

Chase County Commissioners

March 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, County Attorney Joel Burke, Sheriff Kevin Mueller and Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda and open meetings act were posted. With nobody present for open forum, Commissioners moved on to agenda items.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. 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

AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.5
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9296.24
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	830.45
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	305.44
BCBS OF NE	PE	23828.4
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	800
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.26
CHASE CO FAIR & EXPO	SE	500
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	263.83
CORNHUSKER GLASS INC	SU	382.14
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	202.75
DEBUSK, HALLEY	SE	45.32
EAKES, INC	SU	118.55
EFTPS	PE	15957.28
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	137.34
FVFC	SU	2094.38
GROTZKY, R. LEIGH	TE/SU	103.12
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	69.84
LAKE MAC ASSESSMENT, LLC	SE	761.22
LEMPKE, HOLLY	SU	35.99
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	SE	935
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	SE	81.42
MORRIS, DORISA D.	CC	62.5
NACO (REGS.)	SE	25
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2127.9
PANKONIN, JIMMIE L.	RP	354
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	41.75
RED WILLOW CO SHERIFF	SE	315
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	SE	538.3
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	67.98
SWPPD	UT	154.67
US BANK CORP PAYMENT	SU	119.94
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	1320
	Net Payroll	47557.8
	General Fund Total	110438.34
ADVANCED AUTO	SU	2.87
AFLAC	PE	226.58
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95

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ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	2720
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	46.39
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	1055.2
BCBS OF NE	PE	250.01
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	520
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	57.47
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	60.72
EFTPS	PE	3421.16
FVFC	SU	1310.04
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1890
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	PT	31.46
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	EQ	22240
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	887.74
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	50.56
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	2622.06
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	560
	Net Payroll	19749.77
	Road Fund Total	58875.98
CHASE COUNTY AREA ARTS COUNCIL		450
FRIENDS OF ENDERS FOUNDATION		1500
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300
SCORE CAMP		1000
	Tourism Fund Total	3250
NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	UT	4084.46
	Wireless 911 Fund total	4084.46
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1549.94
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	123.4
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	109
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	592.31
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	63.2
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	1469.67
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	26.72
BURKE JOSH	SE	14.68
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	266.08
FVFC	SU	293.65
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	66
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	36.9
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	74.3
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	31.8
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	16.4
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	48.2
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	230.8
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	24.6
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	14.68
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	116.2
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	165.8
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	66
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	271.1
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	15.52
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	66
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	238
OSTMEYER, CHAD	SE	269.38
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	24.6
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	62.8

Ambulance Fund Total 6347.73
Grand Total All Claims 182996.51

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Scott Way and Ryan Stromberger joined the meeting on behalf of the Chase County Fair Board for the agenda items of Informal Bids for the Concrete Project and Electrical Upgrades. Commissioner Brown indicated that the Board is still waiting on another bid for the Electrical project so it will not be acted on at this time.

Two bids for the Concrete Project were available for review, one from Imperial Contracting in the amount of \$32,376 and one from Doolittle Concrete in the amount of \$32,723. Commissioner Brown noted that she had reached out to Jantz Construction for a third bid, he said the project was too small and did not wish to submit a bid. Board asked Scott and Ryan what the timeline for this project is, they indicated they would like it completed as soon as possible as the City has reached out and would like to host Smokin' on Broadway at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Brown asked Fair Board representatives if they had a preference in which bid they would like to have awarded. Scott Way indicated that he would like to see the bid be awarded to Doolittle as he was a subcontractor to Martin for the building and has been a silent donor of the fair for a long time. Commissioner Bernhardt noted that he would like to trust the Fair Board members and take their opinions and recommendations into consideration in matters such as this. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the bid from Doolittle Concrete in the amount of \$32,723.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

The County Attorney and Sheriff were present for review of the Village of Wauneta Police Service Contract. After review of the proposed contract received from the Village of Wauneta, Attorney Burke and Sheriff Mueller identified a few suggested changes; the first to add to Paragraph #1 "In the event the Chase County Sheriff's Office shall encounter an unforeseen reduction in man power, the hours of police presence shall be mutually adjusted accordingly."; revise Paragraph #9 to reflect that attendance at the meetings of the Village Board shall be quarterly; revise Paragraph #11 to state "This agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2024 and expire on September 30, 2025. This agreement shall renew automatically from year to year, from October 1 through September 30 of each subsequent year unless terminated pursuant to the terms of this agreement."

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Village of Wauneta Police Service Contract as amended, contingent upon the approval of the Village Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester joined the meeting for agenda item of Security Cameras. They have been looking into getting cameras to monitor the fuel tanks at the road shops and possibly in the ambulance barn. Dick has been in touch with BWTelcom and Duane has information from Prairie States. Both men were instructed to get bids to present at the next meeting. Discussion commenced regarding the cameras in the beef barn at the fairgrounds. Sheriff Mueller indicated that the login information for monitoring those cameras should probably be made available to Dispatch.

Matthew Musgrove and Abby Cyboron joined the meeting for the agenda item of Chase County Community Hospital Audit Findings. Based on information in the audit findings, the hospital has had steady gain over the past three years. Matthew said "the balance sheet is prime to take on debt if the hospital really wanted to." Commissioners were pleased with the audit findings. Before leaving Matthew and Abby presented documentation for purchase of an Orthopaedic Equipment package in the amount of \$56,140.77 and Stryker System 9 Orthopaedic Tools in the amount of \$71,456.13 to be submitted for reimbursement to the hospital out of the County's budgeted Hospital Fund.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester joined the meeting to discuss various road matters. Dick and Commissioner Bernhardt have been working to gather bids for fuel tanks at the Lamar shop, this item will be added to the next agenda. Toney said he is going to advertise for bids for an Onyx Overlay for Old Highway 6.

Bids were reviewed for the Lee Tree Removal. When this item was originally discussed, informal bids were gathered but not reviewed because the work for the Chase County side of the road would not exceed \$10,000. As an agreement with Perkins County has been sought to cover half of the bill, the cost will exceed \$10,000. Informal bids were gathered from Kruger Backhoe and Wiley's Top Notch Tree Service to remove the trees on the north and south side of Road 750 east of the Stinking Water Creek. A third bid was sought from Aaron Greene, no bid was submitted by him. The Kruger bid was for \$25,000 and Wiley's bid was in the amount of \$32,000. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid from Kruger Backhoe in the amount of \$25,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

No action on the Weathercraft roofing proposal, it will be sent on to NIRMA for review as it was part of an insurance claim.

At 9:00 Chairman Brown opened the hearing for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan. Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski reviewed the plan with Commissioners. Toney explained that there are three main projects listed in the one-year plan, they include the armor coat overlay on Old 6, grading and gravel for 1.5 miles of Road 740 on the east end of the county (McCallum's Hill), and armor coat for 2.2 miles of Avenue 331 (Dump Road). After review of the projects, with nobody present to offer public comment, Chairman Brown closed the hearing at 9:10. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2024-5 to adopt the One and Six Road Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Clerk.

Agenda item of Minimum Maintenance Road on Kitt's will be moved to next meeting. Survey has been ordered for opening of 745 road from 318 avenue to 321 avenue, agenda item moved to unfinished business.


With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:37.

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