

Chase County Commissioners
June 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, by Chairman Jacci Brown in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Assistant Highway Superintendent DeWester was present to give the board quotes for security cameras at the road shops. Board directed that security cameras be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

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

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8731.28
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3199.60
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	829.83
BERNARD, REBECCA M.	TE	122.75
BCBS OF NE	PE	22570.74
BWTELCOM	UT	145.54
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	1441.76
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	261.68
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	570.60
DEBUSK, HALLEY	SE	158.62
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT/L	63.18
EAKES, INC	SU	116.86
EFTPS	PE	14822.85
GARCIA RAMIREZ, LYDIA YARELI	SE	25.00
GWORKS	SE	18410.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1498.17
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	PT/L	429.92
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	238.91
HILLS FAMILY FOODS SSH INC	SU	120.26
HOLYOKE VETERINARY SERVICE	SE	410.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	84.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	257.47
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT/L	402.86
IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	D	4000.00
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	751.15
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1914.75
JAEGER JOEANNA K	TE	152.49
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	755.00
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	62.76
MAXIMUS INC	SE	1287.01
MIPS, INC.	SE	1338.06
MOE, WENDY	TE	627.52
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	279.97

NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1928.96
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	SE	120.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	327.17
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	17.45
RED WILLOW CO TREAS	CC	1145.75
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC	SU	468.78
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	158.62
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1540.00
SCHROEDER, REBECCA	CC	1200.00
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	PT/L	883.52
THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	SU	314.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	SE	338.00
WAUNETA PUBLIC LIBRARY	D	1000.00
WILCOX RYAN R.	AP	1187.50
YUMA COUNTY SHERIFF	CC	38.00

Net Payroll 42101.14

General Fund Total 139875.20

AFLAC	PE	196.35
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11.90
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ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	60.00
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	46.35
BCBS OF NE	PE	351.46
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	320.00
BWTELCOM	UT	98.01
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.48
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	211.22
EFTPS	PE	4028.77
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1500.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	238.41
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	120.74
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	306.26
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	215.40
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	283.95
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	SE	16200.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	70.00
MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	EQ	8424.27
MITTEN INC.	SU	329.83
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	7705.45
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1046.63
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	24.81
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	SU	1624.59
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	863.15
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	320.00
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	PT/L	240.00
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	140.89

Net Payroll 21887.89

Road Fund Total 68267.30

MIPS, INC.	SE	249.20
Preservation & Modernization Fund Total		249.20
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
CENTURY LINK	UT	2019.06
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52

Emergency 911 Fund Total 2684.48

CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SU	406613.00
Hospital Fund Total		406613.00

AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	592.11
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	179.98
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	58.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	320.89
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	84.99
	Ambulance Fund Total	1288.23
	Grand Total All Claims	618977.41

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2024, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Stephen Mulder from Liewer Funeral Home joined the meeting to request that the County consider purchasing a refrigeration unit to be kept at Liewer Funeral Home as they do not currently have any cold storage. This would be beneficial to the county in instances of unattended or suspicious deaths when an autopsy is necessary, currently the body must be immediately transported as there is no cold storage available locally. Stephen is proposing that the county purchase the cooler and it be housed at Liewer's and he would cover utilities and maintenance, the sheriff and deputies would have keypad access to the unit. The board asked if this would benefit other counties. Mulder indicated yes and suggested that the County charge other counties on a per use basis, as needed.

Commissioner Brown moved to direct the County Attorney to draw up an agreement between Chase County and Liewer Funeral Home pertaining to the purchase and use of a three-body mortuary cooler. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Approval of agreement and purchase of cooler to be added to next agenda.

After a service call to the fairgrounds for an alarm panel error, Electronic Systems, Inc submitted a proposed work order for Bi-Annual Inspection of the fire alarm panel at the fairgrounds expo building as the system has not been inspected since 2016. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from ESI to inspect the Nutrien building fire alarm equipment twice annually for a price of \$300. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Mueller joined the meeting along with Sarah Dickmeyer with Schneider Geospatial who joined the meeting electronically to present the Beacon website to the Board as a replacement option for the county's current GWorks website. No action taken as the county still has one year on the current GWorks contract.

Board reviewed the NIRMA annual renewal rates, the County's annual contribution amount for 2024-25 is \$115,992. This represents a \$6,412 or 5.24% decrease from last year.

At 9:00 bids were opened for the Dump Road Project. Two bids were received. The first from Shelco Construction for \$542,641. The second from Simon Contractors for \$686,412. Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski reviewed the bids and informed the Board that both were in order and met all specifications. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the bid from Shelco Construction in the amount of \$542,641. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

ESI also submitted a proposal for installation and monitoring of a cell communicator to monitor the fire alarm system and its equipment at the Nutrien building. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the proposal for the monitoring contract with Electronic Systems Inc including a \$380 installation fee and \$35 monthly monitoring fee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

The board began to review and prepare preliminary budget worksheets.

At 9:30 Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. The meeting was reconvened at 9:55.

The board continued working on preliminary budgets.

Discussion of Hospital Board, no action taken. The board directed clerk to add item to unfinished business.

Surplus property forms were submitted for the Board's review. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a Hon Office Chair (tag #671) from the Treasurer's office to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

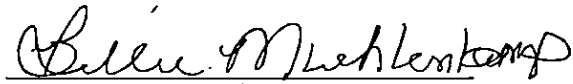
Commissioner Brown moved to surplus two charcoal-colored chairs (tag #833 & 834) from the Clerk's office to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

A new service agreement for HVAC equipment in the courthouse was presented from Energy Wise Mechanical. It is a 2-year agreement in the amount of \$4,000 annually. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the new 2-year agreement from EWM, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

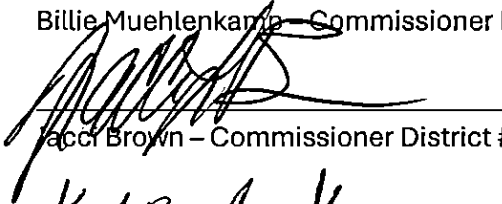
Pankonin Ag Services submitted a request for a price increase for fertilization/weed control at the courthouse lawn. For the past four years pricing has been \$500 per application. Requested amount is \$650 per application beginning in the 2024 season to meet the input price increases. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the requested price increase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

