

Chase County Commissioners
February 14, 2023

The Chase County Commissioner meeting was called to order at 8:00am on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in the meeting room of the courthouse by chairman Jacci Brown. Also in attendance were commissioners Duane Dinnel and Kurt Bernhardt, county clerk Wendy Moe, and highway superintendent Toney Krajewski. The meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican. Agenda was kept current and available for public inspection in the office of the county clerk. It was also posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The agenda and open meeting act were posted.

Lewis (Bud) Statz present for Open Forum with questions for Highway Superintendent Krajewski regarding the condition of the Champion highway/county road 734 having patches of ice on it for extended periods during the recent winter storms.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski gave an update on the Champion Lake bridge project, noted that he has contractors looking to bid the Spring Creek bridge and ditch pulling project on 347 Ave, he is working on the One and Six Year road plan and will present it on March 28, crack seal project on Old 6 will be completed this spring in anticipation of armor coating it later on, also looked at road 741 west noting that a few miles of it may need to be redone.

At 8:30 Veteran's Service Officer Duane Todd was present along with Bud Statz and Dennis Pfeifer for agenda item to discuss VSO's position. Further clarification was requested regarding Duane Todd's position. The county will pay his hourly wage while he is at training and he will be paid for mileage but no hourly wage will be paid during his drive time. No other county employees are paid drive time when attending meetings or training. Commissioner Dinnel said Duane Todd will be paid for a maximum of 20 hours per week. Duane Todd asked what happens if he goes over the 20 hour mark, can this change? Commissioner Dinnel stated yes, everything is subject to change. The goal is an average of 20 hours weekly, the schedule can be flexible. Duane Todd asked for clarification, can Vet's board set his hours? Yes. Discussion of Veteran's Service Officer position ended at 8:50.

Dennis Pfeifer wanted to let the board and Highway Superintendent know that the new blacktop south of Wauneta is cracking. Toney thanked him for the information and said he will go look at it.

Craig Loeffler and Leanne Klein present for discussion of ambulance business. Is the county willing to pay for ambulance personnel training? Both services currently pay for personnel to be trained with agreements in place that individuals will then volunteer on the service for a set period of time. Training doesn't cost more than \$1500 per person. State pays a variable rate back to the service after an individual passes their state tests. These funds would be paid back to the county if county were to pay for training. Commissioner Brown wants to see a copy of each services agreement for personnel training before the board makes any decisions. PA grants have been awarded to both the Imperial and Wauneta ambulance services. Each will get a \$75,000 grant plus an additional \$49,000 that can be used for equipment only. They would like to put these funds toward a new ambulance for each service. The equipment grant may be used to purchase cots for new ambulances. Funds must be used by 2026. Will county pay for remaining portion of new ambulances? Approximately \$300,000 per unit. Ambulance orders currently about two years out. Will add to discussion for future agenda. Currently service gets paid \$19 per run, split among all crew on the run and \$0.84/mile on transfers. Would county be willing to pay an hourly rate on transfers? And maybe \$10/person per call? Will work on getting an agreement put together.

Tyler Pribbeno and Jan Elliot present to request funding for the Imperial city square project. Commissioners do not feel like this is a project that county funds should be allocated for. They do support the efforts but will not contribute county tax dollars.

9:30 Open bids for Old Highway 6 Crack Seal Project. Toney Krajewski and Sheldon Giesbrecht present. Only one bid submitted. Shelco Asphalt and Paving submitted a proposal to complete the 12 miles of crack sealing at \$5,737.50 per mile with a total of \$68,850.00. Duane Dinnel moved to accept the bid from Shelco Asphalt and Paving. Kurt Bernhardt seconded the motion. Jacci – yes, Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Deb Hayes present for discussion of service contracts for EMS Lucas device with Stryker Medical. This agreement is for a three-year term with annual payments of \$2,442.60. Jacci Brown wants this item put on the next agenda for further discussion.

County Attorney Joel Burke and Karen Baker from Dundy County Attorney's office were present for discussion and signing of Juvenile Diversion and Child Support Enforcement interlocal agreements. Chase County will employ Arlan Wine, Dundy County Attorney, as a deputy county attorney for Chase County to provide juvenile diversion services and he shall be paid \$300 per month for his services and will receive no other or additional benefits. The \$300 will not be reimbursable by the grant. Jacci Brown moved to sign the Juvenile Diversion interlocal agreement with Dundy County. Duane Dinnel second. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown will sign the agreement. Jacci Brown moved to sign the Child Support Enforcement interlocal agreement with Dundy County. Duane Dinnel second. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown to sign the agreement.

The meeting was adjourned for Board of Equalization at 10:00am.
The meeting reconvened at 10:05am with all members present.

Commissioner Dinnel moved to approve minutes from the January 24 meeting. Jacci Brown seconded. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dinnel moved to sign and approve Resolution #2023-4 to update the County Inventory policy. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-04

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution amends resolution #224 Passed and Approved on August 27, 1991.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Officials' Inventory(s) of County Personal Property may exclude all miscellaneous personal property under \$500.00 as recommended by the State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. However, all electronic equipment and firearms must be listed on the Personal Property Inventory(s).

Passed and approved this 14th day of February, 2023.

Chase County Board of Commissioners
s/Jacci Brown – Chairman
s/Duane Dinnel – Member
s/Kurt Bernhard – Member

ATTEST: s/Wendy Moe, County Clerk

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept and sign Resolution #2023-5 Ambulance Debt Cancellation. Jacci Brown second. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-05 Ambulance Debt Cancellation

BE IT RESOLVED by the Chase County Board of Commissioners of Chase County, Nebraska that the uncollected ambulance accounts in the amount of \$54,639.38 as set forth in the attached list be cancelled.

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s/Kurt Bernhard – Member

ATTEST: s/Wendy Moe, County Clerk

Commissioner Dinnel made a motion to have Chairman Brown sign the agreement with UNL for local extension services. Kurt Bernhardt seconded the motion. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of fuel and fuel tanks at each shop. Commissioner Brown thinks it works best for each district to determine their own needs and order on their own.

Discussion of road graders, possibility of renting/leasing an additional grader in order to have one for road building this spring. Item to be put on next agenda.

Commissioner Dinnel working on tire recycling. Current dates set are Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. Storm dates will be Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 if necessary.

Imperial Shop surplus property, two power augers – no longer work and unable to fix. Jacci Brown moved to surplus them and put in scrap iron pile. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Jeni Lotspeich, road secretary, present for update on Summer 2022 hail claim with NIRMA. We have some outstanding repairs that must be repaired by the end of this summer if we plan to do so. Most were deemed cosmetic. Some asphalt shingles that need to be looked into. Jeni will contact roofing company.

After reviewing information provided, Kurt Bernhardt made a motion to sign agreement with Applied Connective Technologies for Managed IT Services. IT Services must be in place for county to be eligible to receive grant funding for any cybersecurity or IT matters. Jacci Brown seconded motion. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Jacci Brown moved to approve claims as submitted. Kurt Bernhardt seconded. Jacci – yes; Duane – yes; Kurt – 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

NAME		TOTCLAIMS
ADAMS DRUG INC	SU	32.97

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	361.09
AFLAC	PE	17.74
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	38.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	10849.22
AT&T MOBILITY	SE	815.97
THE BALCONY HOUSE B&B	CC	400.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	24724.39
BWTELCOM	UT	144.97
KARON DENISE CARTER	SE	1200.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	133.32
CHASE COUNTY CAFETERIA PLAN	PE	4160.00
CHASE COUNTY SCHOOLS	CC	420.00
CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING, LLC	CC	2456.80
MELISSA K. COCHRAN	TE	155.19
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	66.82
MID-PLAINS HOSPITALITY GROUP	CC	359.85
MAKAYLA R. CRAWFORD	CC	2640.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	SE	156.32
STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNICATION	SE	448.00
EAKES	SU	710.70
EFTPS	PE	19724.31
FVC	FUEL	2680.37
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	1576.69
R. LEIGH GROTZKY	TE	40.00
SABRINA M. HAYES	SU	30.00
HIGHLINE ELEC	UT	208.07
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	80.70
HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	TE	129.95
FIVE POINTS BANK	SE	84.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	SU	280.58
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	2125.46
JANICE E JAEGER	SE	1195.00
JURORS	CC	829.12
KEITH COUNTY TREASURER	CC	1296.25
MCI	SE	80.18
MIPS	SE	1687.36
MOE, WENDY	TE	52.05
KAREN MUELLER	SU	83.48
KEVIN MUELLER	SU	245.31
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR	PE	320.00
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2833.34
HENRY C NIPPER, PH.D.	CC	4067.00
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	850.07
OPTUM FINANCIAL	PE	22.75
OPTUM BANK	PE	183.00
OWENS TRUE VALUE	SU	19.57
PLATINUM CUSTOMS	SU	239.18
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	SE	1441.25
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	84.55
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	216.27
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	CC	413.30
S & S LOCK AND KEY	RP	50.00
ELETECH, INC.	SE	1184.00
ANDREA NICOLE SEEFUS	CC	1500.00
THIBAUT, SUHR & THIBAUT, INC.	SU	232.80
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	245.69

WEST CENTRAL DIST ASSESSORS ASSO	DUES	25.00
WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS, INC	CC	1000.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	47.78
Net Payroll		53432.30
General Fund Total		151179.08
LEIBBRANDT LUMBER	SU	244.86
AFLAC	PE	110.16
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	760.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1494.18
BOMGAARS	PT	181.69
BWTELCOM	SE	98.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	40.00
CCCH	SE	206.00
DAN'S R US	UT	56.45
EAKES	SU	371.00
EFTPS	PE	5407.31
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	PT	544.94
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	224.63
HIGHLINE ELEC	UT	153.58
E D ENTERPRISES INC	PT	413.29
MENDENHALL INC	PT	217.76
IMPERIAL YOST FARM SUPPLY	PT	169.20
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	399.57
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	35.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	PT	11187.19
NE ASSOC ENGINEERS,HWY SUPTS & SUR	DUES	160.00
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1458.89
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT	62.01
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	58.56
OWENS TRUE VALUE	SU	23.89
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	SE	21.75
JERRY L ROWLEY	SU	102.39
SAPP BROS	FUEL	9026.64
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	10.87
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	1095.57
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	195.74
Net Payroll		25387.86
Road Fund Total		59924.93
SOUTH PLATTE EXCAVATING	L	14375.00
Hwy Bridge Buyback Fund Total		14375.00
LEIBBRANDT LUMBER	SU	19643.50
Co Fair Fund Total		19643.50
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY	UT	278.90
CENTURY LINK	SE	1079.17
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	UT	386.52
NEBRASKA EMERGENCY SERVICES	DUES	105.00
Emergency Fund Total		1849.59
AIRGAS USA	SU	367.00
ELIZABETH ARELLANO	SE	58.50
AT&T MOBILITY	UT	592.01
AVS DEVELOPMENT LTD.	SE	67.75
WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	68.00
MARK D. BOMBA	SE	19.28
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	SU	2614.01
JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	39.90
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02

CYNTHIA FISCHER	SE	40.20
FVC	FUEL	199.07
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	320.85
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	25.40
TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	107.94
DEBRA HAYES	SE	123.78
FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	47.40
BROOKE HUBL	SE	20.50
GARY K. HUNT	SE	109.70
SHAWN JAEGER	SE	35.90
TYLER KLEIN	SE	49.00
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	109.70
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	19.00
ELDON KUNTZELMAN	SE	49.02
CRAIG A. LOEFFLER	SE	25.80
DESIREE LOEFFLER	SE	84.36
JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	16.40
MPCC	SE	40.00
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	6.80
ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	25.86
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	2808.00
ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	30.86
RANAE RICHARDSON	SE	124.55
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	206.57
Ambulance Fund Total		8505.13
Grand Total All Claims		255477.23

Commissioner Brown has been approached by several employees with the request to return to earning Comp time. Clerk to research and have info for next meeting.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:03pm.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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