

Chase County Commissioners

June 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Emergency Manager Dreiling was present for Open Forum to update the board on the Courthouse Generator installation. The generator should be here in September, the company intends to come in July or August to set the concrete and prepare the area for the generator. Duane Dinnel was present for open forum but asked that his allotted time be held until a specific agenda item was addressed. Chairman Brown stated that he could be heard during the open forum listed at the end of agenda items.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. 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
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BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	193.24
BCBS OF NE	PE	22503.98
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	SU	586.57
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.26
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO	RP	500.00
CHASE CO SHERIFF	SE	120.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	261.68
COZAD SIGNS, LLC	SU	42.00
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	723.60
EAKES, INC	SU	658.70
EFTPS	PE	14466.55
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.40
FRENCHMAN AUTO	PT/L	165.25
FRONTIER ACCESS & MOBILITY, INC	PT/L	252.50
FVFC	SU	2867.41
GIS WORKSHOP/GWORKS	SE	3721.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	214.07
GROTZKY, R. LEIGH	TE	128.25
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	273.13
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE/SU	154.36
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	53.70
LANGENFELD TOWING	SE	161.00
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	1705.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	80.46
MOE, WENDY	TE	290.92
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	962.38
MUELLER, TORI	TE	131.86
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE CO ASSESSORS ASSO	TE	300.00

NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1900.86
NIRMA	INS	115992.00
NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	AP	3150.00
NSA/POAN	TE	200.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	2170.16
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	9.87
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	160.35
PREMIER FIRE PROTECTION INC	SE	1868.75
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	8.00
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	79.35
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1800.00
SWPPD	UT	114.59
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	1675.00
TODD, DUANE	TE	134.00
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SU	340.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	208.38
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	25.96
WOLF CHEVROLET BUICK OF IMPERIAL	SE	59.50
Net Payroll		42124.17
General Fund Total		235440.15
AFLAC	PE	196.35
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	1547.38
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11.90
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1113.81
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	126.39
BCBS OF NE	PE	351.46
BORCHARD AUTOMOTIVE & REPAIR	PT/L	214.82
CHASE CO COMMUNITY HOSP	SE	321.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.48
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	67.36
CROELL, INC.-PAVING DIVISION	SU	3633.70
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	60.72
EAKES, INC	SU	171.82
EFTPS	PE	3373.07
FVFC	SU	615.49
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	SE	50.00
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	121.51
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	284.61
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	SE	8400.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	3082.88
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	892.10
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	115.98
RETRIEVER LLC	SU	175.00
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	4859.15
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	SE	48.97
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	278.07
Net Payroll		19516.63
Journal Entry		-306.26
Road Fund Total		49454.39
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
Tourism Fund Total		300.00
CHASE COUNTY FAIR/PETTY CASH	SU	80500.00
Fair Fund Total		80500.00
ANCHOR ROOFING & LANDSCAPING	SU	44947.00
LATCF Fund Total		44947.00

AACE WASH SYSTEMS	SU	86.13
ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS	SU	78.28
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1272.98
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	53.00
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	111.20
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	58.20
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	3267.52
BROWNING, EMILY,E	SE	76.68
BURKE JOSH	SE	27.26
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	146.68
DAVIDSON, MARK	SE	648.99
FVFC	SU	131.62
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	73.34
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	773.06
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	152.94
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	107.40
HUBL,BROOKE	SE	125.55
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	787.86
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	313.20
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	11.20
KLEIN,LEANNE L.	SE	53.00
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	58.20
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	11.20
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	29.80
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	129.08
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	116.66
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	40.00
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	131.15
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	253.80
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	14.20
SKELTON, JOSHUA	SE	53.00
SUEPER,JACOB	SE	56.95
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	53.70
Ambulance Fund Total		9303.83
Grand Total All Claims		419945.37

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Dickinson from Dickinson Land Surveyors joined the meeting along with engineer John Copland. Ryan wanted to introduce the Board to John and to notify them that Dickinson's now offer aerial drone mapping and professional civil engineering services.

NACO Benefits Coordinator Gregg Mooney joined the meeting to introduce himself to the Board and to let them know that he will be based out of the Ogallala office and available to more readily serve the western half of the state.

Veteran's Service Officer Duane Todd joined the meeting to present the board with minutes from the most recent meeting of the Veteran's Service Committee. Duane had questions relating to the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that with the passage of LB1300, County Veteran's Aid benefits will be extended to National Guard and Reservists, this may greatly impact the necessary funding for the Veteran's Relief fund. Ryan Stromberger joined the meeting for Open Forum, Chairman Brown asked that Duane allow Ryan to speak for open forum and then the Board would return to the Agenda item for the CCVSO.

Ryan wanted to notify the board of problems relating to the manhole coverings and barricades in place at the northeast corner of the fairgrounds. Board would like for the manholes to be fixed and

barricades to be removed before the county fair. Commissioner Brown will speak to city personnel regarding this issue.

Board resumed conversation with Duane Todd relating to Veteran's Aid. Duane noted that additional aid may be needed for county burials with the passage of LB1300. Board indicated that money is already in place for county burials, would the Veteran's Service line be able to cover the required grave markers? Duane indicated yes. Budget lines will remain as they are for now. Duane indicated that the Veteran's Committee has questions pertaining to his rate of pay. Board said that an annual raise in January at the same time as courthouse personnel would be appropriate.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to reappoint Dennis Pfeiffer to the Veteran's Service Committee for another five-year term, running through June 30, 2029. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Sheriff Einspahr joined the meeting to inform the Board that he had gone to look at the manholes at the fairgrounds the previous day. He stated that the lids were off and he saw no visible damage to them.

Kiley Joyce and Mary Lawson joined the meeting for the annual update from Region II Services. Region II is currently serving 155 individuals with developmental disabilities across their 17 county area, six of whom are from Chase County. Most funding for their services comes from State and Federal funding. Chase County contributed \$8,097 last year. County contributions are spent on non-allowable expenses that the state does not permit DD waiver funds to be used for, such as overtime staff wages, employee benefits, employee recognition, advertising, building repair and maintenance and to cover rising food costs.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester joined the meeting to present the quote for surveillance equipment from Video Kingdom Electronics for the Imperial road shop/EMS building, Wauneta road shop and Lamar road shop. Quote includes hard drive, cameras, power supply, necessary materials and labor for each location. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the quote from Video Kingdom Electronics in the amount \$2171 for the Imperial location, \$1414 for the Wauneta location and \$1496 for the Lamar location. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Dick also notified the Board that the reclassification of minimum maintenance roads, recently acted upon, has been completed.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution #2024-11, transferring budget authority from General Miscellaneous to the Emergency Management function as the Emergency Management funds were expended by \$11,144.69 more than the budgeted amount. 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.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the Letter of Acceptance for the recently installed and updated courtroom technology. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement for District Court Bailiff to take effect on July 1, 2024 for a period of two years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the Settlement Agreement from NIRMA in the amount of \$68,678.42 for the recent roof repair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the two-year agreements for Fire Alarm testing and inspection with Protex Central for the Courthouse and Jail in the amount of \$1,116 for the courthouse and \$974 for the jail. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

John Arterburn joined the meeting for agenda item of Planning and Zoning Regulations update. Renewal for the Chase County Planning & Zoning Regulations is due in 2025, this will be an update to include any new State or Federal requirements as well local changes to policy and resolutions that have been enacted since the last update. John wanted to notify the Board that the Planning Commission has reached out to two different firms, the first indicated that the cost would be



\$35,000-50,000. No response yet from the second. Planning Commission wanted to notify the Board of the cost so they could budget accordingly.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to give all road employees a 3.5% wage increase, effective the first payroll in July 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Jim Pirog and Jan Elliott joined the meeting for the City Walking Trail agenda item. They, on behalf of the Prairie Sage Trail Committee, are seeking the support of all entities with property along the proposed route of the walking trail. Their original proposal showed the trail going around the entire perimeter of the fairgrounds. After discussion with the Fair Board, that route has been modified to enter at the road from the south entrance by the JayCee hall using the existing road through the fairgrounds, to exit on the north end and then east along the north edge to the eastern property line, south along the fairgrounds/school property line to the southeast corner, then back west to the point of beginning. The Board indicated that they would be okay with that proposed route.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the letter of support for the Prairie Sage Trail Committee for the proposed walking trail, contingent upon satisfactory determination of the route, easement issues and long-term maintenance agreements that have yet to be determined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Duane Dinnel spoke his objection to the proposed walking path as he believes this is a project being done utilizing county property for the benefit of a small group of people, it is not for the greater good of the county. Commissioner Brown asked how it hurts the county. Dinnel indicated it doesn't hurt, but it only serves a small group and isn't for the greater good to allow permission for construction, easements, access and use of county property. Commissioners explained that this project is in the very beginning stages, no additional construction is being done or easements being granted at this point.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown recessed the meeting until 11:00 am. Meeting reconvened at 11:00am. Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting for Board of Equalization.

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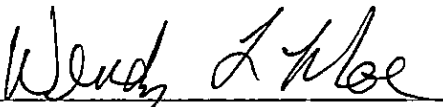
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

