

Chase County Commissioner Meeting
January 10, 2023

The organizational meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order at 08:00am. Present were commissioners Duane Dinnel, Jacci Brown and Kurt Bernhardt and county clerk Wendy Moe. Also in attendance were sheriff Kevin Mueller, and Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk and was posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The open meeting act and agenda were posted.

The clerk called for nominations for chairman. Kurt Bernhardt nominated Jacci Brown for chairman. The clerk called for additional nominations. Kurt moved that nominations cease and cited that a further motion and second were not necessary. Jacci Brown accepted the position of chairman. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Brown.

Jacci Brown called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Kurt Bernhardt nominated Duane Dinnel. Nominations ceased. Duane Dinnel accepted the position of Vice Chairman.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve Resolution 2023-1 to designate the Imperial Republican as the newspaper for the counties legal notices and proceedings. Motion was seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes, Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023-01

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 10th day of January, 2023.

Chase County Board of Commissioners

s/Jacci Brown – Chairman

s/Duane Dinnel – Member

s/Kurt Bernhard – Member

ATTEST: s/Wendy Moe, County Clerk

Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2023-2 authorizing the Treasurer to invest monies. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023-02

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 Rebecca Bernard, duly elected Chase County Treasurer, be authorized to invest such monies in the year 2023 in the best interest of Chase County.

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Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve resolution 2023-3 designating depositories, payroll, tax certificates and foreclosure of same. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolutions are available in office of the county clerk.

RESOLUTION #2023-03

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 2023.
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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Rhonda Smith and Brandon Beard joined the meeting at 8:10. Rhonda came with public comment for Open Forum. She wanted an update on the Champion Bridge project as she has concerns about citizens not being able to get across it. Jacci Brown will check with the Highway Superintendent to see if he knows of the status and estimated completion date of the project. Rhonda left the meeting at 8:20.

Discussion of outside board assignments commenced. Jacci and Duane explained the various boards to Kurt. Outside board assignments were made as follows for the 2023 year: Duane Dinnel will sit on the Region II Human Services, Region II Behavioral Health and West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging boards. Jacci Brown will sit on the Southwest Nebraska Public Health, West Central NE Developmental, Champion Mill and County Safety Meeting boards. Kurt Bernhardt will be on the Hospital and Juvenile Diversion boards. Duane Dinnel moved to approve outside board assignments. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Joel Burke and Clerk Magistrate Karen Mueller joined the meeting.

County Weed Superintendent Brandon Beard presented his annual report. Discussion held with few questions from commissioners. Duane Dinnel moved to approve the annual weed report as presented. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried and report signed. Brandon Beard left the meeting at 8:47.

Jacci Brown moved to appoint Duane Dreiling as Emergency Manager. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Duane Dinnel moved to appoint Anthony Krajewski as the Highway Superintendent. Jacci Brown seconded. Duane - yes; Jacci - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Per resolution, the Emergency Manager and Veteran Service Officer's current salary is set at 50% of the Elected Officials salary. Jacci Brown moved that the Emergency Manager's salary remain at 50% of the Elected Officials salary. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Duane - yes; Jacci - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the Veteran Service Officer's current salary and benefits. Duane Dinnel would like to see the salary lowered and benefits reduced. He does not think the position requires as many hours as are currently logged by the Veteran's Service Officer. He would like this to become an hourly position with a set number of hours. Duane Dinnel stated that overstaffing of any office is an expense to the taxpayer and we need to be fiscally responsible. Other board members agree that making it an hourly position with no benefits would be good. All are in agreement that 20 hours weekly would be acceptable. Duane Dinnel moved to set an hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours per week with no benefits for the Veteran's Service Officer. Retirement benefits will still be included. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Duane - yes; Jacci - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Jacci Brown moved to advertise for bids for the Crack Seal project on Old Highway 6 with bids to be open on February 14. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held so the record will reflect that signors on county bank accounts need to be updated. Outgoing officials need to be removed from accounts and the following current officials may be authorized signors on bank accounts: Rebecca Bernard, County Treasurer; Wendy Moe, County Clerk; Jacci Brown, Chairman; Duane Dinnel, Vice Chairman; Joel Burke, County Attorney.

County Attorney Joel Burke was present to discuss a possible interlocal agreement with Dundy County for Child Support Enforcement and the Juvenile Diversion program. Agreements will be prepared for review and this item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Discussion of trees in the county road ditches commenced. Duane Dinnel said the county will hire someone to top out the trees on the south side of the road and Vince Lee will clean up the downed trees. Discussion was held asking who might be hired to top out the trees. Commissioners will seek someone to top out the trees and cut them down to 12-15' in height.

Duane Dinnel stated that we have until the end of the year to use the Tire Grant funds. We have been approved for 150 tons. He would like to see it be done sometime this spring. The city has agreed to let us use their facilities. Duane will work with the road secretary to get it set up.

Hospital minutes and Imperial community center minutes were reviewed.

Surplus items from treasurer were reviewed. Kurt Bernhardt moved to sell fax machine on facebook, transfer two Office Jet printers to Assessor's office and throw away a nonworking Lexmark printer and Sharp calculator. Duane Dinnel seconded. Jacci - yes; Duane - yes; Kurt - yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller stated that many random chairs are starting to gather in the basement again. He intends to gather them all up to be made surplus.

Clerk has been in contact with other counties to see how their Inventory is handled. This item will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

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

General Fund

AFLAC	PE	\$	458.65
AFLAC	PE	\$	17.74
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	38.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	8,565.19
BEAR GRAPHICS INC.	SU	\$	291.02
BCBS	PE	\$	26,343.93
BOMGAARS	SU	\$	603.22
BWTELCOM	SE	\$	144.83
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES	SU	\$	246.77
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	\$	640.00
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	\$	133.32
CHIEF SIGN COMPANY	SU	\$	356.60
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.	SE	\$	50.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	\$	66.82
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	\$	448.00
EAKES	SU	\$	114.10
EFTPS	PE	\$	16,242.08
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	RP	\$	851.52
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	SE	\$	1,509.75
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC	SE	\$	702.79
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	\$	18.78
IDEAL LINEN	SE	\$	92.06
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	\$	34.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	\$	444.30
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	\$	864.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	SE	\$	3,825.00
MIPS,INC.	SE	\$	1,394.14
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	\$	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	\$	2,321.70
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT IN	SE	\$	725.37
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	\$	270.67
OPTUM	PE	\$	22.75
OPTUM BANK	PE	\$	183.00
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	\$	21.98
QUILL CORP	SU	\$	423.64
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	\$	16.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SE	\$	45.98
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	\$	303.59
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$	84.45
WINE, ARLAN G	SU	\$	107.57
Payroll		\$	44,800.36
General Fund Total		\$	114,144.12

Road Fund

ACE IRRIGATION AND MFG	SU	\$	289.70
ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS	SU	\$	90.28
AFLAC	PE	\$	110.16
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	894.33
BCBS	PE	\$	279.51
BOMGAARS	SU	\$	538.51
BWTELCOM	SE	\$	97.16
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	\$	40.00

CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SE	\$	206.00
EFTPS	PE	\$	2,750.79
FRENCHMAN AUTO	SE	\$	335.90
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	SE	\$	223.91
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC	SE	\$	145.49
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	\$	495.56
IMPERIAL YOST FARM SUPPLY	SU	\$	378.67
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	\$	313.49
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	\$	75.00
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE	SE	\$	187.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	\$	703.23
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	\$	126.96
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	SE	\$	171.50
SPORER LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC	SU	\$	1,381.85
TITAN MACHINERY	SU	\$	372.73
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	\$	10.87
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$	196.10
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	\$	160.80
Net Payroll		\$	15,789.95
Road Fund Total		\$	26,371.40
E-911 Fund			
BWTELCOM	SE	\$	278.90
CENTURY LINK	SE	\$	978.53
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	SE	\$	386.52
E-911 Fund Total		\$	1,643.95
Wireless 911 Holding Fund			
DENISE AMBER LEE FOUNDATION	SE	\$	400.00
Wireless 911 Holding Fund		\$	400.00
Ambulance Fund			
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	\$	2,002.16
BWTELCOM	SE	\$	52.02
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	SE	\$	319.81
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	\$	67.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$	95.05
ZOLL	SE	\$	264.00
Ambulance Fund Total		\$	2,800.04
Grand Total All Claims		\$	145,359.51

Road secretary reminded board of Fire Marshal training for road employees in Perkins County on January 23-24.

With no further business to come before the board, Jacci Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:19.

Wendy Moe - Chase County Clerk

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