

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 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 March 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 March 21, 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. Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Agenda, and the minutes of the March 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

Accelerated Receivables Solutions, Garnishment, \$223.09; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,261.96; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,379.66; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$385.77; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,638.64; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, \$42.96; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$57.02; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs & Equip Lease, \$175.36; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$2,040.16; Century Business Products, Equip & Supplies, \$252.89; Century Link, Service, \$80.75; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$870.89; Clerk of District Court, Court Costs, \$108.00; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Etc PC LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$740.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,920.52; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$350.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies & Copier Lease, \$73.43; Elmshaeuser Law, Court Appointed Counsel, \$30.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Contract Labor, \$1,500.00; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$215.87; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Kamry Kramer, Contract Labor, \$1,279.00; Marlin Leasing Corp, Equip Lease, \$499.95; Medical Air Services Assn, Insurance, \$462.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$86.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,233.11; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,587.54; NACEB, Dues, \$50.00; NACT, Registration, \$175.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; Oshkosh Ace & Appliance, Supplies, \$8.99; Sarah Paisley, Supplies & Mileage, \$561.51; Zeth Patterson, Mileage & Supplies, \$129.45; Physicians Laboratory PC, Autopsy, \$2,750.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,172.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,878.43; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$244.56; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$29,137.87; Jared Reynolds, Law Enforcement Costs, \$122.26; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Scotts Bluff Co Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$3,420.00; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$29.92; Sonny's Super Foods, Board of Prisoners, Laundry & Supplies, \$187.13; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs, \$288.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Law Enforcement Supplies, Uniforms, Dues, Meals, Supplies & Misc, \$3,341.55; Valley Tire & Service, Fuel, \$35.12; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$236.33; General Employees, Salaries, \$67,713.14.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,188.78; Apex Sand & Gravel LLC, Gravel, \$25,991.84; B & C Steel Corp, Steel Products, \$273.12; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$191.82; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$131.61; Charter Communications, Service, \$119.99; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dept of Rev, State Tax, \$1,750.53; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil & Supplies, \$207.05; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$374.81; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Grainger, Tools, \$39.88; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Repairs & Supplies, \$296.89; Medical Air Service Assoc, Insurance, \$224.00; Menards, Sign Posts, \$315.89; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,077.64;

Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,348.82; Morrill Hardware, Culverts, \$259.20; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$80.31; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,794.75; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$115.32; PT Hose & Bearing, Repairs, \$814.29; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$13,988.94; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$249.86; Westco, Fuel, \$10,065.94, Wyoming Machinery Company, Equip, \$37,437.70; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,344.74.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Mobile Binders, Supplies, \$1,326.81.

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$180.34.

W911 FUND

Century Link Business Services, Service, \$555.79.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

US Bank, Repairs, \$108.90.

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

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

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

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

The March minutes of the Safety Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Travis Rodak, Handi-bus Director, delivered a document that needed to be signed for the Software & License Agreement with TripMaster. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve and sign the agreement. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jack Berg and Marlene Yeager, members of the Tourism Committee, met with the Board. They explained how the State Historical Society works with them regarding tourism. Berg said they are trying to raise money to light up Courthouse & Jail Rocks through grants. It would cost around \$110,000. Berg and Yeager explained what they do to promote tourism in Morrill County. The Board asked if they have by-laws and they said they have never seen them. The Board said that they need to be able to approve any large amounts that they spend. The Board said if they are spending a large amount to bring it in for their approval and also to get a list of all of their members and their terms. Berg and Yeager agreed to this.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Tax Sale Report. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve and sign the Tax Sale Report. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy presented a resolution to transfer money into the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025 – 06
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 \$100,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVE this 25th day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

The Weed Control Compliance report was received from Tim Stortz, Ag Inspection Specialist II. The Board reviewed the report. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to accept and sign the Weed Control Compliance Report. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A subdivision of property was received from Scott Cape. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025 – 07
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owner, Scott Cape, has 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 83,078 SQ. FT. (1.907 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 North, RANGE 49 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH 33° 56' 02" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1097.42 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE NORTH 02° 09' 02" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 278.05 FEET;
THENCE NORTH 38° 37' 16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 261.18 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 45° 37' 02" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 129.03 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 11° 57' 41" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 203.68 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 69° 20' 43" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 60.80 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 53° 23' 30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 286.68 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 83,078 SQ. FT. (1.907 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

A 30.00' WIDE ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, SOUTH 88° 32' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2,585.09 FEET, TO THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE NORTH 07° 29' 39" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,143.54 FEET,

TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD 107, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ON THE CENTER OF A 30.00' WIDE ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT THE FOLLOWING (16) SIXTEEN COURSES:

1. SOUTH 89° 11' 37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 187.01 FEET;
2. SOUTH 71° 33' 10" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 387.45 FEET;
3. SOUTH 77° 16' 23" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 116.23 FEET;
4. NORTH 88° 20' 13" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 93.16 FEET;
5. NORTH 67° 43' 04" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 99.37 FEET;
6. NORTH 41° 42' 52" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 298.07 FEET;
7. NORTH 50° 24' 55" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 123.03 FEET;
8. NORTH 74° 37' 37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 149.83 FEET;
9. NORTH 88° 32' 42" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 120.37 FEET;
10. SOUTH 77° 28' 56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 182.44 FEET;
11. NORTH 85° 41' 26" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 73.05 FEET;
12. NORTH 07° 55' 20" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 45.29 FEET;
13. NORTH 19° 53' 27" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 34.67 FEET;
14. NORTH 22° 32' 50" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 40.01 FEET;
15. NORTH 60° 16' 23" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 256.41 FEET;
16. SOUTH 38° 37' 16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 398.30 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS;

THENCE SOUTH 26° 14' 34" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,335.37 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 31.

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 to be at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 25th day of March, 2025

/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.

The Board reported on meetings they have attended. Schmidt reported on Aging Office of Western NE and PADD. The Aging Office served 133 meals in Bayard and 207 in Bridgeport. Batterman reported on the Panhandle Public Health meeting and the Region 1 Behavior Health and Region 1 Office of Human Development meetings. Metz attended the Extension Board meeting.

County Government Day was discussed which will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:25 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:34 A.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2025 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 March 20, 2025. Copies of the Agenda kept continuously current were available from the County Clerk's Office and were emailed to each of the Commissioners on March 21, 2025. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, 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. Statue #77-1233.04(06) at 7:34 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Correction #2025-5. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above correction. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson and the Board discussed values for this year and increases.

Chairman Metz opened the Public Hearing for Permissive Exemptions at 7:45 A.M. Nelson presented the exemption for the Community Church and said that the daycare was no longer there, so she could put it back to exempt. Craig Lind was present.

Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 A.M.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Tax Exemption for the Community Church, retroactive back to January 1, 2025. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to return to regular session at 7:48 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

