

Chase County Commissioners

March 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown on Tuesday, March 14 at 8:00am in the Commissioner Meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were commissioners Duane Dinnel and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Sheriff Kevin Mueller and Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling. The agenda was kept current and available in the office of the County Clerk and posted to the website the day before the meeting. The agenda and the open meetings act are posted. Nobody present for open forum.

Sheriff and Emergency Manager present for discussion of possible drone purchase for Sheriff's department. It would be beneficial for the department to have their own drone as they currently have to borrow from the Emergency Manager when they have need for one. As many instances when they have need for one are time sensitive, it would be good for them to have their own. Sheriff Mueller is requesting a MAVIC 3 Thermal Drone with speaker, three battery kit and landing pad for \$6,316.00. Jacci Brown moved to allow purchase of a drone for the Sheriff's Department using ARPA funds. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – no. Motion carried.

Fairboard members Alex McNair, Ryan Stromberger and Scott Way were present for discussion of fairground facilities. They would like to remove the old beef barn as it is currently used only for miscellaneous storage. They feel the space could be better utilized as open area for additional seating, picnic tables, etc. It's a concrete block wall building with old galvanized metal roof with no salvage value. Kurt Bernhardt moved to allow the Fairboard to remove the old beef barn. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. Fairboard has two companies willing to come in, tear down and remove building with no expense to the county.

Fairboard would also like to give the set of older bleachers that sit to the north of the grandstand area to the City of Imperial to be utilized at the baseball diamond. The bleachers are seldom used and no longer needed by the Fairboard. Jacci Brown moved to allow the Fairboard to give the bleachers to the city. Seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 representatives with Applied Connective were present for further discussion of the quotes that were presented at the January 24 meeting for IT, network, and centralized server updates for the county. After further explanation of the quotes from Applied Connective and outlining how the process will work, Kurt Bernhardt moved to accept the quote for network access that will include managed firewall and cyber services with an initial cost of \$11,015.01 and a recurring monthly fee of \$95. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. Jacci Brown moved to accept the quote for a centralized server for the building. This will include necessary hardware, software, licensing and professional services. This cost of this proposal is \$17,995.90 with a recurring monthly fee of \$250. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

Craig Loeffler and Leanne Klein present for discussion of EMS/Ambulance items on agenda. Based on discussion from previous meetings, Duane Dinnel moved to increase the rate paid to EMS personnel for loaded miles on ambulance runs to \$2.20/loaded mile. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt- yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. This is an increase from the current rate of \$1.10 per loaded mile.

Jacci Brown moved to increase the flat fee paid per ambulance run to \$36.00. This flat fee is split between all personnel who have patient contact on the run. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. This is an increase from the current flat rate of \$18 per run.

Both EMS services have accepted the grant funds for purchase of ambulances discussed at previous meetings. Those grant funds along with what is currently in the Ambulance Sinking fund and the money added to the fund annually will be enough to cover the cost of both new ambulances. Craig and Leanne were instructed to prepare bid specs for new ambulances and have them ready for the next commissioner meeting.

Commissioners reviewed contracts used by each service for payment of EMS Personnel training. Commissioners are willing to have county pay for classroom portion of training with a two year

commitment from individual once training is complete. Commissioners will have County Attorney draw up a standard contract to be used by both services.

Claims presented for review. Duane Dinnel moved that claims be approved as submitted. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jaci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – 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

ADAMS DRUG	SU	\$	55.86
AFFILIATED BENEFITS	PE	\$	50.00
AFLAC	PE	\$	361.09
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	\$	17.74
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	38.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$	8,377.34
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SE	\$	4,342.76
AT&T MOBILITY	SE	\$	815.96
BCBS	PE	\$	25,350.42
BOARDER'S INN & SUITES	TE	\$	576.00
BWTELCOM	UT	\$	144.97
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	\$	800.00
CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	\$	298.60
CHASE CO TREASURER	PE	\$	133.32
CHASE CO CLERK	SE	\$	32.00
CHASE CO CDC	CC	\$	144.00
CHASE CO FAIR PREMIUM ACCT	FAIR	\$	8,266.80
CHASE CO TREASURER	PE	\$	257.69
CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING	SE	\$	1,346.08
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	\$	66.82
CREATING CALM COUNSELING LLC	SE	\$	1,800.00
D & L	SE	\$	45.00
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	\$	156.32
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DATASHIELD	SE	\$	65.00
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	\$	153.37
EAKES, INC	SU	\$	499.72
EFTPS	PE	\$	14,719.82
FRENCHMAN AUTO	RP	\$	160.75
FVFC	FUEL	\$	1,475.63
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	RP	\$	515.36
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	UT	\$	1,525.63
HEA	UT	\$	203.51
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	\$	104.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$	84.55
IDEAL LINEN	SE	\$	224.98
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	\$	125.00
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	\$	1,075.16
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	\$	1,135.64
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	\$	1,716.00
LANGENFELD TOWING	SE	\$	200.00
MUELLER, TORI	TE	\$	258.86
NACEB	DUES	\$	100.00
NACO (REGS.)		\$	105.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	PE	\$	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	\$	2,006.12
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$	120.00
NORDHAUSEN LAW	CC	\$	2,120.00

OFFICE SERVICE	SU	\$ 3,039.30
OPTUM	PE	\$ 22.75
OPTUM BANK	PE	\$ 183.00
OWENS TRUE VALUE	SU	\$ 229.99
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	\$ 9.79
RAMADA - COLUMBUS	TE	\$ 288.00
RED WILLOW CO TREAS	CC	\$ 1,129.24
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$ 208.77
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	\$ 31.78
WILCOX RYAN R.	CC	\$ 1,656.00
WINE, ARLAN G	CC	\$ 226.91
911 CUSTOM	SU	\$ 360.00
	Net Payroll	\$ 42,950.96
	General Fund Total	\$ 133,276.76
ADAMS LUMBER	SU	\$ 69.00
AFLAC	PE	\$ 110.16
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	\$ 1,426.88
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$ 5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	\$ 1,031.59
B T QUALITY MACHINE	SE	\$ 629.23
BWTELCOM	UT	\$ 97.44
CHASE CO TREASURER	PE	\$ 40.00
EFTPS	PE	\$ 3,151.95
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	RP	\$ 240.88
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	UT	\$ 229.42
HEA	UT	\$ 167.08
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	\$ 304.15
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	\$ 53.12
IMPERIAL YOST FARM SUPPLY	PT	\$ 54.60
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	\$ 494.15
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP	L/RP	\$ 1,509.20
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	\$ 812.93
NMC	L/RP	\$ 3,564.09
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	\$ 22.99
OWENS TRUE VALUE	SU	\$ 6.23
PETTY CASH-TRANSIT/ROAD		\$ 20.00
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	\$ 350.00
ROWLEY WELDING	SE	\$ 27.96
SAPP BRO	FUEL	\$ 3,399.76
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$ 949.94
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	\$ 187.66
	Net Payroll	\$ 18,646.68
	Road Fund Total	\$ 37,603.04
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	SU	\$ 65,567.64
	Covid/ARPA Fund Total	\$ 65,567.64
BWTELCOM	UT	\$ 278.90
CENTURY LINK	UT	\$ 1,079.17
	E-911 Fund Total	\$ 1,358.07
AT&T MOBILITY	UT	\$ 592.01
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	SE	\$ 341.97
BWTELCOM	UT	\$ 52.02
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	UT	\$ 320.85
IMPERIAL AUTO	PT	\$ 511.29
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	\$ 52.32
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	SE	\$ 47.50
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	\$ 141.03
	Ambulance Fund Total	\$ 2,058.99

Grand Total All Claims \$ 239,864.50

Review of correspondence. Minutes for Imperial Community Center for January and February submitted and reviewed. Correspondence received from Nebraska Department of Roads for Floodplain/Floodway Development Permit/Application. Road secretary taking care of this. Jacci Brown was contacted by a citizen about No Passing Zones on the blacktop south of Wauneta. There are “No Passing” signs but the roads aren’t marked with solid center lines in those areas. Duane Dinnel will look into this as it’s in his district.

Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve minutes from the February 28th meeting. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Olsen, CPA has agreed to prepare the county budget for FY2023-2024 for an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Kurt Bernhardt moved to accept the engagement letter from Jeff Olsen. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown to sign agreement.

Dundy County reached out to commissioner Brown to inquire about a possible interlocal agreement for a shared Weed Superintendent. Jacci will get more information from Dundy County Commissioners and our Weed Superintendent before next meeting.

Jacci Brown moved to approve the adjustment of Fair Friday on the County Holiday Schedule. It was on the original schedule for August 11, has been corrected to reflect August 18. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes; Duane – yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:29am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/Jacci Brown – Chairman

s/Duane Dinnel – Member

s/Kurt Bernhard – Member

ATTEST: s/Wendy Moe – County Clerk