

Chase County Commissioners
November 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester, County Clerk Wendy Moe and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County Website. The Agenda and Open Meetings act were posted. With nobody present for Open Forum, Commissioners continued with Agenda items.

Commissioner Brown 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	421.56
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	47.45
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BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	223.93
BCBS OF NE	PE	21795.89
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	220.10
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	249.81
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	186.00
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	350.00
EAKES, INC	SU	3385.34
EFTPS	PE	15253.64
ELECTION POLLING PLACES		300.00
ES&S	SU	2634.06
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	137.34
FVFC	SU	1639.98
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	1808.82
POLL WORKERS		5201.67
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	2710.00
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	80.89
MCI	UT	82.12
NACO (REGS.)	TE/SU	266.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2001.85
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	2254.61
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	243.40
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	37.38
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1620.00
SWPPD	UT	385.35
TROXELL'S HEATING & APPLIANCE, LLC	SE	206.95
US BANK	SU	71.91
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	1320.00
	Net Payroll	43324.85
	General Fund Total	117934.70
ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES		
SOLUTIONS	PE	232.42
AFLAC	PE	161.54
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	42.58
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1276.13

BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	176.13
BCBS OF NE	PE	974.23
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.47
EFTPS	PE	3809.53
HILL, TRENTON	PE	223.31
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	116.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1013.78
ROWLEY WELDING	SE	190.76
WALLY'S LAWN & SPRINKLERS	SU	238.32
	Net Payroll	22404.22
	Journal Entry	-223.31
	Road Fund Total	30766.11
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	UT	1272.98
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	124.60
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	56.00
BROWNING, EMILY,E	SE	29.94
BURKE JOSH	SE	26.60
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	56.74
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	68.78
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	545.86
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	118.06
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	53.92
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	53.92
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	356.40
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	106.00
KLEIN,LEANNE L.	SE	164.60
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	48.20
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	23.94
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	73.60
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	278.06
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	15.08
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	43.14
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	233.60
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	104.20
SKELTON, LANA J	SE	235.80
	Ambulance Fund Total	4090.02
	Grand Total All Claims	153090.83

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to give Christmas Gift Certificates to all County Employees. Certificates will be to a local grocery store of employee's choosing, \$50 for part-time employees and \$100 to full-time employees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item of Heat for Wauneta Shop was discussed. Commissioner Muehlenkamp and Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester contacted three local companies to gather informal bids, Troxell's Heating and Appliance, Choice Plumbing, Heating and Air, and Hunter Heating and Cooling. Only Hunter Heating and Cooling submitted a bid. The bid amount was \$10,445.00 for a 225,000 BTU 60' Schwank Supertube heater including all necessary materials and installation. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to accept the bid from Hunter Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$10,445.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sarah Soula, State Transit Administrator, joined the meeting via Zoom. Commissioners wanted confirmation that the State has in fact mandated that Transit scheduling and dispatching be done electronically and if so, what is the operative date for the mandate? Sarah confirmed that due to many discrepancies and errors in reporting found in audits, the Nebraska Department of Transportation made the decision to mandate that all 5311 funding recipients (Transit) utilize software for electronic scheduling and dispatching by the beginning of the 2026-2027 fiscal year. As the 5311 funding applications are due in March of 2025 for the 26-27 fiscal year, the County needs to begin finding a vendor for the software and be in a contractual status by March 2025. The State Transit Administration vetted and approved eight software vendors that the County may choose from. Concerning funding of the project, the State has CARES money remaining, each 5311 recipient may be reimbursed \$10,000 from that money toward the initial startup costs. Then 90% of the remaining balance will be reimbursed with 5311 funds.

At 8:30 Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization.

Meeting reconvened at 8:55 with three Commissioners, Clerk, and Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski present.

Toney wanted to meet with the Board concerning the request received to open a portion of 314 avenue from 747 road to 750 road as a minimum maintenance road. As the County has no right-of-way or easement through that area and it would serve only a small number of people, Toney is of the opinion that creating a road to serve such a select number of people would set a bad precedent. However, he stated that if the Board wished to proceed, the County would first need to get easement from the landowners. Board agreed with Highway Superintendent, Toney, no action will be taken to open a road through there.

Toney also inquired if the Board had any asphalt projects in mind for next year. At this time, Board believes all asphalt roads are in good condition, and nothing should be needed in the coming year.

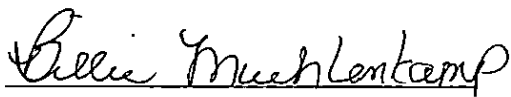
Surplus property requests were reviewed. Commissioner Brown moved to approve disposing of two old Christmas trees and miscellaneous Christmas décor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to surplus multiple white vases, clumps of ivy and brass pots with fake leaves, to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

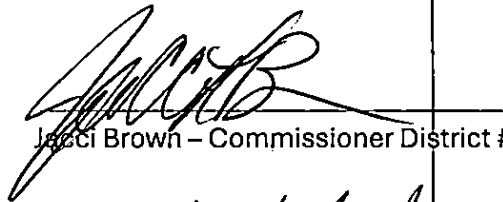
Commissioners reviewed the list of proposed Holidays for 2025 and settled on the following 12 paid Holidays for the 2025 Calendar year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Arbor Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. As Arbor Day and Independence Day are on Fridays when the Road Department will not be working, the Holiday will still be paid to the Road Department Employees rather than giving a Holiday in Lieu.

With nobody present for Open Forum, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:35am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

