

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. Chairperson Metz announced that the Open Meetings Law was posted on 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 Transcript Gate LLC, on May 18, 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 May 19, 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 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 deletion of the Resolution for National Support Initiative and the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received and read.

The Commissioners reviewed the following claims:

GENERAL FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$1,469.35; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$7,445.88; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$685.41; Box Butte County Treasurer, Owl Pro Comp, \$900.00; Kathy Brandt, Mileage, \$52.40; Capital Business Systems, Inc, Data Processing Costs & Equip Lease, \$162.20; Ismael Cardenas, Reimbursement, \$25.00; Cenex Fleetcard, Fuel, \$1,213.18; Century Business Products, Equip & Supplies, \$187.44; Century Link, Service, \$80.76; Charm-Tex, Inc, Supplies, \$222.80; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$1,550.07; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$206.88; Cozad Signs, LLC, Signs, \$650.00; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$3,847.34; Shauna Faessler, Phone, \$40.00; Kirk Fellhoelter, Phone, \$180.00; Government Forms & Supplies, Supplies, \$374.39; Holly Hjelmstad, Phone, \$40.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$168.89; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$804.33; John Deere Financial, Repairs, \$372.59; Susan Kelly, Phone, \$40.00; Kone Inc, Service, \$256.89; Lincoln County Detention Center, Boarding, \$1,750.00; Lincoln County Sheriff, Service Fee, \$21.43; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$504.00; Morrill County Clerk, Supplies, \$61.01; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,497.46; Morrill County Health Fund, Check order, \$18.11; Morrill County Health Plan, Insurance, \$34,376.43; Morrill County Highway Dept, Fuel, \$359.10; Rose Nelson, Mileage & Notary, \$288.13; Nossaman, Pettit Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Counsel, \$946.45; Options in Psychology LLC, Witness Fees, \$400.00; Sarah Paisley, Mileage, Supplies & Meals, \$312.25; Panhandle Coop, Fuel, \$1,457.15; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,360.41; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$13,336.48; Principal Life Insurance Co, Group Life, \$220.59; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$28,226.63; Corinna Robbins-Box Butte Co Court, Reimburse, \$54.77; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Katlyn Rosas, Meals & Mileage, \$109.11; Sirchie Acquisition Co LLC, Supplies, \$93.08; Sonny's Pharmacy, Medical-Prisoners, \$38.19; Staples Credit Plan, Supplies, \$431.74; State of NE-Dept of Admin Serv, Data Processing Costs, \$69.88; Tracy Terrell, Supplies, \$19.96; Thompson Reuters-West, Supplies, \$653.00; U S Postal Service, Box Rent, \$146.00; U S Bank, Data Processing, Registrations, Supplies, Phone & Misc, \$4,212.99; Paul Wess, Box Butte Co Court, Reimburse, \$352.03; Xerox Financial Services, Equip Rental, \$679.49; XESI Document Solutions, Equip Rental, \$132.79; General Employees, Salaries, \$63,218.07.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

American Family Life Insurance, Insurance, \$525.73; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$3,010.41; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$12.47; Dana Cadwallader, Phone, \$40.00; Century Link, Service, \$108.21; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$24.75; Dept of Revenue, State Tax, \$1,447.91; Ronald G. Franklin, Phone, \$40.00; Bryan Hoerler, Phone, \$40.00; KBK Trucking, Gravel, \$19,076.09; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Supplies & Repairs, \$293.29; Medical Air Services Assoc, Ins, \$224.00; Justin Mitchell, Phone, \$40.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,122.98; Morrill County Health Plan, Health Insurance, \$15,459.27; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NE Public Power, Service, \$45.96;

Panhandle Coop, Repairs, \$113.70; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$400.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,527.29; Principal Life Ins Co, Group Life, \$89.31; Regional Care Inc, Health Insurance, \$11,577.28; Renkoski Vegetation Services LLC, Spraying, \$4,745.83; Village of Broadwater, Service, \$102.20; Westco, Fuel, \$13,209.97; David Zwirn, Phone & Reimbursement, \$131.74; Road Employees, Salaries, \$26,759.31.

HEALTH FUND

Morrill County Health Fund, Claims, \$67,471.87.

STOP FUND

Motorola Solutions Inc, Equip, \$6,045.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link, Service, \$120.75; GeoComm Inc, Misc, \$4,036.00.

W911 FUND

Century Link Business Services, Service, \$538.42.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

BOK Financial, Int-Bond Pmt, \$7,933.75.

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

See separate minutes for Board of Equalization.

The following 2023 monthly reports were received, reviewed and placed on file: Apr – I Cardenas, Co Sheriff, K Brandt, Co Clk, L McCoy, Co Treas & S Kelly, Clk of Dist Ct.

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

The May minutes of the Veteran’s Board meeting were received, reviewed and placed on file.

Robin Stuart, Hospital Administrator, presented the April Financials to the Board. She reported that the bids for the new daycare are still out.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented the 5-Year contract with GWorks for the GIS Mapping. She said the contract is up in July. She said it averages to about \$9,900 per year. The Board asked if any other companies are out there to do this work. Nelson said Sidwell is used in another county. The Board said to reach out to other companies to see what they could do.

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

**RESOLUTION #2023-23
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 23rd day of May, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeff Metz

Chairperson

/s/Susanna Batterman

Board Member

/s/Josh Schmidt

Board Member

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ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt

County Clerk

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

The renewal for RAVE, which is the Panhandle Alert Service, was received from Ron Leal, Region 21 Emergency Manager for five years. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the RAVE renewal. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Four bids were opened at 8:15 A.M. for county-owned property. Two bids were received for Parcel #10014059. The first was from Jeanne Camara in the amount of \$251.00 and the second bid was from Marlene Yeager in the amount of \$500.05. Two bids were received for Parcel #200122757. The first was received from Twin Rocks Land Co which had a range between \$4,054.78 and \$6,757.96, but not a sealed or set bid. Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, said the bid from Twin Rocks could not be considered a bid. The second was from Pappas Farms LLC for \$5,610.00. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to award the bid for Parcel #10014059 to Marlene Yeager for \$500.05, and the bid for Parcel #200122757 to Pappas Farms LLC for \$5,610.00. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A ballot from the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) was received for the Panhandle Region candidate to the Board of Directors. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to vote for Tyler Rexus for the Board of Directors. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Hoerler, County Highway Superintendent, presented an agreement with the City of Bridgeport for the Recreation Road leading to the State Lakes. Hoerler said the City will be responsible for the maintenance of the road. Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, said it will be for maintenance now and ownership later. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the "Program Agreement" with the City of Bridgeport for the Recreation Road. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session according to Ne Statute #84-1410(d), for a personnel issue at 8:38 A.M. with Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, Tim Marquez, Veteran's Service Officer and Milo Cardenas, County Sheriff (by phone). Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 9:20 A.M., with no action taken. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Matt Anderson, USDA Wildlife Specialist, presented a contract renewal to the Board. Anderson explained there is a 5% increase in price. Metz asked why it was only a one year contract. Matt said it is for now, but hopefully will change next year. He discussed the airplane usage and the county paying half. The County is going to hold off on the cost share for now. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt to renew contract for one year for \$11,572.16. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reported on the meetings they had attended. Schmidt reported on the Aging Office of Western NE meeting and the Office of Human Development meeting and evaluation of the director. Batterman went to the Lincoln Opioid Committee meeting and the amounts available are over \$14,000,000.00 and Region I will get a portion for the counties involved. Walmart will have money that will be included for the region. She said the Behavioral Health meeting is tomorrow. Metz said he had no meetings.

Sarah Paisley gave an update on the Extension office. She said they are finally advertising for Tammy's position, so hopefully they will get it filled.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M.
Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public meeting in an open public meeting at 7:40 A.M., Tuesday, May 23, 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 May 18, 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 May 19, 2023. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairperson, 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 Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to enter into Board of Equalization, according to Ne. Statute #77-1233.04(6) at 7:40 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rose Nelson, County Assessor, presented Tax List Corrections #2023 – 8 & 9. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above corrections. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nelson presented a Clerical Error for a pivot corner. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve and sign the above error report. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

