

Chase County Commissioners
May 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester. The meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. The open meetings act and agenda were posted.

With nobody present for Open Forum, commissioners moved on to Agenda items. Highway Superintendent Krajewski was in attendance to present the plans and specifications for the Dump Road project. Toney indicated that the specs include an asphalt overlay, a leveling course, and a final course. There will be no tearing up of the existing road only a minimal amount of patching. There is no shouldering work included in the specs, that will be done by County Road employees after completion of the overlay project. Specifications require that the final completion of the project must be between September 1 and September 15, 2024.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the plans and specifications for the Dump Road project as presented by Toney Krajewski. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to advertise for bids for the Dump Road Project to be opened on June 11 at 9:00am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Jordan Gardner from Murphy Tractor joined the meeting for the agenda item of purchasing a Reclaimer for the Wauneta shop. Informal bids were sought but this is a specialty item that can only be purchased through Murphy so no other bid information was available. Commissioner Brown moved to purchase the reclaimer for the Wauneta shop from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for \$22,240. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester presented the final list of roads to be reclassified as Minimum Maintenance. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to have a Public Hearing on May 28 at 9:00am to hear testimony for or against the reclassification of seven segments of rural roads to minimum maintenance status. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Segments subject to this hearing will be 745 Road and 321 Ave extending three miles west of 321; 746 Road and 321 Ave extending three miles west of 321; 320 Ave and 736 Road extending two miles south; 323 Ave and 736 Road extending north two miles; 740 Road and 326 Ave extending east one mile; 727 Road and 344 Avenue extending north one mile and 727 Road and 345 Ave extending one mile north.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. 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

ADAMS DRUG INC	SU	23.53
ABC FLEX	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11546.55
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3176.10
BCBS OF NE	PE	23814.66
BOMGAARS	SU	55.42
BWTELCOM	UT	142.65
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	1200.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO CDC	CC	111.00

CCCH	SE	4193.50
CHASE CO SCHOOLS	JD	190.00
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	952.88
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	263.33
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	723.60
DATASHIELD CORP	SE	168.75
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT/L	875.85
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	1774.00
DUNDY CO TREASURER	JD	2357.56
EAKES, INC	SU	814.53
EFTPS	PE	20559.47
ES&S	SU	3598.38
FVFC	SU	2350.45
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	1318.45
HEA	UT	728.75
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	60.69
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	347.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	84.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	193.24
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT/L	200.45
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	209.99
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	1028.64
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2301.63
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	763.00
KEITH CO SHERIFF	CC	6.00
KUENNING, DEBORAH L.	TE	721.49
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	CC	1980.00
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	CC	25.00
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	125.52
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIP	SU	246.00
MIPS, INC.	SE	1792.86
MUELLER, JUSTIN	SU	84.89
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	858.98
MUELLER, TORI	TE	218.02
NACEB	TE	100.00
NE ASSO OF CO TREAS	TE	150.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2861.78
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	361.66
PLATINUM CUSTOMS, LLC	SU	84.94
PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, INC.	SE	1950.00
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	39.16
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	EQ	216.27
RED WILLOW CO SHERIFF	CC	19.40
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP (REMIT)	SE	1251.80
SHERIDAN CO SHERIFF'S	CC	7.00
SWPPD	UT	162.85
TODD, DUANE	TE	311.31
WALKER, MIKAELA	TE	131.99
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	167.59
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	73.56
911 CUSTOM	SU	531.88
	Net Payroll	56134.24
	General Fund Total	157768.41
AFLAC	PE	196.35
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	562.34
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95

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ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	3060.00
BENTZ VALLEY INC	SU	220.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	250.00
BOK FINANCIAL	SE	200.00
BOMGAARS	SU	58.97
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	440.00
BWTELCOM	UT	97.45
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	40.00
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	13.60
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.48
EAKES, INC	SU	171.12
EFTPS	PE	5459.47
FVFC	SU	2012.17
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	4290.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	220.71
HEA	UT	280.58
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	31.22
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	PT	374.79
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	174.09
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	232.15
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	306.60
MITTEN INC.	SU	21988.51
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	5112.56
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1448.64
NMC	PT/L	1184.76
NIRMA	SE	390.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	4465.89
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	22.99
ROAD PETTY CASH	SU	10.00
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	2518.13
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	L	100.01
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	554.17
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	133.85
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT	303.78
	Net Payroll	26884.33
	Road Fund Total	85534.33
CHASE CO FAIR & EXPO		3000.00
	Tourism Fund Total	3000.00
MIPS,INC.	SE	249.20
	P&M Fund Total	249.20
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
CENTURY LINK	UT	2097.98
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	386.52
	E-911 Fund Total	2763.40
BOK FINANCIAL	BOND	420498.75
	Cha/Wau Rd Bond Fund Total	420498.75
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	33.52
EAC SUBMISSIONS	SE	44.70
FVFC	SU	336.91
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	320.89
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	50.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	27.50
	Ambulance Fund Total	865.54
	Grand Total ALL Claims	670679.63

At 8:30 bids for courthouse roof repair were opened for review. Three bids were received, one from Strong 1 LLC for \$79,650; one from Anchor Roofing & Landscaping for \$85,450 for the courthouse roof, \$11,125 for the restroom and lions building at the fairgrounds, and \$7,250 for the smaller roof section on the courthouse for a total of \$103,825; the third bid was from Weathercraft Co of McCook for \$91,770 for the courthouse roof, \$11,225.25 for the restroom and lions buildings at the fairgrounds and \$7,715.50 for the smaller roof section on the courthouse for a total of \$110,710.75. The bid from Strong 1 LLC did not meet specifications so it was not considered. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to accept the bid from Anchor Roofing for repair of the courthouse roof and restroom and lions building roofs at the fairgrounds in the amount of \$103,825.00 Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt- yes. Motion carried. NIRMA will contribute \$40,000 for the repair project, commissioners stated that the balance shall be paid from LATCF funds.

At 8:50 the bids for courthouse and extension cleaning services were opened. Two bids were received, one from Natalie Schra with a bid to clean both buildings for \$140 daily; second bid was from Terri Roach to clean both buildings for \$200 daily. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from Natalie Schra to clean the courthouse and extension buildings for \$140 per day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to sign the letter of support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project for funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown signed the letter of support.

Resolution #17-22 regarding Cash-In-Lieu payment option for group medical insurance policy for elected officials and employees of the county was reviewed. The single monthly cash option amount of \$350 has not been adjusted since it went into effect in 2018. Commissioner Brown moved to increase the Cash-In-Lieu payment option to \$400/month to go into effect July 1, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00am Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:10am.

The County's NACO Health and Dental insurance pool with Blue Cross Blue Shield Subgroup Application was presented for review and approval. The County received a 3.5% rate increase for health insurance in the 2024-2025 plan year. The dental rate remains the same. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the BCBS application for the 2024-2025 plan year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

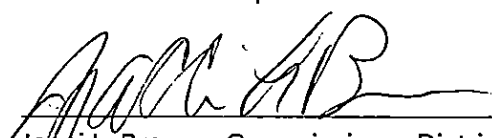
Commissioner Brown moved to sign the addendum to the interlocal road agreement with Perkins County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

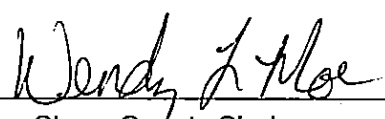
With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:05am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1


Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3


Jacqui L. Brown – Commissioner District #2

ATTEST: 
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk