

Chase County Commissioners

September 24, 2024

Chairman Jacci Brown opened the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to the request at 8:00 on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. The open meetings act, and agenda were posted. The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Asking and Budget Hearing were published in the Imperial Republican on September 12, 2024, and on the County Website. Duane and Beverly Dinnel were present for the hearing. Duane stated that he had several objections to the proposed budget and tax request but that he would be specifically directing his opposition to the portion of the budget concerning the County Fair. Duane stated that he still hasn't received a formal response to his records request that he submitted to Commissioners a month ago. ~~Chairman Brown indicated that she would be reaching out to the County Attorney to help fulfill that request.~~ Discussion continued in Duane's reasoning and opposition to the fair receiving County tax dollars.

*Amended:
10/8/24 minutes*

At 8:15 Chairman Brown closed the special hearing for the tax request and opened the Budget Hearing. The Public copies of the proposed budget for 2024-2025 were available for public inspection. Duane continued to provide opposition for the Fair Board receiving county tax funding and noted ways that they could save on utilities and pointed out that they have "flaunted the rules of the bidding process with no consequences for their actions" and have not been good stewards of their funds. Commissioners agreed with Duane on some points, civil discussion continued and was closed out by Duane asking that the Board note his objection and saying he hopes that they will become more involved with oversight of the Fair Board. Chairman Brown closed the Budget Hearing at 8:30.

Upon the conclusion of the budget hearing, the board commenced into the regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County Website.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve and sign Resolution #2024-19 Chase County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. 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 Muehlenkamp moved to approve and sign Resolution #2024-20 Property Tax Request 2024-2025. 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.

Travis Petsche joined the meeting on behalf of Applied Connective. Travis provided updates of the Round 2 State & Local Cybersecurity Grant that has been applied for. They expect grant funding awards to be released very soon. Travis also reviewed recent work done by Applied Connective as part of grant requirements including Internal and External Vulnerability Scans, Cybersecurity Incident Response Policy, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan and the Risk Assessment Report.

At 9:00 bids were opened for the 2015 Ford Explorer. Four bids were received, as follows: \$3,100 from Richard & Jordan Beard, \$5,000 from Lane Lode, \$1,010 from Jason Arellano and \$2,500 from Justin Mueller. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid of \$5,000 from Lane Lode for the 2015 Ford Explorer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

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	47.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9714.43
BARTHOLOMEW, CHARLES G.	SU	7.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	127.82
BCBS OF NE	PE	23362.09
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO COURT	CC	236
CHASE CO FAIR PREMIUM ACCT	SU	5304.97
CHIEF SIGN COMPANY	SU	713.2
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	260.68
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	186
EAKES, INC	SU	399.7
EFTPS	PE	16404.39
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.4
FRENCHMAN AUTO	PT/L	277.5
FVFC	SU	2579.46
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE/SU	266.65
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	2325
LINCOLN MARRIOTT		
CORNHUSKER	TE	363
MCI	UT	81.47
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	268.44
NACO (DUES)	TE	25
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2233.42
NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	AP	12850
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	335.13
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900
PERKINS CO SHERIFF	CC	26.4
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	113.02
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	46.28
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1800
SWPPD	UT	227.39
TODD, DUANE	TE	453
US BANK CORP PMT SYSTEMS	SU	2039.51
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	151.13
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	101.38
WILCOX RYAN R.	AP	1550
WILSON DONALD D	SE	8000
Net Payroll		47812.39
General Fund Total		144088.7
AFLAC	PE	196.35
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11.9
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1155.71
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	129.49
BCBS OF NE	PE	300.72
CHASE CO COMM HOSPITAL	SE	214
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	130.47
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	60.72
DIAMOND MOWERS, LLC	PT	1376.23
EFTPS	PE	3506.35
FANNING FARM REPAIR	RP/L	514.8
FVFC	SU	1550.43
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	PT/L	361.67

HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	17.68
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	SE	2500
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	70
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	689.97
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	922.34
NMC	PT/L	4123.5
PETTY CASH - TRANSIT/ROAD	SU	10
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	1731.96
US BANK CORP PMT SYSTEMS	SU	46.5
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	149.16
Net Payroll		20672.02
Road Fund Total		40441.97
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300
Tourism Fund Total		300
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1272.98
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	443.6
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	55.6
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	55.6
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	1500.05
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	35.48
BURKE JOSH	SE	21.28
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	35.48
FVFC	SU	52.64
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	29.94
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	34.4
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	38.74
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	51.4
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	28.4
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	187
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	14.2
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	53
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	170.2
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	53
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	57.4
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	49.68
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	13.1
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	28.84
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	493.6
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	21.28
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	440.6
SUEPER, JACOB	SE	13.1
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	166.89
YOUNG, ISAAC	SE	56
Ambulance Fund Total		5473.48
Grand Total All Claims		190304.1

Correspondence was reviewed including Notice of Storage Appropriations for the Champion Mill Lake from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, August minutes from the Fair Board and July and August minutes from the Imperial Community Center.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt had been in contact with 21st Century John Deere regarding the repair of the loader tractor at the Lamar shop, the price for repair of the loader was approximately \$14,000. The quote to replace the loader is \$9,492.85, quote to replace the pallet forks is \$1,785.00. As the total price of new forks and loader is less and the price to repair only the loader, Commissioner

Muehlenkamp moved to approve the quoted price for the loader and pallet forks totaling \$11,277.85. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

No action taken on the Wauneta Grader agenda item, NMC is currently rebuilding the motor of the grader in question.

Surplus property was reviewed. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a 2019 Ford Pickup from the Sheriff's Office to be transferred to the Road Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a 2015 Ford Explorer from the Sheriff's Office to be sold by Sealed Bid. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to surplus a black 6-shelf shelving unit (tag #267) to be transferred from the Election inventory to the Assessor's office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the FY23-24 Annual Audit Report from Auditor Donald Wilson. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.


Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the quote for Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance with an annual premium of \$3,818.88. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve and sign the Supplemental Agreement for transit funding between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and Chase County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

The Veteran's Memorial Committee reached out to Chairman Brown concerning the sprinklers watering the new kiosk and leaving water stains. The Committee wants new sprinklers that will water only the grassy area inside the memorial. Commissioners discussed other options to remove and to replace the grass within the Memorial. They do not intend to place new sprinklers. In the meantime, they will have sprinkler heads adjusted to keep from watering the kiosk.

With nobody present for Open Forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:05am.

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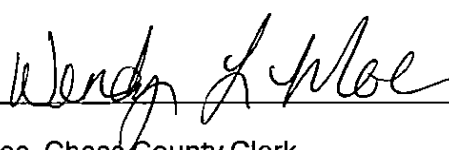
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk