Highway Dept, Garbage & Phone, \$75.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,463.28; NE Dept of Revenue, Garnishment, \$50.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Lodging, \$20.00; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,961.93; Sarah Paisley, Supplies & Mileage, \$339.58; Panhandle Co-op, Repairs, \$120.21; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,675.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,269.38; Postmaster, Box Rent, \$122.00; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$425.16; Print Express, Supplies, \$311.25; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$517.19; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$27,405.53; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Katlyn Rosas, Mileage, \$97.44; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies & Equip, \$1,042.65; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Teletype & Data Processing Costs, \$965.88; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs, Supplies, Repairs, Uniforms Phone & Misc, \$1,231.88; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$37.73; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$218.79; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$125.60; 308 Embroidery, Provisions, \$413.72; General Employees, Salaries, \$60,670.04.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Action Communications Inc, Repairs, \$1,087.17; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$278.12; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,939.09; Baker & Associates Inc, Engineering, \$2,500.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$32.98; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$94.07; Charter Communications, Service, \$104.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Ray Cranmore, Gravel, \$525.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,469.56; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$27,103.24; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$15,603.10; Lee's Service Inc, Tires & Repairs, \$310.00; Mark T. Livingston, Gravel, \$250.00; Morrill County

Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,054.83; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,441.82; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$55.16; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$422.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,343.91; PowerPlan, Repairs, \$1,527.19; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$211.32; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$10,659.82; Westco, Fuel, \$14,963.95; WPCI, Testing Fees, \$325.00; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,125.13.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

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

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Mobile Binders, Supplies & Shelving, \$3,558.57.

MORRILL COUNTY HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$74,997.78.

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$231.19; Century Link Business Services, Service, \$71.22; GeoComm Inc, Service, \$501.93.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$210.70; Century Link Business Services, Misc, \$476.66; GeoComm Inc, Misc, \$3,359.07.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2021 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 April minutes of the Morrill/Scotts Bluff County Extension meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

The May minutes of the Veteran’s Service Committee meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the April Financials for the hospital. She presented a check to the Board to reimburse the County for the cost of the ambulance. Stuart presented the floor plan for the new addition to the hospital. She said the bid came in for \$2.5 million which was lower than they had expected. She said the bid had been awarded to Anderson-Shaw. She said a new Physical Therapist has been hired.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to the Board to transfer \$75,000 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the transfer and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-19
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 \$75,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

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

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, and Larry Burbach from NMC, met with the Board to possibly lease a Skid Steer from NMC. Burbach explained that the lease is for one year for \$5,400 and at the end of the year, there is a balloon payment, which NMC buys out and leases a new one to the County at that time. He explained that the lease is for 250 hours on the machine or for one year and it comes with just the bucket and the county could include other attachments in the lease. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Metz, to approve the lease agreement with NMC for \$5,400 with only the bucket, no other attachments, for one year and to sign the necessary documents for leasing. Yeas: Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hoerler reported that he had discontinued our agreement with HireRight for testing fees and is going with WPCI out of Scottsbluff for drug and alcohol testing. He said the initial start up fee is \$325 and the testing fees are cheaper than with HireRight. He reported that the John Deere 672 G will be her in 2-3 weeks. He said that the Reclamation Project should be started by Friday. Hoerler said he will talk to BNSF regarding the road with the underpass.

The Board and Elected Officials talked about the budget process and they will discuss it more on June 22, 2021. McCoy said she had been working with the APRA getting the DUNN's number and accounts set up to receive the money.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Josh reported on the Extension meeting and the Budget Workshop. Metz had not attended any meetings.

Susan Kelly, Clerk of District Court said she had completed and passed the training for Passports and is now able to issue passports. Rose Nelson, County Assessor said she has 800 valuation changes, 400-500 of them being rural residential. She said Rural Residential will probably go up 12%. Metz questioned the ones that use it for grazing. Nelson said they tell us that and then do not use it for grazing.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 A.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

