

Chase County Commissioners

April 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The open meetings act and agenda were posted. With nobody present for Open Forum Commissioners moved on to agenda items.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester presented three informal bids for a Fuel Tank to be placed at the Lamar Shop; basic specifications required the tank to be at least 5000 gallons and include FlameShield. County will be responsible for setting tank, hooking up to electricity and exterior plumbing consisting of the fill tube and delivery tube. The first from Yant Equipment for \$37,807.41 for a 5260g tank with 360-degree FlameShield; second from Orthman Energy LLC for a 6000g tank with FlameShield for \$59,192.76 and the third from Midwest Petroleum Equipment for a 5260g tank with FlameShield for \$46,504.39. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the bid from Yant Equipment in the amount of \$37,807.41. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting to present a bid received for the Old Highway 6 overlay project. Only one bid was received. Bid was from Hall Brothers Inc for Onyx Mastic Surface Seal on Old Highway 6 with a unit price of \$1.75 per square yard with an estimated total amount of \$295,680.00. Toney suggested that the Commissioners utilize Highway Buyback funds for this project. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the bid from Hall Brothers Inc for Onyx overlay on Old Highway 6 for \$295,680.00 and to use Highway Buyback funds to pay for the project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Toney also reviewed upcoming plans for the Dump Road project and ideas to repair street damage in Enders.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

PE=payroll exp, TE=travel exp, SU=supply,  
SE=service, CC=court cost, RP=repairs,  
PT=parts, L=labor, UT=utility, AP=Appt. Counsel,  
PS=Prior Service EQ=Equipment JD=Juv Div

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8857.33
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3182.95
ARMSCOR CARTRIDGE INC	SU	935.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	24465.61
BWTELCOM	UT	151.36
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	800.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	286.30
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	230.08
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	263.27
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	205.00
EAKES, INC	SU	541.19
EFTPS	PE	15122.28
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	SU	1248.16
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1532.24
HILLS FAMILY FOODS SSH INC	SU	41.33
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	269.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	84.55

IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	154.36
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	871.83
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2172.84
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	1363.00
LANGENFELD TOWING	SE	199.00
LECC/CA ASSOCIATION	TE	150.00
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	1705.00
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	150.51
MIPS, INC.	SE	1411.35
MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	AP	62.50
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	845.05
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1996.37
NEBRASKA.GOV	SU	7.50
NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	AP	4465.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1511.73
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	32.99
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	360.00
REGION II SERVICES (DEV.DISABILITY)	SE	2025.00
S & S LOCK AND KEY	PT/L	2429.00
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	3864.86
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	SU	758.72
TODD, DUANE	TE	152.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	SE	154.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	183.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	23.89
WILCOX RYAN R.	AP	750.00
WOLF CHEVROLET BUICK OF IMPERIAL	PT/L	569.00

Net Payroll 44716.18

**General Fund Total 132863.60**

ADAMS LUMBER	SU	21.49
AFLAC	PE	226.58
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	314.90
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1139.28
ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	840.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	250.00
BOMGAARS	SU	33.98
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	40.00
BWTELCOM	UT	98.16
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40.00
CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SE	321.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	57.44
EFTPS	PE	3460.11
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	SU	212.40
FRENCHMAN AUTO	PT/L	260.50
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1800.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	223.82
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	PT	147.81
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	3.65
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	261.55
IMPERIAL YOST FARM SUPPLY	PT	597.83
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	372.09
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE		185.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	899.74
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT	1087.23
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	998.99

SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	3068.41
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	960.00
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	PT	200.02
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	518.03
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	144.30
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	PT/L	678.02
	Net Payroll	19938.20
	<b>Road Fund Total</b>	<b>39406.48</b>
MIPS, INC.	SE	249.20
	<b>P&amp;M Fund Total</b>	<b>249.20</b>
CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SU	127596.90
	<b>Hospital Fund Total</b>	<b>127596.90</b>
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	320.89
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	23.99
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	89.01
	<b>Ambulance Fund Total</b>	<b>485.91</b>
	<b>Grand Total All Claims</b>	<b>300602.09</b>

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller and Dispatcher Kim Bartholomew joined the meeting for agenda item of Resolution 2024-6 for fund transfer into E911. The E911 fund currently has a negative balance as surcharges that fund the account have been lower than anticipated. Sheriff Mueller explained that these surcharges come from phone carriers and as the number of landline phones has been reduced, the surcharges for funding are less. Options for alternate funding of this account will be explored during budget time. At this time Commissioners intend to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax into the Emergency 911 fund to correct the negative balance and bring the fund amount up to the total budgeted amount for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Commissioner Brown moved to sign Resolution #2024-6 to transfer \$8731.10 from Inheritance Tax Fund to the Emergency 911 Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Eron Kitt was present for the agenda item of minimum maintenance road on Kitt's. The road in question is a portion of Ave 343 between roads 736 and 738. Eron indicated that it is listed as a Primitive Road by the state and the county has it signed as minimum maintenance. He has cattle guards at each end of the road and wants to put an electric fence gate across there for when the cattle guards are full. He is seeking written permission to gate the road. Commissioners will not grant permission for the road to be gated based on the opinion of County Attorney Burke, the road is posted as minimum maintenance therefore it must be open and cannot be gated.

Representatives from FirstNet were in attendance to inform the Board of the wireless phone services available through them to First Responders and support staff of first responders, as such County Employees are eligible for wireless services through FirstNet. FirstNet representatives left flyers and contact information to be made available and passed on to any county employees who may want it.

Surplus property forms were presented for Commissioners' review. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a black rolling file cart (tag #682) from the District Court inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus an old black desk hutch, two black desk risers and a nonworking paper shredder (tag #321) from the County Clerk's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to surplus a black desk hutch (tag #314) and a nonworking typewriter (tag #322) from the County Clerk's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling joined the meeting to review a bid received to install a new generator for the courthouse. When the county previously advertised for bids, none were received. One bid has now been received from PowerTech. Representatives from PowerTech reached out shortly after previous bids were requested. Upon a site visit, the representative indicated that the original specs requiring support for the courthouse load of 40KW was not high enough. After reaching out to the city, PowerTech established that a minimum of 65KW was needed to support the courthouse load. The bid received from PowerTech was for a base option of an 80KW Kohler 120/208-volt natural gas generator, 600-amp automatic transfer switch, disconnect and required material and labor to install for \$84,239.00 with an option to upgrade to a 100KW generator for an additional \$3,711.00. This bid is for a turnkey install with all electrical work to be performed by PowerTech.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the base bid with the optional upgrade to a 100KW generator from PowerTech for a total purchase price of \$87,950 and specified that this purchase is to be paid using available LATCF funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution #2024-7 to transfer \$250,000 from Inheritance Tax to Hospital Funding as per the FY23-24 budget documents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution #2024-8 to transfer \$67,410.76 from Inheritance Tax to the Fair Fund as per the FY23-24 budget documents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve Resolution #2024-9 to transfer \$95,000 from the Ambulance Fund to the Ambulance Sinking fund as per the FY23-24 budget documents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.


Commissioner Brown had two informal bids for the electrical upgrades at the fairgrounds. A third bid was sought from 4D Electric out of Wray, CO but they did not provide a bid. Bids submitted were for the installation of 50amp outlets on the east side of the 4-H building and on utility poles north of the 4-H building. The first bid was from Brophy Electric in the amount of \$11,740 and the second from Pivot Electric in the amount of \$10,775. Commissioner Brown stated that the Fair Board said their preference would be to award the bid to Pivot Electric. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the bid from Pivot Electric in the amount of \$10,775. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Representatives from Applied Connective joined the meeting for a semi-annual review of services provided. The county is mostly pleased with the services provided. Much of the discussion centered around grant funding and possible reimbursements for IT services.

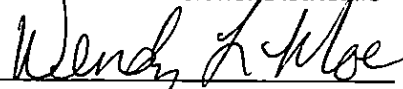
With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:56am.

**CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

  
Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2

  
Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST:   
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk