

Chase County Commissioners
April 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown on April 11, 2023 and 8:00am in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Commissioners Dinnel and Bernhardt as well as County Clerk Wendy Moe were also in attendance. The open meetings act and agenda were posted. The agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk and posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican.

With no one present for open forum, Colleen Mullanix joined the commissioners. Colleen has managed the Chase County Fair Premium account since 2007 and will be resigning from the position as of May 31, 2023.

Karen Baker joined the meeting for approval of a grant application requesting additional funding for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services. Baker explained that this is a competitive grant through the crime commission. She has written it requesting \$40,242.00 in additional funding for the Juvenile Services program. Duane Dinnel moved to authorize Chairman Jacci Brown to sign the grant applicant for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the March 28 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve signing of Resolution 2023-7, transferring E911 surcharge funds into the correct funds, correcting a clerical error from May/June of 2022. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available in the office of the county clerk.

Jacci Brown moved to approve signing of Resolution 2023-8, amending the county handbook to update road employee hours. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available in the office of the county clerk.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve Resolution 2023-9, authorizing application for federal transit funds. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available in the office of the county clerk.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – 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

ADAMS DRUG	SU	34.58
AFFILIATED BENEFITS	SE	50
AFLAC	PE	361.09

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AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	32.5
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	2781.4
FIRSTNET	SE	769.18
BCBS	PE	25976.45
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	SU	177.94
BURKE JOEL E	TE	591.91
BWTELCOM	SE	145.05
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	800
CHASE CO TREAS	PE	133.32
CHASE CO CLERK	REC	32
CHASE CO COURT	CC	58
CHASE CO TREAS	PO	961.36
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	66.82
CREATING CALM COUNSELING LLC	JD	720
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	448
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT/L	145.34
DUNDY CO TREAS	JD	1201.5
EAKES, INC	SU	725.3
EFTPS	PE	14039.04
FRENCHMAN AUTO	PT/L	121.6
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	RP	50
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	SE	1516.51
HEA	SE	190.23
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	26.67
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	249.9
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	265.15
IDEAL LINEN	SE	231.2
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1318.79
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	1312
KEITH CO TREAS	JD	1212.75
KUENNING, DEBORAH L.	TE	1349.98
MARKEE AG SERVICES	SU	567.93
MCNAIR AGENCY, INC	SE	40
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIP	SE	200
MIPS,INC.	SE	2788.28
MOE, WENDY	TE	128.38
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	412.48
MUELLER, TORI	TE	128.51
NE ASSO OF CO TREAS	SU	265
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR	PE	320
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SE	650

NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1863.35
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	5
NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	AP	2280
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1309.45
OPTUM	PE	22.75
OPTUM	PE	183
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	15.48
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	SE	68.5
REGION II HUMAN SVCS	SE	4008.17
RIPLEY KELLEN	SU	114.36
ROUNDTREE, RORY	AP	408
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	820
U S POSTAL SERVICE	SE	146
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	197.67
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	98.56

Net Payroll 40754.55

General Fund Total 123987.6

ADAMS LUMBER	SU	9.88
AFLAC	PE	110.16
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	1269.16
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1056.16
BWTELCOM	UT	98.48
CHASE CO TREAS	PE	40
CHASE CO TREAS	PO	1.8
EFTPS	PE	3318.89
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	3213.19
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	PT/L	1973.6
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	221.78
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	207.7
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	30.54
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	375.78
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	5
MITTEN INC.	FUEL	14337.4
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP	PT/L	6918.72
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	867.19
NMC	PT/L	2131.49
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	75.98
PANKONIN, JIMMIE L.	SE	242
SAPP BRO PETRO	FUEL	5585.18
SHELCO CONSTRUCTION	RD	96390
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	FUEL	879.17
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	228.03

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	SU	82.78
HEA	UT	146.31
	Net Payroll	18946.48
	Road Fund Total	158768.8
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO		3000
FRIENDS OF ENDERS FOUNDATION		1500
IMPERIAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		2000
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	595
	Tourism Fund Total	7095
BWTELCOM	UT	278.9
CENTURY LINK	SE	998.17
GREAT PLAINS COMM	SE	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	1663.59
NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SE	3965.5
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	3965.5
FIRSTNET	SE	592.01
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SE	1024.32
BROPHY ELECTRIC	SE	85
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO TREAS	PO	36.84
GREAT PLAINS COMM	SE	319.83
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	70.99
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	69.08
	Ambulance Fund Total	2250.09
	Grand Total All Claims	297730.58

At 8:30 Bart and Ryan Stromberger, Stromberger Farms, along with Dean and Nicole from Settje Agri-Services & Engineering joined the meeting to present a proposal for a project that will consist of placing roller compacted concrete along the existing three miles of Road 734 west from the end of the current blacktop to the end of Stromberger feedlot. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,486,443.02. Stromberger Farms is willing to participate in improving the county road by paying for 25% of the project. Settje mentioned that there are possible grant funds of up to \$500,000 available to help with the project. At this point Strombergers are requesting approval and cost share from the county to move forward with project site exploration through boring to investigate subsurface soils for the project. Commissioner Dinnel would like to consult with county highway superintendent Toney Krajewski before making any decisions. Duane Dinnel moved to table this topic until commissioners have time to talk to Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Road 734 RCC project tabled.

Commissioner meeting recessed by Chairman Brown at 9:30 for Board of Equalization.

Commissioner meeting resumed at 9:47, present were Brian Hill with Lake Mac Assessment, Assessor Tori Mueller, and Deputy Assessor Terrie State to discuss appraisal services. In an effort to make assessed values across the county more consistent, Assessor Mueller would like to contract with Lake Mac

Assessment to reassess all parcels in the county. Brian and a member of assessor's office staff will visit and assess all parcels, this will serve as a training process for the Assessor's office and make values across the county more consistent. Tori indicated that up until about 25 years ago the county had all assessing done by an outside appraiser, it has since been an in-house process and has resulted in inconsistent valuations. A project of this size will require formal bids. Commissioners directed assessor to prepare bid specs for the next meeting.

No action taken on appointment for Hospital Board. Commissioners will advertise for position before appointing anyone.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk