

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on September 7, 2023. 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 September 7, 2023. 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 and the minutes of the August 22, 2023 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

Action Communications Inc, Service, \$776.68; Allo Communication, Service, \$1,263.37; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,437.56; \$1437.56; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,190.42; \$7,100.08; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; B & S Body Shop, Repairs, \$80.50; Clint Bates, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs \$47.49; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$145.45; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, \$16.18; Box Butte County Treasurer, Child Support Agreement, \$2,085.00; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, Subscription & Supplies, \$527.74; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Equip Lease, \$28.84; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleetcad, Fuel, \$1,491.92; Mike Cerny, Phone, \$40.00; Charm-Tex Inc, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$174.90; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; Cheyenne County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$18.50; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$1,001.00; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$216.00; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$206.88; \$206.88; Consolidated Management Co, Board of Prisoners, \$66.00; Cozad Signs LLC, Auto Lease, \$650.00; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$44.00; Dept of Revenue-Property Tax Assmt Div, Registrations, \$780.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,772.66; Dollar General, Supplies, Laundry & Board of Prisoners, \$261.80; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Equip, \$310.00; Environmental Systems Research Inst, GIS, \$2,420.00; Fairfield by Marriott-Kearney, Lodging, \$689.70; Cheree Fisher, Phone, \$40.00; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Director Fees, \$1,500.00; Steve Hutchinson, Lawn Contract, \$750.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies & Laundry, \$635.60; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$78.55; John Deere Financial, Repairs & Supplies, \$98.12; Susan Kelly, Supplies, \$28.02; Lincoln County Detention Center, Boarding Contract, \$1,824.00; Audrey M. Long, Public Defender, \$4,250.00; LPI, Publishing, \$132.50; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Lori McCoy, Mileage & Phone, \$68.82; Mediation West, Misc, 50.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Lease, \$161.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$2,738.98; Morrill County Community Hospital, Board of Prisoners & Medical-Prisoners, \$1,848.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$511.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,310.25; \$2,410.25; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$478.80; Brian Moss, Data Processing, \$1,500.00; Motorola Solutions Inc, Law Enforcement Costs, \$400.00; NACO, Registration, \$150.00; NE Dept of Rev-Prop Tax Div, Registration, \$75.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, Training, \$525.00; Rose Nelson, Mileage & Phone, \$364.23; Zeth Patterson, Contract Labor & Supplies, \$1,312.78; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,360.41; \$1,360.41; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$12,823.85; \$12,457.48; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; RR Donnelley, Supplies, \$153.18; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$605.57; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$131.76; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$2.79; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Admin Fees, \$448.00; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Westfield Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$63.78; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$1,772.95; Xerox Financial, Equip Rental, \$377.06; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$104.74; General Employees, Salaries, \$61,251.22; \$59,852.47.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$107.45; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$579.95; \$579.95; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,234.01; \$3,215.70; Aulick Industries, Repairs, \$298.61; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$297.23; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$175.02; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs, Supplies & Tools, \$1,648.47; Capital Business Systems Inc, Equip, \$188.43;

Century Link, Service, \$106.89; Charter Communications, Service, \$109.98; City of Bayard, Service, \$182.34; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$649.43; Colonial Life Ins, Insurance, \$24.75; \$24.75; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,599.84; Fat Boy Tire & Auto, Tires, \$2,100.00; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$156.18; Hansen's Locksmithing, Repairs, \$567.90; Heigel's Field Service, Repairs, \$1,803.91; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$587.42; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Repairs, \$102.80; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs & Tires, \$3,452.41; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, Tools & Supplies, \$781.74; Lee's Service Inc, Tires, \$919.85; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,177.90; \$1,177.90; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; \$156.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$8,434.24; Platte Valley Bank HSA Accts, \$400.00; \$400.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,881.62; \$5,847.40; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$291.03; Caroline Sanchez, Misc, \$279.30; Simon, Asphalt, \$1,896.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Supplies, \$26.22; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$115.00; WestCo, Fuel, \$30,000.45; 21st Century Equip, Repairs & Supplies, \$578.69; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,746.78; \$28,584.00.

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Prairie Winds Community Center, Advertising, \$1,000.00.

ARPA FUND

Tom Wiens, Tree Spraying, \$2,750.00.

E911 FUND

Action Communications Inc, Equip, \$1,517.23.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$486.78; Frontier, Misc, \$34.19.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

John Deere Financial, Repairs, \$25.97; Kone-Chicago, Repairs, \$3,892.54; Snell Services Inc, Repairs, \$455.00; Thompson Glass Inc, Repairs, \$455.00.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, that the above claims, 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 August minutes of the Morrill County Visitor's Committee were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Jeff Metz said that Cassi Kamsnider is retiring from the Fair Board and that Alexis Corman will be replacing her. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to accept Kampsnider's retirement and to appoint Alexis Corman to replace her for a 3-year term on the Fair Board. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented the Uncollected Distress Warrants report. McCoy explained the procedure of striking taxes through the MIPS system. Discussion was held about the Bureau of Educational Lands and Funds and who is responsible for the taxes. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Uncollected Distress Warrants report. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. McCoy also presented a report and a resolution to strike Personal Property Taxes for 2018-2021 from the Tax Lists of Morrill County. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to strike the Personal Property taxes in the amount of \$5,478.44 and to hold off on the one listed for Sheri A. Schumacher until there is clarification from the BELF and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2023-38

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Morrill County, Nebraska that the County Treasurer of said Morrill County, Nebraska is hereby authorized and directed to strike Personal Property Tax per Section 77-1738, Revised Statue of Nebraska, from the Tax Lists of Morrill County, Nebraska.

A list of all persons and amounts involved is attached. The year covered is 2021 and older unless otherwise noted. The total amount of tax is \$5,478.44, without interest or fees.

Passed and approved this 12th day of September, 2023.

/s/Loretta McCoy
Morrill County Treasurer

/s/Jeff Metz
County Commissioner

/s/Susanna Batterman
County Commissioner

/s/Josh Schmidt
County Commissioner

(S E A L)

Attest: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
Morrill County Clerk

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

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board regarding the Statewide Stop Sign Program Agreement. He said that this is with the Highway Safety Program and the signs will all be paid for by the State and the County just has to install them. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the Project Program Agreement for Morrill County and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION #2023-39

Whereas: Morrill County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds, and

Whereas: Morrill County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Morrill County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be it Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Morrill County that:

The Chair of the Morrill County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Morrill County and NDOT.

Morrill County is committed to providing local funds for the project a required by the Project Program Agreement>

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2023 at Bridgeport, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Morrill County

/s/Jeff Metz

/s/Susanna Batterman

/s/Josh Schmidt

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Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Niki Egan from Flyover Brewing Co. requested a Special Designated Liquor License for an event at BE Farm Event for September 29, 2023. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the liquor license. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the applications for Custodian that had been turned in. They will look over these any others after the final deadline of September 18, 2023 and will interview applicants on the 26th at their meeting.

A conference call with Caleb Johnson regarding the 2023-2024 Budget was held. Johnson questioned whether the county wanted to add more money into reserves or into the General Budget. The Board said to leave it the way it is.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt had no meetings. Batterman reported on the meeting with the Advisory Behavioral Health Board. She said she has a Zoom meeting today with the Public Health District. She said she has to go to Kearney next week for a meeting. Metz said he was unable to attend his meetings.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting in an open public meeting at 7:42 A.M., Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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 having been published in the Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on September 7, 2023. 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 September 7, 2023. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Rose Nelson, County Assessor, and Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, were present Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:42 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Samuel F. Garcia, Jr., met with the Board to request a tax exemption for his vehicle. He had a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding this matter. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, explained why she had denied the exemption. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Vehicle Tax Exemption for Samuel F. Garcia, Jr. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor presented Tax List Correction #2023-11. 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 also presented her 3-Year Plan of Assessment. She said that Bridgeport has to be revalued and she would like to get the Feedlots revalued. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to accept and approve the 3-Year Plan of Assessment. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to return to regular session at 7:53 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk