

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 27, 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 May 22, 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 May 22, 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, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and the minutes of the May 13, 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, \$1,284.38; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,505.60; AT & T Mobility, Service, \$771.54; Axon Enterprise Inc, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$923.20; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$630.56; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Repairs & Supplies, \$242.99; Box Butte Co Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs, \$18.50; Kathy Brandt, Meals & Mileage, \$415.69; Robert M. Brenner Law Office, Court Appointed Counsel, \$920.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing & Supplies, \$37.54; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs, \$606.81; Century Business Products, Equip & Supplies, \$279.73; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,260.83; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Repairs, \$170.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$746.27; Elmshaeuser Law, Court Appointed Counsel, \$150.00; Ashley Fenning, Meals & Lodging, \$703.45; Stacie Lynn Harden, Contract Labor, \$448.00; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Steven R. Hutchinson, Contract Labor, \$730.00; Kaiser Tire, Repairs, \$84.99; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Logoz LLC, Uniforms, \$432.15; Maximus Inc, Consulting Fees, \$735.89; Medical Air Services Assn, Insurance, \$476.00; Midwest Radar & Equip, Equip, \$400.00; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$6.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,268.63; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$30,084.99; Morrill County Sheriff, Court Costs, \$18.70; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; NE Print Works LLC, Supplie, \$454.34; NE 4-H Foundation, Lodging, \$825.00; Rose Nelson, Mileage, \$126.00; NIRMA, Registration Fee, \$40.00; Nossaman, Petitt Law Firm, PC, LLO, Court Appointed Counsel, \$2,661.69; Sarah Paisley, Supplies & Mileage, \$80.74; Candace Panas, Mileage, \$119.00; Platte Valley Bank, Check Order, \$294.60; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,072.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,060.66; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$250.74; Quill LLC, Supplies, \$982.74; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,698.86; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$466.79; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Dept, Law Enforcement Costs, \$34.06; Susan D. Sparks, Contract Labor, \$1,290.00; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Data Processing Costs, \$288.00; U.S. Postal Service, Box Rent, \$154.00; U S Bank, Data Processing Equip, Registration, Uniforms, Phone, Supplies & Misc, \$4,820.14; Univ of NE-Lincoln, Data Processing Equip, \$2,164.34; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Fuel, \$86.57; General Employees, Salaries, \$68,573.11.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,189.51; Bomgaars Supply Inc, Supplies & Repairs, \$992.82; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$132.74; Charter Communications, Service, \$119.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$438.80; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Harbor Freight Comm Acct, Tools, \$129.98; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Repairs, \$948.00; KBK Trucking LLC, Gravel, \$19,033.52; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$113.28; Medical Air Service Assoc, Insurance, \$224.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,077.64; Morrill County

Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,348.82; NE Public Power, Service, \$78.05; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,796.86; Principal Life, Life Insurance, \$115.32; Regional Care Inc, Insurance, \$13,988.94; Simon, Asphalt, \$787.05; WPCI, Testing Fees, \$642.00; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$28,351.19

911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$135.06.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$247.39.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

BOK Financial, Interest Pmt & Fee, \$6,227.50.

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

Board of Equalization

No minutes for Board of Equalization.

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

The March & 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 Board meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Samantha Stoltenberg met with the Board regarding the upcoming renewal for Health Insurance. She was asking if the Board wants to continue with the County and Hospital being combined. Metz asked if it is cheaper, combining the two. Stoltenberg said it is, because of the number of employees. Metz asked if we could have a quote with the Hospital and without. She said they can have that. The renewal will be at the next meeting, on June 10, 2025.

Carl Gilbert, Surveyor, sent a subdivision of property and a resolution for Charles & Sherri Dobrinski. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owner **CHARLES DOBRINSKI & SHERRI DOBRINSKI**, 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 PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 2.86 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE CENTER QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, SOUTH 01°41'12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 548.77 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, SOUTH 01°41'12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 170.12 FEET;
THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE, NORTH 88°12'25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 732.32 FEET;
THENCE NORTH 01°36'31" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 170.03 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 88°09'34" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 232.63 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 88°14'21" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 499.86 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY (PARCEL 1), CONTAINING 2.86 ACRES, INCLUDING COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

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 at owner expense.

Passed and approved this 27th day of May, 2025

(S E A L)

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson, County Board

S/s/Susanna Batterman

Member, County Board

/s/Josh Schmidt

Member, County Board

ATTEST: /s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Jeff Metz, Chairman of the Board, asked about setting protest dates in June, if we have a lot of protests this year. The Board discussed various dates along with the Assessor. It was decided they would start hearings on June 24th after their regular meeting and hold them all day if needed, also on the morning of June 25th from 7 A.M. - noon. Then the rest would be on July 8th and 9th.

Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, presented a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$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 #2025-12
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 \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2025.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairman

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

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

The Board met with Jack Berg, President of the Tourism Board, regarding the lighting project for Court House & Jail Rocks. The Board said they want up to \$10,000 to be distributed to the museums, etc. in the county. Berg presented a copy of one of the grants that they are submitting. He said before they can do that, they need to know how much the Board will allow them to use out of the Visitors' Promotion Fund. Metz said that the Tourism Board had requested \$40,000 to help pay for this project. Berg said it will only be used if they get enough grants and donations to pay for the rest of the project which will be around \$110,000. He said if the Board approves the \$40,000, he will be able to get three grants applied for this week. The grants have to have an amount that shows how much of the fund they can use. The Board asked if they were taking donations too. He said they have received some donations for this project. Motion was made by Metz, seconded by Schmidt, to allocate \$40,000 of the Visitors' Promotion Fund to this project if enough is raised for the rest of the project. Yeas: Metz & Schmidt. Nays: Batterman. Motion carried.

The Board reported on meetings they had attended. Schmidt said he attended the Hospital Meeting and discussion was held regarding the ambulance service and it will be voted on at their next meeting. He said he also attended the Veteran's meeting and that the hamburger feed will be on the Courthouse lawn on August 13, 2025. Batterman reported that she had no meetings. Metz said he attended the Fair Board meeting. Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff, reported on the LEOP meeting. He said they need to get a new radio for Kay Anderson and the cost would be around \$5,000. Cardenas reported that Sarah Paisley had picked up the vehicle for \$14,000. The Board will talk to Garden County about shared costs.

Rudy Dominguez asked about the Cannabis. Cardenas said that it is still not legal. Dominguez argued that it was. They explained to him that the bill still has not been made into law. Metz said that Morrill County will not support it.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:54 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

