

Chase County Commissioners
May 28, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Representatives from the Prairie Sage Hike Trail committee were in attendance for open forum to present a proposed map of a walk/bike trail. The proposed path includes a route around the perimeter of the fairgrounds and as such they are seeking input and approval from the Board. Committee would like to have official action from all entities involved before Smokin' On Broadway at the end of June. Board will consider this and add to agenda to take action at a later date if necessary.

Natalie Schra joined the meeting to discuss the cleaning contract she has entered into with the County. Natalie indicated that several additional offices between the Extension Building and Courthouse have been added to her cleaning duties and as such she would like to increase her daily fee from \$140 to \$180. Commissioner Brown moved to increase the daily rate for cleaning to \$180/day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Matthew Musgrove and Abby Cyboron joined the meeting on behalf of Chase County Community Hospital to present a radiology purchase invoice to the Commissioners, seeking reimbursement from the County out of the Hospital's Capital Outlay line. The hospital has purchased a Mammomat Revelation 3D Mammo machine for \$257,148.00 and a Cios 8 Inch C-Arm with Footswitch for \$149,465.00. Commissioners agreed to reimburse from the Capital Outlay line for this equipment. Claim will be paid at next meeting.

John Rundel from Southwest Weed Management joined the meeting to thank the Board for their continued support and to update them of current activity within Chase County and the seven county district he serves in southwest Nebraska.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester joined the meeting for the agenda item of Fuel Tanks. As many additional fees were being added to the original bid accepted, Dick asked that the Board rescind the acceptance of the previous bid and consider one of the others that was originally submitted. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to rescind the motion from April 9, 2024 for fuel tank from Yant Equipment in the amount of \$37,807.41. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Dick presented a bid from Midwest Petroleum Equipment for a 5260g tank with 300 degree flamshield wrap for \$33,697.10. This amount is lower than the originally submitted bid from Midwest as it was modified to remove tax, labor and freight charges that originally appeared on it. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from Midwest Petroleum for \$33,697.10 with a 25% down payment of \$8,424.27. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller joined the meeting to discuss Dispatch services for the City of Imperial. Under the terms of the current contract the City pays about \$37,000 annually with a 3% annual increase. The current contract runs through February 2025. Sheriff Mueller compiled the numbers and found that the County currently spends about \$34,000 monthly to run the Dispatch Center. Last year the County incurred approximately \$180,000 in costs for necessary upgrades, none of which were passed on to be shared by the City. The Sheriff is suggesting that the City's share be raised to \$80,000-\$100,000 annually with a 5% annual increase to commence March 1, 2025. The City would then be paying for approximately 25% of the Dispatch Center's operating costs.

Commissioner Brown moved that a letter be sent to the City of Imperial notifying them that the fee for Dispatch Services provided by Chase County will be increased to \$100,000 per year with a 5% annual increase, to commence on March 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 Chairman Brown opened the Public Hearing to hear testimony for or against reclassifying seven sections of road to Minimum Maintenance. Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester presented the list of the road sections in question; Road 745 / 321 Avenue – 3 miles West of the intersection, Road 746 / 321 Avenue – 3 miles West of the intersection, Road 736 / 320 Avenue – 2 miles South of the intersection, Road 736 / 323 Avenue – 2 miles North of the intersection, Road 740 / 326 Avenue – 1 mile East of the intersection, Road 727 / 344 Avenue – 1 mile North of the intersection, Road 727 / 345 Avenue - 1 mile North of the intersection.

With nobody present to offer testimony, Chairman Brown closed the Public Hearing at 9:10.

Commissioner Brown moved to reclassify Road 745 / 321 Avenue – 3 miles West as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to reclassify Road 746 / 321 Avenue – 3 miles West as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to reclassify Road 736 / 320 Avenue – 2 miles South as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to reclassify Road 736 / 323 Avenue – 2 miles North as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to reclassify Road 740 / 326 Avenue – 1 mile East as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to reclassify Road 727 / 344 Avenue – 1 mile North as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to reclassify Road 727 / 345 Avenue - 1 mile North as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

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

AFLAC	PE	458.03
ALMANZA, LORENA	SE	300.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8588.65
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	829.83
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	192.99
BCBS OF NEB	PE	23814.66
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES	SU	536.54
CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	682.80
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE COUNTY COURT	CC	216.00
CHASE CO FAIR & EXPO	SU	500.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	262.68
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	167.96
DEBUSK, HALLEY	SE	79.31
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT	63.18
EAKES, INC	SU	563.75

EFTPS	PE	14534.64
ELECTION POLLING PLACES	SE	300.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	SU	49.20
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	5402.05
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.40
FVFC	SU	1896.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	UT	214.76
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	1214.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	154.36
IMPERIAL FIRE DEPT	SE	426.00
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	199.57
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	80.20
MITY-LITE,INC	SU	94.00
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	808.87
MUELLER, TORI	TE	373.28
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1908.75
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	46.67
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	SE	28678.34
PLATINUM CUSTOMS, LLC	SU	162.86
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	SE	70.08
RADIOLOGY SERVICES	SE	36.00
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	79.31
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	560.00
SWPPD	UT	325.55
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SE	230.45
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	1875.00
WALKER, MIKAELA	TE	257.28

Net Payroll 42225.16

Journal Entry -1025.85

General Fund Total 141253.60

AFLAC	PE	196.35
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
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AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	46.35
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	498.84
BCBS OF NEB	PE	250.00
BOMGAARS	SU	319.93
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.48
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	212.54
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	60.72
EFTPS	PE	3463.42
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	748.77
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	53.13
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	21.65
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	35.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	905.87
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	3391.52
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT	17.74

Net Payroll 20006.82

Road Fund Total 31560.06

HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
SMOKIN' ON BROADWAY		2000.00

Tourism Fund Total 2300.00

AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1245.22
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	SE	592.11
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	176.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	1941.09
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	46.20
BURKE JOSH	SE	11.20
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	517.06
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	57.18
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	58.60
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	11.20
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	112.00
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	471.00
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	176.00
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	64.00
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	64.00
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	14.20
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	20.00
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	52.80
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	74.46
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	44.40
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	35.38
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	78.46
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	102.50
SUEPER, JACOB	SE	20.00
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SE	31.40
Ambulance Fund Total		6016.46
Grand Total All Claims		181130.12

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Mueller joined the meeting, along with Shannon Bird, representative from Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. Shannon showed the Board how the Vanguard website works, as a potential option to replace the current GWorks website that the County utilizes. At the conclusion of the presentation Assessor Mueller stated that the presentation was only for informational purposes as the County is still under contract with GWorks for one more year.

Assessor Mueller presented the contract for services from Lake Mac Assessment, LLC to provide appraisal training for the Chase County Assessor on her rural residential and farm reappraisal in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the contract from Lake Mac Assessment for appraisal training in the amount of \$5000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Mueller presented to GWorks annual renewal contracts and stated that GWorks has a 5% increase in costs this year. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the annual contract renewal for GWorks website for the Roads in the amount of \$1,943.00, Assessor for \$14,103.00 and Planning/Zoning for \$2,274 with terms ending June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution #2024-10 reclassifying seven segments of road in Chase County as Minimum Maintenance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting to deliver the formal copy of the Dump Road project plans to the Clerk and give an update on plans for the project.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus an old computer tower (tag #171) from the Emergency Manager's inventory to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a Basyx Black Armchair (tag #736) from the County Court inventory to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

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

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Billie Muehlenkamp

Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

Jacci Brown

Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2

Kurt Bernhardt

Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: Wendy L Moe

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

