

Chase County Commissioner meeting
January 11, 2022

The organizational meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Present were commissioners Jacci Brown, Dennis Kunnemann, Duane Dinnel, county clerk Debra Clark and county attorney Arlan Wine. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda had been kept current and available in the office of the county clerk and posted to the website. The open meeting act and agenda are posted.

The clerk called for nominations for chairman. Dennis Kunnemann nominated Jacci Brown as chairman. The clerk called for additional nominations twice. There being none, Dennis Kunnemann moved the nominations cease. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried.

Dennis Kunnemann moved a unanimous ballot be cast for Jacci Brown for chairman. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried. Jacci Brown accepted the position of chairman.

The clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Brown. Jacci Brown called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Dennis Kunnemann nominated Duane Dinnel as Vice Chairman. Jacci Brown moved the nominations cease. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried. Jacci Brown moved a unanimous ballot be cast for Duane Dinnel for Vice Chairman. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried. Duane Dinnel accepted the position of Vice Chairman

Jacci Brown moved to accept the resignation of Jeff Tidyman as the Highway Superintendent. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; motion carried.

Dennis Kunnemann moved to accept the employment of Toney Krajewski as Chase County Highway Superintendent as per written agreement. Jacci Brown seconded. Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried. Toney Krajewski will be considered an employee of Chase County to be paid as set out in the written agreement. Toney is present.

Toney indicated he will bring the plans for the Wauneta and Champion Road projects to the next meeting for board approval.

Dennis Kunnemann asked Toney to look at the bridge in Champion. Toney indicated he would do a hydraulic study. He is also going to look at the draw south of the Dan Kunnemann residence.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve the minutes of the December 28th meeting. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried.

Jo Fanning is present for the 8:30 discussion of 736A Rd between 347 and 348 Avenue. Duane Dinnel indicated we need to come up with a long-term solution. Much discussion followed. Road Superintendent Krajewski is going to look at the road and give a recommendation to the board. He will be in contact with Craig Fanning. Toney left the meeting.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve Resolution #2022-01 to designate the Imperial Republican as the newspaper for publication of legal notices and proceedings. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-01

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Nebraska, that the Imperial Republican is hereby designated as the newspaper for publication of legal notices and proceedings of Chase County as may be required by law.

The board also designates the county's website as a method of providing notice of the time and place of each board meeting, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act in Section 84-1411(1).

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

Chase County Board of Commissioners

s/Jacci L. Brown - Chairman

s/Duane Dinnel - Member

s/Dennis Kunnemann - Member

ATTEST: s/Debra K. Clark, County Clerk

Duane Dinnel moved to approve Resolution #2022-02 authorizing the treasurer to invest monies. Jacci Brown seconded. Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-02

WHEREAS, the excessive monies from the levies of the various taxing districts of Chase County is to be invested by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cynthia Schoenberger, duly elected Chase County Treasurer, be authorized to invest such monies in the year 2022 in the best interest of Chase County.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

Chase County Board of Commissioners

s/Jacci L. Brown - Chairman

s/Duane Dinnel - Member

s/Dennis Kunnemann - Member

ATTEST: s/Debra K. Clark, County Clerk

Dennis Kunnemann moved to approve Resolution #2022-03 designating depositories, payroll, tax certificates and foreclosure of same. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-03

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chase County Board of Commissioners:

1. Adams Bank & Trust-Imperial; Waypoint Bank-Imperial; Pinnacle Bank-Imperial; Sandhills State Bank-Wauneta; NPAIT; and Union Bank and Trust (NFIT) be designated as depositories for Chase County Funds for the year 2022.
2. That the salaries and wages of County Employees be paid semi-monthly after each commissioner meeting, in the manner provided by law. In the event two commissioner meetings cannot be held, the Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer are duly authorized to execute payroll as scheduled.
3. That the Treasurer of Chase County shall purchase all tax certificates for the benefit and use of said county in accordance with the law, and to meet tax foreclosure requirements.

4. That in accordance with the NE Statute 77-1902 the County Attorney shall foreclose the lien for all delinquent real estate taxes, which have been offered for sale for two consecutive years and not sold for want of bidders, according to law.
5. Reasonable advanced publicized notice of the time and place of meetings may be by publication in the newspaper, posting on the county's website or posting in public buildings.
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Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

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The board made the following decisions concerning the outside board duties they would perform for Chase County for 2022. Jacci Brown will attend SW Nebraska Public Health, Champion Mill and county safety meetings. Dennis Kunnemann will attend Juvenile Diversion and Hospital meetings. Duane Dinnel will attend the meetings in North Platte for Region II Human Services, Region II Behavior Health and West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging.

Jacci Brown moved to appoint Duane Dreiling as the Emergency Manager for Chase County for 2022. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning shop foremen and safety committee members from each shop. The board requested appointment of shop foremen and naming of safety committee members be placed on the next agenda.

Dennis indicated he would like to have a skid steer loader for the Lamar shop. He suggested using the cash value of the JD tractors they have leased. Discussion followed. The clerk is to review the procedure for buyout of leases and add this to the next agenda.

Radio concerns of the road department were discussed. No action taken.

Bidding of fuel was discussed. They are not offering any yet. They will continue to monitor.

Purchase of culverts will be tabled until we receive a report from the Highway Superintendent.

Disposition of old filters will be tabled until we receive an inventory.

Jacci Brown moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Chase County, on behalf of the Veterans Service Office. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Jacci Brown moved to approve payment of claims as submitted. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; motion carried.

GENERRAL FUND

AFLAC	ACCT# 17163	\$	493.07
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	ACCT# 17163	\$	17.74
AMERITAS LIFE IN.	GROUP# 412428	\$	47.30
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	EMPE RET	\$	7,975.51
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	EMPR HEALTH IN	\$	21,985.83
BWTELCOM	ACCT #1567	\$	149.63
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	EMPE MEDICAL R	\$	108.33
CHASE COUNTY CLERK OF DIST. COURT	CLAIM #128	\$	213.00
CHASE COUNTY COURT	CLAIM #137	\$	210.00
CHASE COUNTY SHERIFF	CR20-16	\$	364.73
COLONIAL LIFE	(BCN) E3674389	\$	66.82
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	CI 19-60	\$	251.97
EAKES, INC	IN 8398713-0	\$	165.37
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$	14,540.02
FIRST INSIGHT EYE CARE	INV# 170472157	\$	185.00

FRENCHMAN AUTO	#20885	\$	86.84	
FVFC	FUEL-DEC	\$	43.15	
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	ACCT 118921	\$	1,824.26	
HOMETOWN LEASING	LEASE 32795602	\$	84.55	
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	ACCT 3535960	\$	83.76	
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	R/O 03575	\$	124.14	
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	6 662 102777	\$	3,707.41	
JAEGER, JANICE E	DEC.BOARD	\$	1,668.00	
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HO120121C	\$	3,100.00	
MCCRACKEN, BECKY	INV.#21119	\$	108.70	
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	INV# 172283	\$	35.00	
MIPS, INC.	INV 22010836	\$	1,358.71	
NE ASSO OF CO CLERKS	2022 DUES	\$	75.00	
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	EMPE CHILD SUP	\$	320.00	
NE STATE INCOME TAX	STATE TAXES	\$	1,927.97	
OFFICE SERVICE INC	FOLDGERS COFFE	\$	315.77	
OPTUM BANK	EMPE HSA ACCOU	\$	224.50	
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERVI	INV #26908	\$	212.15	
PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	INV-2489 DEC.	\$	1,995.00	
QUILL CORP	INV 21344131	\$	180.95	
REGION II SERVICES	3RD QTR	\$	1,963.00	
SUPER FOODS	ACCT 385	\$	375.00	
VERIZON WIRELESS	9895483089	\$	45.94	
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	GIFT CERT.	\$	425.00	
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	134731	\$	233.10	
WINE, ARLAN G	NOV.PHONE	\$	67.22	
NET PAYROLL	SERVICES	\$	41,457.37	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL				\$ 108,816.81
<u>ROAD FUND</u>				
AFLAC	ACCT# 17163	\$	15.47	
AMERITAS LIFE IN.	GROUP# 412428	\$	5.95	
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	EMPE RET	\$	853.16	
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	EMPE HEALTH IN	\$	830.95	
BOB'S REPAIR & SERVICE	#665	\$	96.30	
BWTELCOM	ACCT #437	\$	97.37	
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	CI 18-78	\$	166.28	
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$	2,757.90	
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	ACCT 92609	\$	227.33	
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	R/O 04565	\$	327.94	
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	15570-15831	\$	25.64	
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	R/O 02879	\$	245.02	
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	3 990 364	\$	292.08	
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE	FEIN-476006441	\$	102.00	
NE STATE INCOME TAX	STATE TAXES	\$	672.61	
OFFICE SERVICE INC	1052208 BOXES	\$	64.80	
OPTUM BANK	EMPE HSA ACCOU	\$	15.00	
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	IN3705265	\$	3,051.90	
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	ACCT #5632	\$	12.51	
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	135021	\$	5,512.74	
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	ACCT 509	\$	164.96	
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	P94615	\$	983.27	
NET PAYROLL	SERVICES	\$	14,341.76	
ROAD FUND TOTAL				\$ 30,862.94
<u>E-911 FUND</u>				

BWTELCOM	18% ACCT 5332	\$	53.49	
CENTURY LINK	18%-254664849	\$	421.82	
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	ACCT 73851	\$	386.52	
KASEWARE INC.	18%-INV 1394	\$	2,592.00	
E-911 FUND TOTAL				\$ 3,453.83
<u>W-911 FUND</u>				
BWTELCOM	82% ACCT 5332	\$	243.67	
CENTURY LINK	82%-254664849	\$	869.68	
KASEWARE INC.	82%-INV 1394	\$	11,808.00	
W-911 FUND TOTAL				\$ 12,921.35
<u>AMBULANCE FUND</u>				
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	ACCT 1283909	\$	186.69	
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	EMPE RET	\$	23.04	
BWTELCOM	ACCT #1980	\$	55.32	
EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$	39.17	
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	ACCT 101213	\$	172.38	
HUNT, GARY K.	LOVES #349	\$	205.01	
NE STATE INCOME TAX	STATE TAXES	\$	11.06	
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERVI	INV 26895	\$	115.45	
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	13514	\$	50.01	
NET PAYROLL	SERVICES	\$	438.78	
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL				\$ 1,296.91
GRAND TOTAL ALL CLAIMS				\$ 157,351.84

Wages for the Tori Otzel were discussed. Because there is no longer any part-time help Dennis Kunnemann moved to increase her wages from \$18.03 an hour to \$20.00 an hour. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jaci-yes; motion carried.

The board requested a meeting with the Veteran's Service Committee be scheduled for 9:00 on January 25, 2022. The clerk will make the notification.

Salary discussion for elected officials for 2023 thru 2026 was continued from the last meeting. The board determined the figures they wished to place in the resolution. The 2023 salary for Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer and County Attorney will be \$66,000 with a 3% increase each year.

The Sheriff will be paid 125% of the \$66,000 base salary with an additional \$7,000 for administration of dispatch and jail for a total of \$89,500 in 2023. His salary will also increase 3% each year. The salary for sheriff and communications were combined as one salary for 2023-2026.

The surveyor position will pay 50% of the clerk, treasurer, assessor and attorney salary.

The Nebraska Constitution allows an increase or decrease at the beginning of the full term of any member. Therefore, the board elected to set a salary for only two years for the commissioners. They set 2023 at \$30,000 and 2024 at \$30,900. The 2025 and 2026 salary will be established by resolution in two years.

The board recessed at 12:10 pm. The clerk will draw up the salary resolution and make the deposit for the payment of claims. The board will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Dennis Kunnemann moved to approve Resolution #2022-04. Jaci Brown seconded. Dennis-yes; Jaci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22 - 04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Chase County Board of Commissioners of Chase County, Nebraska, that Chase County hereby sets the following annual salaries for elected officials for the term of office beginning January 2023 and ending December 2026.

**Assessor
Clerk**

Sheriff

Surveyor

**Attorney
3 Days**

	Treasurer	125%	50%	
2023	66,000	89,500	33,000	66,000
2024	67,980	92,185	33,990	67,980
2025	70,019	94,950	35,010	70,019
2026	72,119	97,799	36,060	72,119

County Commissioner salary is being set for two years as allowed by the Nebraska Constitution. Their salary may be increased or diminished at the beginning of the full term of any member. The salary for 2025 and 2026 will be established by Resolution in two years.

2023 \$30,000 2024 \$30,900

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above stated salary the elected official shall receive during his or her term of office, at county expense, single health and dental coverage. Should health insurance no longer be offered by the county, the Elected official shall receive a subsidy, equivalent to the last year's premium, toward the cost of single health insurance in the open market. Such additional funds shall not be considered part of the official's salary. Should an official elect the Cash-In Lieu option, it shall not be considered part of the official's salary either.

The County Sheriff salary as stated above includes management of the communications center and jail.

The County Attorney salary as stated above shall include Child Support Enforcement duties.

Officials may receive Christmas gift certificates, as other employees. Such gifts shall not be considered part of the official's salary.

The County reserves the right to enter into an agreement with any qualified elected official as the budget-making authority. It is the intent of the Chase County Board that such agreement shall not constitute an increase in the herein adopted salary.

Approved and adopted this 11th day of January, 2022.

Chase County Board of Commissioners

s/Jacci L. Brown

s/Dennis Kunneemann

s/Duane Dinnel

ATTEST: s/Debra K. Clark

Chase County Clerk


The board was provided figures for the scrap metal purchased by Lamar Diesel and Irrigation.

With no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.


The next regular meeting of the board is Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Debra K. Clark
Chase County Clerk


CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Duane Dinnel – Commissioner District #1



Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2 - Chairman


Dennis Kunnemann

Dennis Kunnemann – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: Debra K. Clark

Debra K. Clark – Chase County Clerk