

Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Monday, April 26, 2021

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:45 A.M., Monday, April 26, 2021 in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse. Chairman Jeff Metz welcomed the Bayard and Bridgeport Seniors to County Government Day. Metz introduced the elected and appointed officials and explained the various duties of the County Board. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on the table. 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 April 21, 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, 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of Board of Equalization and Transfer of Funds, and the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

#### GENERAL FUND

Alarm Security Technicians, Equip, \$825.44; American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,172.79; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$6,995.88; Applied Concepts Inc, Law Enforcement Costs, \$2,895.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, Supplies, \$56.62; Bobbin Heads, Election Supplies, \$349.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$44.80; Bridgeport News-Blade, Publishing, \$29.30; Century Business Products, Equip, \$44.64; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$2,379.69; Clerk of District Court, Bank Fees, \$55.00; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$284.10; Crites, Shaffer, Conneally, Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$84.00; Mandy M. Dalimata, Phone, \$25.00; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$3,923.89; DocuShred, Service, \$120.00; Nancy Eichthaler, Phone & Supplies, \$44.79; First State Bank-Scottsbluff, Car Pmt, \$15,481.97; Flatwater Arms, Law Enforcement Supplies, \$620.28; HG Maybeck Co Inc, Provisions, \$64.50; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies & Laundry, \$237.40; Susan Kelly, Mileage, \$17.36; Midwest Connect, Supplies, \$155.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing Costs & Juror Fees, \$2,814.68; Moneywise Office Supply, Supplies, \$44.00; 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; NACEB, Dues, \$50.00; NACO, Registrations, \$302.00; NE Dept of Revenue, Garnishment, \$50.00; NE Print Works LLC, Supplies, \$110.00; NIRMA, Misc, \$476.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,675.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,011.76; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$215.99; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, Equip Lease, \$105.54; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$27,973.54; Jared Reynolds, Contract Labor, \$500.00; Jean Rhodes, Public Defender, \$6,110.91; Katlyn Rosas, Postage & Mileage, \$353.05; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$230.57; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, \$69.88; U S Bank, Data Processing Costs, Lodging, Supplies, Repairs, Furniture, Postage, Phone & Misc, \$3,827.46; Valley Tire & Service LLC, Mileage, \$19.38; Xerox Financial Service, Equip Rental, \$83.64; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$237.84; General Employees, Salaries, \$59,642.32.

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$368.27; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$2,837.04; Big State Industrial Supply Inc, Supplies, \$598.00; Dana Cadwallader, Phone \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$93.02; Charter Communications, Service, \$99.98; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$76.14; Dept of Revenue, State Income Tax, \$1,459.00; Dooley Oil Inc, Oil, \$6,671.24; Ron Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Harbor Freight Tools, Tools, \$89.99; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$103.44; Lawson Products Inc, Supplies, \$42.58; Mebulbs, Repairs, \$1,183.58; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,241.74; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$17,926.51; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$252.93; \$222.00; NE Public Power Dist, Service, \$71.73; NMC

Exchange LLC, Repairs, \$570.57; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$422.50; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,091.17; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$113.85; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$13,608.56; Simon East Region NE, Asphalt, \$1,155.00; U S Bank, Supplies, \$23.88; David Zwirn, Phone, \$40.00; Road Employees, Salaries, \$25,218.09.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

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

HANDYMAN FUND

Morrill County Highway Dept, Phone, \$25.00.

W911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$231.23; Century Link Business Services, Service, \$71.22.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$210.70; Century Link Business Services, Misc, \$476.66.

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.

Nancy Eichthaler, Handyman/Public Transit Director, presented a resolution to allow her to apply for CARES ACT funds to obtain a new van at no cost. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to direct Eichthaler to apply for CARES ACT Funds and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-14

WHEREAS, there are Federal funds available under the CARES ACT for the expansion of service for Public Transportation, at 100% of the cost of the expansion.

WHEREAS, Morrill County desires to apply for said funds to be used to purchase a new van to provide transportation for the public, including the elderly and handicapped of Morrill County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morrill County Board of Commissioners hereby instruct the Morrill County Public Transit Director to apply for the above stated funds and submit the application for the same to the Nebraska Department of Roads, Rail and Public Transportation Division.

Said funds are to be used for acquisition of a conversion style van.

APPROVED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz  
Chairman, Morrill County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman  
Board Member

(S E A L)

/s/Josh Schmidt  
Board Member

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt  
Morrill County Clerk

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

The following 2021 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: March - I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas and S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, was not present but delivered the March Financials to the County Board.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to get formal approval of the purchase of a 2016 John Deere 672G Motor grader for \$178,250. This bid had been submitted by Murphy Tractor with the bids that were presented in March. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the purchase and to have the amount of \$100,000 be taken out of the Sinking Fund and \$78,250 out of the Inheritance Tax Fund. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on other Boards that they serve on along with other Panhandle Commissioners and explained the functions of these boards

The Board recessed at 9:10 A.M. to attend County Government Day activities.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Metz adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

