

Chase County Commissioners
March 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown on Tuesday, March 28 at 8:00am in the Commissioner Meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were commissioners Duane Dinnel and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski and Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling. The agenda was kept current and available in the office of the County Clerk and posted to the website the day before the meeting. The agenda and the open meetings act were posted.

Amy Gittlein and Julie Spickelmier were present for Open Forum. Amy stated that the roads in the northeast portion of the county are very bad, some not having been graded since January 28. Julie thanked commissioners from other districts for lending a grader and manpower to the Wauneta area to get across some of their roads. Commissioner Dinnel explained that his district is currently down a grader, it will probably be fixed about the same time that the new grader is delivered in late April. In the meantime, the two grader operators are sharing one grader and each using it for three or four days a week. Commissioners Brown and Bernhardt questioned the possibility of renting a grader from CAT while we wait for the new one to be delivered. Dinnel said it's an expensive option. Kurt Bernhardt will get in touch with Gregg O'Brien at CAT and look into getting a grader to use temporarily. Amy and Julie summed up their visit by saying that they are appreciative of Rex and the work he is trying to do with the limited experience and equipment that he has, they just want to know if there is a plan in place to get these roads opened and cleared up and when they might get some relief from this road situation.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski explained that he plans to use Greg Jantz and his equipment to reestablish ditches and reshape the road on 347 Ave south of Spring Creek. He intends to have Greg use that as a training opportunity for county grader operators. Commissioners may also have Greg work with grader operators in other districts for training on roads. Toney said Koch's should be ready to start on the Spring Creek bridge project in mid May.

At 8:30 Chairman Brown opened the hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan. The plan was presented and explained by Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski. Discussion was held about cost difference and benefits of onyx overlay rather than traditional armor coat on Old Highway 6. Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve the one and six year road plan as presented. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Toney presented Resolution #2023-6 to be signed adopting the One and Six Year road plan for the Fiscal Year 2023 as proposed. Duane Dinnel moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Resolution approved and signed. A complete copy of the One and Six Year road plan is available in the office of the county clerk.

Resolution #2023-6

At the Regular Meeting of the Chase County Board of Commissioners in Imperial, NE, held at the Chase County Courthouse on March 28, 2023, a hearing was held on the 2023 One (1) and Six (6) Road Plan, at 9:00 A.M., as advertised.

Following discussion by the Board of Commissioners and citizens present, a motion was made to adopt the One (1) and Six (6) Year Road Plan for the Fiscal Year 2023 as proposed. Roll Call Vote showed "Ayes" – 3, "Nayes" – 0. Motion carried.

/s/Jacci Brown, Chairman

Attest: /s/Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

Jacci Brown moved to approve claims as presented. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. 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

FUND	NAME		TOTAL
100	AFLAC	PE	\$ 361.13
100	AFLAC	PE	\$ 17.75
100	AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	\$ 32.50
100	AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	\$ 8,330.36
100	BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	\$ 622.28

100	BLEEDING EDGE ENSYS LLC	SU	\$	1,805.72
100	BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	\$	25,976.80
100	KARON DENISE CARTER	SE	\$	800.00
100	CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	\$	779.60
100	CHASE CO TREAS.	PE	\$	133.33
100	CHASE CO COURT	CC	\$	51.00
100	CHASE CO FAIR	SE	\$	500.00
100	CHASE CO SCHOOLS	SE	\$	225.00
100	COLONIAL LIFE	PE	\$	66.82
100	DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	\$	155.96
100	DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	\$	156.32
100	HALLEY DEBUSK	SE	\$	45.32
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	SU	\$	107.15
100	EAKES, INC	SU	\$	232.87
100	EFTPS	PE	\$	14,647.09
100	STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	AP	\$	1,440.00
100	BILLY W. ESKEW	SE	\$	137.34
100	FVFC INC	FUEL	\$	1,194.04
100	R. LEIGH GROTZKY	SU	\$	57.50
100	BRYAN E. HILL	SE	\$	34,880.00
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	SE	\$	4,350.00
100	MCI	UT	\$	80.18
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	\$	320.00
100	STATE OF NE INCOME TAX	PE	\$	1,976.58
100	OPTUM BANK	PE	\$	183.00
100	CHASE CO.TRANSIT/ROAD (PETTY CASH)	SU	\$	9.55
100	PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	FUEL	\$	152.24
100	PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	\$	360.00
100	HEATHER SCHOENHOLZ	SE	\$	56.65
100	DAWN M. SIEGFRIED	CC	\$	45.00
100	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$	1,191.00
100	SWPPD	UT	\$	285.90
100	RYAN R. WILCOX	AP	\$	925.00
		Net Payroll	\$	42,538.54
		General Fund Total	\$	145,229.52
200	AFLAC	PE	\$	110.18
200	AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	5.95
200	AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	1,058.04
200	BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	\$	986.73
200	BOMGAARS	SU	\$	208.25
200	BUD'S TIRE REPAIR INC	RP	\$	218.00
200	CHASE CO TREAS.	PE	\$	40.00
200	DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	\$	56.45
200	EFTPS	PE	\$	3,327.76
200	FANNING FARM REPAIR	RP/L	\$	386.40
200	FVFC INC	FUEL	\$	16,041.86
200	IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	\$	317.44
200	IRONHAWK INDUSTRIAL DIST.	SU	\$	1,875.32
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	\$	105.00
200	MITTEN INC.	FUEL	\$	14,337.40
200	STATE OF NE INCOME TAX	PE	\$	869.38
200	NMC	RP/L	\$	2,035.43
200	PAULSEN, INC.	SU	\$	2,285.28
200	SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	\$	4,622.54
200	SPORER LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC	SU	\$	2,036.60
200	US BANK CORP. PMT.	SE	\$	310.97
200	21ST CENTURY	SU	\$	1,863.30

		Net Payroll	\$ 18,975.30
		Road Fund Total	\$ 72,073.58
990	NORMA J. HICKMAN	SE	\$ 300.00
		Tourism Fund Total	\$ 300.00
1000	CHASE CO FAIR	SE	\$ 41,121.00
		Fair Fund Total	\$ 41,121.00
2910	CENTURY LINK	SE	\$ 81.00
2910	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	SE	\$ 26.21
		E-911 Fund Total	\$ 107.21
5502	AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	\$ 932.02
5502	WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	\$ 227.54
5502	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	\$ 197.99
5502	JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	\$ 58.40
5502	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	SU	\$ 1,296.03
5502	FVFC INC	FUEL	\$ 175.83
5502	AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	\$ 98.80
5502	TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	\$ 81.24
5502	DEBRA HAYES	SE	\$ 174.40
5502	SABRINA M. HAYES	SE	\$ 64.60
5502	FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	\$ 206.08
5502	BROOKE HUBL	SE	\$ 85.20
5502	GARY K. HUNT	SE	\$ 163.54
5502	SHAWN JAEGER	SE	\$ 123.20
5502	TYLER KLEIN	SE	\$ 227.54
5502	LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	\$ 216.94
5502	MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	\$ 113.54
5502	ELDON KUNTZELMAN	SE	\$ 600.60
5502	CRAIG A. LOEFFLER	SE	\$ 793.60
5502	DESIREE LOEFFLER	SE	\$ 391.20
5502	JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	\$ 27.60
5502	JOHN W. MILLER	SE	\$ 40.04
5502	ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	\$ 57.32
5502	JOLENE D. MUTHS	SE	\$ 26.74
5502	CHAD OSTMEYER	SE	\$ 43.12
5502	ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	\$ 27.60
5502	RANAE RICHARDSON	SE	\$ 186.14
5502	US BANK CORP. PMT.	SE	\$ 207.19
		Ambulance Fund Total	\$ 6,844.04
		Grand Total All Claims	\$ 265,675.35

Duane Dinnel moved to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Road Secretary/Ambulance Billing clerk Jeni Lotspeich present for adjustment of ambulance rates. The county is currently losing money with the ambulance service. Medicare will pay up to \$13.20 per loaded mile. The county currently charges \$10.11 per loaded mile. Current rate charged is \$606.31 per run, medicare will reimburse up to \$503.84, depending on deductibles, commercial insurance could pay up to 100%. If no insurance is submitted the cash pay option is \$404. Jeni has been in touch with Char at EMS Accounting System and based on conversation with Char, Jeni is recommending that the county raise the per run rate to \$950 and double the mileage rate to \$26.00 per loaded mile.

Duane Dinnel moved to increase ambulance rates to \$950 per run, double the mileage rate to \$26 per loaded mile, and increase the no insurance cash rate to \$550. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Jeni presented the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for Transit to be signed. Duane Dinnel moved to allow the chairman to sign the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for Transit as presented. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown will sign the plan.

Moving forward, Commissioners want to advertise for all outside board appointments as openings come available. This will allow the public to be aware of available positions on various boards. Discussion of hospital board appointment added to agenda for next meeting.

Sheriff's Department/Communications center presented items for surplus. Many of the items being submitted for surplus have been in storage since before Sheriff Mueller took office, most of it is old tech equipment with no value. Dispatcher Chuck Bartholomew has been in touch with an office supply company who will help dispose of the equipment. After review of all surplus property forms, Duane Dinnel moved that the items be made surplus and disposed of through the office supply company previously contacted by Chuck. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. The following items were made surplus: 3 Miscellaneous battery backups; 2 HP CRT Monitors; 1 Gateway CRT Monitor; 1 Digital CRT Monitor; E-Machine 20" Monitor; 1 Inc 17" Monitor; 1 Dell 19" Monitor; Kodak ESP 3250 Printer; Planar Monitor; COBY LED 23" TV; Brother DCP 8040; Konica Minolta Magicolor Printer; OKI Microli NE 320 Printer; Audiolog Pro; Gateway DX100; Fax – Sharp FO3150; HP Compaq 800; HP Compaq 7700 Database; HP Compaq 7700 Power EMS; HP Net Server E800; HP Proliant ML110G6; HP Compaq 8000; Surplus VINE Booking; Surplus Fingerprint PC; HP Compaq DC7700; Gateway E-1600; Dell Dimension 2400; Gateway 212002 Desktop; HP Desktop Pavilion 500; E-Machine EL1852G-52W; Dell Optiplex 360; E-Machine Log Computer; HP Pro Display; HP Computer Jammin; HP 840c Printer; View Sonic Monitor; HP E800 Netserver; Motorola Multi-Line Phones; US Robotics Modem; UDS Telephone Modems; Intele Modem; BC Pro UPS; BC Personal 300 UPS; 4402 B Modem; Power Protection Plug; Telephone 2nd Surge Protection; ASUS Desktop; HP Deskjet 970 CXI Printer; DCP Printer Brother; Viper Servers; Call Logging Computers; Power Misc Records Server; Power Map System; Snom Phones; HP Computer Controllers; Flat Panel Monitors; Telephone Handsets; HP 2605DN; HP Win7 w/ Monitor (2009); HP Win7 w/Monitor (2010); Dell CPU.

Handbook Updates were discussed. Duane Dinnel and Kurt Bernhardt are not in favor of offering Comp Time for employees. Commissioners would like to see the handbook updated to reflect that Road employees will work four 10 hour days from the first Monday in April through the first Monday in October. Clerk to prepare updates for next meeting.

Commissioners reviewed treasurer's tax sale report of 2021 unsold taxes.

County Attorney Joel Burke arrived to present the contract for EMS Training Tuition Reimbursement. Duane Dinnel moved to approve the tuition reimbursement contract as presented. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Interlocal Agreement with Dundy County to be left on unfinished business.

Kurt Bernhardt would like to look into a retriever/reclaimer attachment to go on the front of graders to redo edges and reclaim gravel back onto the roads and help fix them before they get so out of shape. This will be left up to individual commissioners. Kurt will look into this for his shop.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:38am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/Jacci Brown – Chairman

s/Duane Dinnel – Member

s/Kurt Bernhard – Member

ATTEST: s/Wendy Moe – County Clerk