

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 11, 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 having been published in the Bayard Transcript and the Bridgeport News-Blade on March 6, 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 5, 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 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 deletion of the Tax Sale Report and the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$1,392.08; American Family Life, Insurance, \$1,261.96; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,410.77; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$2,413.41; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$145.00; Bayard Transcript, Publishing, \$66.76; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Board of Prisoners, \$105.55; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$65.62; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,721.99; Box Butte County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$18.50; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$850.03; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,723.51; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$44.00; CVSOAN, Training, \$60.00; D & C Concrete & Tile LLC, Snow Removal, \$1,000.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$345.45; Shauna Faessler, Phone & Fuel, \$54.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grant Writing USA, Registration, \$495.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$231.96; Andrew Lawson, Phone, \$40.00; Legacy Cooperative, Repairs, \$217.88; Logoz LLC, Uniforms, \$430.00; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,687.00; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Mediation West, Misc, \$100.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$75.00; Mid-States Org Crime Inf Center, Registration, \$100.00; Miller Towing LLC, Repairs, \$1,596.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing, \$2,810.46; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners, \$1,647.50; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$203.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,233.11; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$383.40; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236,31; NE State Patrol, Registration, \$760.50; NE Supreme Court, Law Library, \$108.15; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$20.28; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$97.40; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm PC LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$1,873.50; Zeth Patterson, Phone, \$40.00; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr & Equip, \$1,144.00; Jason Perkins, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,172.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,862.70; Retchless Technologies LLC, Contract, \$1,500.00; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$189.08; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Service, \$537.60; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$660.73; General Employees Salaries, \$67,054.36.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$113.32; American Family Life, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$3,623.34; Bayard Automotive, Repairs, Tires & Supplies, \$1,653.61; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$4,959.83; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies, Repairs & Tools, \$1,411.71; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$201.43; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, \$128.86; City of Bayard, Service, \$490.65; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$614.94; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Dooley Oil Inc, Supplies & Equip, \$2,120.46; Frank Parts Co, Repairs & Supplies, \$1,038.87; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$224.68; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$808.07; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$2,820.88; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$392.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,077.64; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Blades, \$75,446.87; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$6,888.86; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$64.98; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$291.03; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$13.66; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$134.60; Road Employees Salaries, \$32,207.47.

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Anderson Ford of Lincoln, Vehicle, \$13,037.00.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$240.53; Frontier, Service, \$68.38.

COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Zeth Patterson, Painting, \$250.00.

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.

Four Special Designated Liquor License applications were received for Flyover Brewing Company for Walk to the Rock at Chimney Rock for May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Liquor License for Flyover Brewing Company for four dates. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer \$50,000 to the Road Fund. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the transfer and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-05  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Road Funds 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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt  
Board Member

(S E A L)

ATTEST:

/Kathleen L. Brandt  
County Clerk

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

Val Jansante, Community Liaison, for Adrian Smith, met with the Board to give an update on what Smith has been doing. He said that Smith has been working on E-15 since 2015. He has been working on the Postal system to upgrade the facility in North Platte. Val said he attended the meeting to listen to Governor Pillen’s plan for the state. Metz asked about the tariffs for the exporting of commodities and how it would hurt the farmers.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Josh said he will have a zoom meeting with PADD this week. Batterman said all of her meetings will be this week. She asked about the Visitor’s Promotion fund. The Board said they would like to visit with them and they would also like to appoint Batterman to that Board.

Kevin Sylvester, CPA for Dana F. Cole & Co, LLO, presented the 2024 Audit Report to the Board. He explained the report to the Board and that the audit was good.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:02 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz ,Chairman

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

**Board of Equalization**  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:41 A.M., Tuesday, March 11, 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 6, 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 5, 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 7:41 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2025-3 & 4. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Metz asked if the update for Jessica McKay's property had been taken care of because the GIS map had not been changed. Nelson said the documentation in her office has been changed but not GIS mapping. She said they have to wait to do that or pay extra. Metz questioned the lots in Bayard and being valued at \$8,000 each and they could not even give them away. She said for this year they will go from \$8,000 to \$3,220 per lot.

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

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk