

Bridgeport, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:30 A.M., Tuesday, February 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on February 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 February 6, 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 Transfer of Funds and the minutes of the January 28, 2025 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, Repairs, \$125.00; Allo Communications, Service, \$1,299.48; American Family Life, Insurance, \$1,261.96; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, Retirement, \$8,377.17; Brennan Andrew, Phone, \$40.00; Bayard Automotive LLC, Repairs, \$22.67; Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, Board of Prisoners, \$8.95; Bob Benton, Repairs, \$84.50; Kathy Brandt, Phone, \$40.00; Bridgeport New-Blade, Publishing, Supplies & Subscription, \$777.78; Ismael Cardenas, Phone, \$40.00; Cenex Fleet Fueling, Fuel, \$2,473.31; Charter Communications, Service, \$169.99; Clerk of Dist Court, Court Costs, \$38.00; Brandon Collins-Flamig, Phone, \$40.00; Colonial Life, Insurance, \$179.63; Culligan of Scottsbluff, Service, \$63.00; D & C Concrete & Tile LLC, Snow Removal, \$550.00; Douglas, Kelly, Ostidek, Snyder Etc, Court Appointed Counsel, \$60.00; Rhett Dye, Phone, \$40.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies, \$139.14; Daniel Flores, Phone, \$40.00; Gould Glass, Repairs, \$40.00; Grand Slam Solutions, LLC, Contract Labor, \$1,500.00; Hometown Leasing, Equip Lease, \$56.20; Matthew Martin Hutt PHD, Law Enforcement Costs, \$675.00; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Laundry-Prisoners, \$286.17; Jack's Uniforms & Equip, Uniforms, \$157.90; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Repairs, \$47.46; Andrew Lawson, Phone, \$40.00; Legacy Cooperative, Repairs, \$257.77; Marlin Leasing Corp, Leased Equip, \$472.27; Tim Marquez, Phone, \$40.00; Seth McLaughlin, Phone, \$40.00; Jeff Metz, Phone, \$40.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Equip Rental, \$247.00; MIPS Inc, Data Processing, Postal Service & Supplies, \$9,340.21; Morrill County Court, Court Costs, \$172.00; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$2,233.11; NE Assoc of Co Clerks, ROD & Elect, Dues, \$100.00; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$274.16; \$236.31; NE Total Office, Supplies, \$23.86; Rose Nelson, Phone & Mileage, \$96.00; Zeth Patterson, Phone, \$80.00; Patty Wax General Service, Mngr \$1,000.00; Jason Perkins, Phone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$1,172.91; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$14,000.40; Retchless Technologies LLC, Contract, \$1,500.00; Travis Rodak, Rent, \$675.00; Sandhills Repair, Repairs, \$474.90; Snell Services Inc, Service, \$780.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Board of Prisoners & Supplies, \$59.07; State of NE-Dept of Admin, Service, \$537.60; Ricky Trevino, Phone, \$40.00; Wex Bank, Fuel, \$537.38; General Employees Salaries, \$66,738.88.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Allo Communications, Service, \$110.85; American Family Life, Insurance, \$663.73; Ameritas Life Ins Corp, Retirement, \$3,229.25; B & C Steel Corp, Steel Products, \$436.26; Bayard Automotive, Repairs & Supplies, \$777.81; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$3,997.27; Capital Business Systems Inc, Supplies & Equip, \$415.33; Caterpillar Financial Services Crop, Equip Lease, \$5,153.05; Century Link, Service, \$128.86; City of Bayard, Service, \$733.01; City of Bridgeport, Service, \$548.29; Colonial Life Insurance, Insurance, \$22.16; Fat Boys Tires & Auto, Tires, \$38.50; Floyd's Truck Center Inc, Repairs, \$142.40; Frank Parts Co, Repairs, \$174.74; Harbor Freight Comm Acct, Tools, \$344.98; Ideal/Bluffs Facility Solutions, Supplies, \$337.02; Menard's-Scottsbluff, Repairs & Supplies, \$458.02; Morrill County Health Plan, Emp Share, \$1,077.64; NE Child Support, Child Support, \$156.00; NMC Exchange LLC, Repairs & Supplies, \$3,531.95; Platte Valley Bank, HSA Accts, \$625.00; Platte Valley Bank, Federal Withholding, Social Security & Medicare, \$5,831.38; Rocky Mountain Air Solutions, Supplies, \$291.03; Road Employees Salaries, \$28,704.43.

ROAD SINKING FUND

Topkote Inc, Trucks & Equip, \$312,750.00.

LATCF FUND

Motorola Solutions Inc, Equip, \$7,821.05.

W911 FUND

Century Link, Service, \$240.53; Frontier, Service, 34.19.

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 Quarterly report for the Highway Department, was received, reviewed and placed on file.

Milo Cardenas, President of the Veterans' Board, said that Glen Amateis was going off the board and they wanted to replace him with Brandon Collins. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to replace Glen Amateis, with Brandon Collins. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A subdivision of property was received for George Hall Family Trust. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to approve the subdivision and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-03
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTRUMENT EFFECTING SUBDIVISION TO REAL
ESTATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present record owner, George Hall Family Trust-Kevin G. Hall, 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 3.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, 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 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, NORTH 01° 41' 54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1327.96 FEET, TO THE SOUTH SIXTEENTH OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 88° 17' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1322.84 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST SIXTEENTH CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 88° 17' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 326.81 FEET, THENCE NORTH 40° 17' 49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 150.93 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 18° 59' 37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 84.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 28° 43' 21" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 483.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 76° 26' 14" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 164.26 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02° 00' 51" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 286.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88° 12' 35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 363.21 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL, CONTAINS 3.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A 25 FEET WIDE ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, 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 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, NORTH 01° 41' 54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1327.96 FEET, TO THE SOUTH SIXTEENTH OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE ON THE NORTH

LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 88° 17' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 385, AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 88° 17' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,260.84 FEET;
THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, SOUTH 88° 17' 48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 326.81 FEET;
THENCE NORTH 40° 17' 49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 150.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 18° 59' 37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 29.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 40° 17' 49" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 153.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88° 17' 48" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 314.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88° 17' 48" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,260.85 FEET, TO A POINT OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON HIGHWAY 385; THENCE ON SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 01° 41' 54" WEST. A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A 20 FEET WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, 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 SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH 09° 05' 10" WEST. A DISTANCE OF 1,234.17 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE SAID 20 FEET WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, NORTH 56° 49' 10" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 406.88 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS.

A 20 FEET WIDE IRRIGATION EASEMENT, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EAST 20 FEET OF THE NORTH 190.25' OF PARCEL 1, AS SHOWN HEREON.

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.

/s/Jeff Metz
Chairman, County Board

/s/Susanna Batterman
Member, County Board

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/s/Josh Schmidt
Member, County Board

ATTEST:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt
County Clerk

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

Sarah Paisley, Extension Educator, presented the Annual Report for 2024. She talked about the different programs that were presented in Bayard and Bridgeport. She said there were 100 kids that participated in the County Fair. She said they are doing drone training. She said the Leadership with 5th grade students is going well.

The Board reported on meetings they attended. Schmidt and Batterman had no meetings. Metz reported on the Community Action Board meeting.

Kirk Fellhoelter, County Attorney, said that Judge Miller cannot be here for County Government Day and he was going to try and find another judge for that. County Government Day will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 8:28 A.M. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

/s/Jeff Metz, Chairman

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt, County Clerk

Board of Equalization
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Morrill County Board of Equalization met in an open and public regular meeting at 7:45 A.M., Tuesday, February 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 Transcript Gate LLC and the Bridgeport News-Blade on February 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 February 6, 2025. On roll call Commissioners Jeff Metz, Chairman, Susanna Batterman and Josh Schmidt were present. Absent: None. Loretta McCoy, County Treasurer, and Rose Nelson, County Assessor were 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 7:45 A.M. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Metz, opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 A.M. for Vehicle Tax Exemption. Loretta McCoy, presented an exemption for Bridgeport Church of Christ. Hearing no public comment, Chairman Metz closed the Public Hearing at 7:48 A.M. Motion was made by Batterman, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Vehicle Tax Exemption. Yeas: Batterman, Schmidt and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Batterman, to return to regular session at 7:50 A.M. Yeas: Schmidt, Batterman and Metz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Jeff Metz _____, Chairman

Attest:

/s/Kathleen L. Brandt _____, County Clerk