

Chase County Commissioners .

July 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on July 23, 2024, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The open meetings act, and agenda were posted. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. With nobody present for open forum, Commissioners moved on to agenda items.

Pam Bunker and Karon Pantera were present on behalf of the Wauneta Senior Center. Pam explained that the furnace and air conditioning unit in the Senior Center recently had to be replaced and that they are also working to make necessary updates to the facility as required by the State. The new unit cost approximately \$9,000. With these expenditures, they asked that the County consider allocating KENO funds to assist them in offsetting the expense of the new unit as KENO funds are to be used for community betterment purposes. Commissioners asked how much money was being requested, the ladies indicated that they would be happy with any amount.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve giving the Wauneta Senior Center \$9,000 from the KENO fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Claim will be submitted at the next meeting to make payment to the Wauneta Senior Center. Pam and Karon thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting for Open Forum to update the Board on the progress of the Dump Road project. He indicated that the project may come in under budget as there was no failure to be corrected and no patching was necessary before the project could be started.

The agenda item of Viaero Fiber Network permit request was addressed, Toney recommended that the Board wait to act on that until it can be reviewed more thoroughly. Toney suggested charging a permit fee. Item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Kent Anderson joined the meeting to introduce himself to the board and offer his services as a Licensed Bridge Inspector. Kent is based out of Dundy County; his fee is \$60 per hour plus mileage. Our current inspector charges a flat rate per bridge. Chase County inspections are typically done in November. As Kent is based more locally than our current inspector who comes from Scottsbluff, Commissioner Brown moved to hire Kent Anderson to do the bridge inspections for Chase County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Kent will work with Toney and Dick to schedule inspections when the time comes.

Dick notified the board that the security cameras will be installed in the road shops and at the Imperial EMS building on August 30. He will meet with each Commissioner to determine the placement of cameras.

Toney notified the Board that the Onyx Overlay project on Old Highway 6 will start in the later part of August. Project should only take a couple days.

Eric Gonzalez and Bob Thomas joined the meeting on behalf of the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Eric asked if invoices could be submitted for the new kiosk and covering shelter recently installed at the Memorial. The total cost came up to about \$27,000. Commissioners said the fund originally allocated for the project had been closed out and there was no other funding available to reimburse the expenditures.

Jordan from Murphy Tractor joined the meeting for the agenda item of Walk-N-Roll packer. Dick asked Jordan to come to the meeting to give the Board information about packer drags. Commissioners for the Wauneta and Lamar shops would each like to consider the purchase of a new packer. The one currently in Wauneta is unusable, it is being worked on now to see if repair is

possible. Commissioners directed Assistant Highway Superintendent to put together bid specs and advertise for bids to be open on August 13 at 9:00am.

County Attorney Joel Burke joined the meeting to present the agreement for Liewer Funeral Home concerning the cold storage unit. After review of the agreement, Commissioner Brown moved to sign the agreement between Liewer Funeral Home and the County for purchase, use and maintenance of a refrigeration unit to be used for the storing of corpses awaiting autopsy. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus the Small Oak Stand (tag #566) and transfer the item from the County Treasurer's office to the County Attorney. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus the 73 old folding chairs from the District Courtroom to be sold at the miscellaneous sale on Labor Day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

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	451.79
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8845.47
BARTHOLOMEW KIMBERLY	SU	76.97
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	175.76
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	22688.76
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	226.00
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.26
CHASE CO CLERK	SU	150.10
CHASE CO CDC	CC	129.00
CHASE CO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SE	107.00
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO	SU	500.00
CHASE CO FAIR PREMIUM ACCT	SU	499.50
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	488.60
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	9730.93
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	260.68
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	186.00
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	SE	168.75
EAKES, INC	SU	130.65
EFTPS	PE	14765.49
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.40
FVFC	SU	2501.14
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1748.74
HARVOY, ROBERT S	AP	137.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	SU	84.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	213.32
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	50.10
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2780.31
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	1650.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	80.49
MIDWEST CONNECT	SU	497.00
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	679.99

NATP(NATL ASSOC OF TRANS PROVIDERS)	DUES	85.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1939.69
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	2385.00
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	63.19
REGION II SERVICES (DEV.DISABILITY)	SE	2073.00
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	154.38
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1620.00
SWPPD	UT	228.16
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	3274.58
U S BANK	SU	52.88
VOGT, MCKENZIE	SE	200.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	222.23
WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS, INC	SE	1000.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	76.76
	Net Payroll	44080.61
Cash Account (Earned Interest + Unclaimed Property)		-8764.05
	General Fund Total	120784.14
AFLAC	PE	196.35
AIK SERVICES, LLC	SE	579.49
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11.90
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BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	81.82
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	300.74
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	2.40
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	131.48
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	60.72
EFTPS	PE	3594.11
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	1229.60
FVFC	SU	1692.28
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	226.95
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	PT/L	481.32
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	79.34
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	361.22
MADDUX, MICHAEL	SE	1240.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	955.79
U S BANK	SU	138.71
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	358.85
	Net Payroll	20525.20
	Road Fund Total	33402.77
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52
	E-911 Fund Total	386.52
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1418.11
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	109.00
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	219.40
AVOCATION SOFTWARE	SE	250.00
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	247.20
BROWNING, EMILY,E	SE	15.52
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	26.72
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	30.72
FVFC	SU	380.53
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	320.89
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	43.22
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	457.02
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	121.80

HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	57.20
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	53.00
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	171.40
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	73.80
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	260.40
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	273.20
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	173.60
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	27.82
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	73.80
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	15.52
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	59.20
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	114.62
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	236.00
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	22.40
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	167.20
SKELTON, JOSHUA	SE	53.00
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	SU	1142.55
SUEPER, JACOB	SE	42.34
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	52.73
	Ambulance Fund Total	6709.91
	Grand Total All Claims	161583.34

Commissioner Brown moved to sign the letter of support for Southwest Weed Management to the Nebraska Environmental Trust in support of the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project for the 2025-2026 grant period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown signed the letter.

Commissioners reviewed the annual Interlocal Participation agreement from Region II Human Services for Behavioral Health. Chase County's share is \$16,843.90 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to pay one lump sum payment for Chase County's contribution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Based on available dates offered by the County budget preparer, the Board determined that the County Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 8 at 8:00am.

The board reviewed correspondence and proposed annual budget from the District 11 Probation Office.

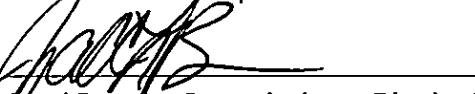
Assessor Mueller joined the meeting to present the Annual Cemetery Report and 3-Year Plan of Assessment to the Board.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:16am.

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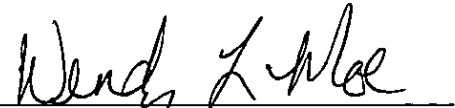
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

2024 Chase County Budget Workshop

August 8, 2024

The special meeting, for purpose of reviewing the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for Chase County, was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Also present were commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Treasurer Rebecca Bernard, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Dukes, Budget Preparer Caleb Johnson and Matthew Musgrove and Abby Cyboron on behalf of Chase County Community Hospital. Notice of the meeting was published in the Imperial Republican on August 1, 2024. An agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk. The agenda and open meeting act were posted.

Caleb presented the proposed budget to the Board and stated that there was an increase of \$625,260.50 in the tax asking from last year. Board will use this time to review all funds and make changes where necessary to lower the tax asking.

As Matthew and Abby were present, Commissioner Brown suggested that the Hospital Fund be reviewed first. The beginning balance in the fund was \$475,622.60, with an addition of \$250,000 from the Inheritance Tax fund, the Hospital Funding Fund will have a balance of \$725,622.60 for FY24-25. Board approved this figure, Matthew and Abby thanked the board and left the meeting.

Duane Todd, Chase County Veteran's Service Officer joined the meeting, Board moved to the Veteran's fund for review. Duane indicated that he failed to list a dollar amount under line 3-0101 Office Supplies and would like to add \$1600 to that line. Board asked why the amount was so high, Duane said his annual subscription to the VSO software for about \$500 comes out of that line. Board requested that portion be on a separate line. Caleb added a Dues & Subscriptions line for the software subscription. \$1100 was added to line 3-0101 for Office Supplies. Upon further review Board lowered line 2-1700 Travel Expenses from \$3700 to \$2700.

Proposed revenue lines were adjusted to reflect corrected amounts for Juvenile Services grant, Wauneta Law Enforcement Contract and Imperial Dispatch Services. Caleb also had questions about revenue lines 304-13 Motor Vehicle Taxes and 346-03 Motor Vehicle Fee from State. Treasurer Rebecca Bernard helped to identify and verify the amounts listed on those lines.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting to request that additional funds be added to the Appraiser's Fees/Assessor line 5-1250 in Miscellaneous General so she may have the opportunity to contract with an appraiser to reassess the feedlots in the county. Board reviewed lines 5-1250 and 5-0510, both are currently utilized mostly by the Assessor to pay for GIS website expenses, EagleView aerial imagery, Vanguard fees and ESRI. Tori indicated that there are about 12 feedlots that will need to be reviewed, Board asked if \$20,000 would be a sufficient amount. Tori said that it would. Line 5-0510 will be allocated \$60,000 for GIS, EagleView and Vanguard. ESRI will be paid from the GIS line in Assessor's fund. 5-1250 will have \$20,000 for outside appraisal fees.

Commissioners continued through the budget fund by fund. The following changes were requested by the board.

Fund/Function, Line, Proposed, New Amount
Assessor; 1-0100; 69,250; 68,999.50
County Attorney; 1-0100; 66,990; 68,999.50
County Attorney; 1-0201; 35,000; 3,600
County Attorney; 1-0305; 35,000; 36,000
Building & Grounds; 2-0525; 5,000; 0
Building & Grounds; 2-1620; 4,000; 0
Relief; 2-3000; 10,000; 5,000
Champion Mill Park; 2-1300; 10,000; 5,000
Champion Mill Park; 2-9900; 3,000; 1,000
Miscellaneous General; 1-0800; 675,000; 650,000
Miscellaneous General; 2-2401; 40,000; 35,000
Miscellaneous General; 2-2405; 50,000; 45,000
Miscellaneous General; 2-4410; 2,500; 0

Miscellaneous General; 2-4432 moved to 5-0300
Miscellaneous General; 2-9000; 30,000; 10,000
Miscellaneous General; 5-2500; 80,000; 60,000
Miscellaneous General; 5-0264; 6,000; 0
Miscellaneous General; 5-0304; 50,000; 25,000
Miscellaneous General; 5-0305; 50,000; 25,000
Road; 2-1213; 50,000; 0
Road; 2-1252; 20,000; 0
Road; 2-1400; 120,000; 100,000
Road; 2-1500; 70,000; 50,000
Road; 3-0100; 0; 35,000
Road; 3-0200; 150,000; 100,000
Road; 3-0202; 30,000; 40,000
Road; 3-0300; 8,000; 5,000
Road; 5-1205; 90,000; 0
Road; 5-1211; 50,000; 10,000
Road; 5-1255; 450,000; 550,000.

After going through all funds and lines of the budget, overall increase in tax asking was reduced to about \$50,000. Commissioners directed budget making authority Caleb Johnson to make changes as noted and any other corrections or adjustments that are needed to prepare the budget for advertising.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution #2024-14 for the Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%). Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution #2024-13 for the Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve Resolution #2024-12 for the Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Budget Hearing will be held on September 24. Caleb will prepare budget documents for publication to advertise for the hearing.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

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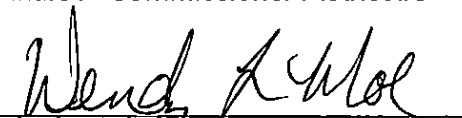
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