Chase County Commissioners

July 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 by Chairman Jacci Brown in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, county clerk Wendy Moe and highway superintendent Toney Krajewski. . A copy of the agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk, it was posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The agenda and open meetings act were posted. With nobody present for open forum commissioners moved on to agenda items.

 Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the July 11 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. 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.

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| 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 |
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| ADAMS DRUG INC | SU | 64.6 |
| AFLAC | PE | 361.13 |
| AFLAC | PE | 17.75 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 38.45 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 8202.64 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH | SE | 4033.95 |
| KAREN BAKER | JD | 1272.32 |
| BLACK HILLS GAS | UT | 268.59 |
| BCBS | PE | 27051.93 |
| BRICO PEST CONTROL | SE | 30 |
| BROPHY ELECTRIC | SE | 1920 |
| KARON DENISE CARTER | SE | 800 |
| CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA | PE | 133.33 |
| CHASE CO ATTY | CC | 125.84 |
| CHASE CO FAIR | SE | 500 |
| CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING, LLC | JD | 352.12 |
| COLONIAL LIFE | PE | 66.82 |
| MAKAYLA RAE CRAWFORD | JD | 480 |
| DAN'S R US SANITATION | SE | 155.96 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | SU | 54 |
| DUNDY CO TREASURER | JD | 2112.75 |
| EFTPS | PE | 14749.88 |
| BILLY W. ESKEW | SE | 1373.4 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 2794.13 |
| HILLS FAMILY FOODS | SU | 160.94 |
| IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC | SE | 204.69 |
| IMPERIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT | SE | 462 |
| JANICE E JAEGER | SE | 1639 |
| HEATHER JOHNSON | CC | 20 |
| KEITH CO TREASURER | JD | 821.52 |
| LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER | SE | 2370 |
| MCI | SE | 78.06 |
| MIDWEST CONNECT, LLC | SE | 431 |
| KEVIN MUELLER | SU | 236.98 |
| NE ASSO OF CLERKS-ROD | SE | 100 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR | PE | 320 |
| NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAIN | SE | 240 |
| STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 2027.68 |
| NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC | CC | 5390 |
| OFFICE SERVICE INC | SU | 493.85 |
| PANKONIN AG SERVICES | SE | 900 |
| PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES | SE | 101.46 |
| RED WILLOW CO TREASURER | CC | 227.81 |
| REGION 51 EMA | SE | 75 |
| HEATHER SCHOENHOLZ | SE | 67.98 |
| SCOTTIES POTTIES | SE | 320 |
| SWPPD | UT | 199.89 |
| U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS | SE | 2049.51 |
| TONY GENE VINSON | PT/L | 719.91 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 216.75 |
| WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC. | SU | 32.89 |
| Net Payroll | 41895.89 |
| **General Fund Total** | **128762.4** |
| AFLAC | PE | 110.18 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 5.95 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 989.7 |
| BLACK HILLS GAS | UT | 81.35 |
| CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA | PE | 40 |
| CCCH | SE | 103 |
| DAN'S R US SANITATION | SE | 56.45 |
| DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC. | SE | 900 |
| EFTPS | PE | 3099.18 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 471.68 |
| GB AUTO SERVICE INC. | RP | 308.01 |
| HILLS FAMILY FOODS | SU | 12 |
| MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC | SU | 106.2 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR | PE | 225 |
| STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 788.79 |
| ROWLEY WELDING | SE | 27.96 |
| SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC | FUEL | 2138.85 |
| WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET | SU | 10.87 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 466.48 |
| Net Payroll | 17609.22 |
| **Road Fund Total** | **27550.87** |
| NORMA J. HICKMAN | SE | 300 |
| **Tourism Fund Total** | **300** |
| MIPS, INC | SE | 130.2 |
| **P&M Fund Total** | **130.2** |
| GREAT PLAINS COMM | UT | 386.52 |
| **E911 Fund Total** | **386.52** |
| AIRGAS USA, LLC | SE | 990.43 |
| ELIZABETH ARELLANO | SE | 405.8 |
| JASON M ARELLANO | SE | 112 |
| WILLIAM BITTNER | SE | 239 |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC | SE | 373.23 |
| EMILY BROWNING | SE | 81.44 |
| JOSHUA JOEL BURKE | SE | 10.98 |
| RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO | SE | 154.74 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 186.12 |
| AARON PATRIC GREENE | SE | 48.5 |
| TIMMIE D. GREENE | SE | 472.78 |
| DEBRA HAYES | SE | 14.2 |
| SABRINA M. HAYES | SE | 68.72 |
| FAY D. HIYKEL | SE | 14.2 |
| BROOKE HUBL | SE | 97.76 |
| GARY K. HUNT | SE | 294.6 |
| MARCIE KELLEY | SE | 33.38 |
| TYLER KLEIN | SE | 9 |
| LEANNE L. KLEIN | SE | 393.4 |
| MELISA K. KLENTZ | SE | 53 |
| ELDON KUNTZELMAN | SE | 42.78 |
| CRAIG A. LOEFFLER | SE | 307.38 |
| DESIREE LOEFFLER | SE | 90.64 |
| MPCC | SE | 5 |
| JOHN W. MILLER | SE | 79.66 |
| ROXANE K. MILLER | SE | 156.04 |
| JOLENE D. MUTHS | SE | 347 |
| CHAD OSTMEYER | SE | 183 |
| TIMOTHY LEONARD PORE | SE | 7.2 |
| ALLISON A. PRYOR | SE | 10.98 |
| RANAE RICHARDSON | SE | 290.4 |
| U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS | SE | 94.05 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 103.45 |
| **Ambulance Fund Total** | **5770.86** |
| **Grand Total All Claims** | **162900.9** |

 Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign Resolution #2023-11 correcting a duplicate transfer of E911 funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available for viewing in the office of the county clerk.

 County Attorney Joel Burke and Dick DeWester joined the meeting for the agenda item of County Highway Superintendent Position. Dick is interested in the Highway Superintendent and Road Foreman position as one. Current Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski explained that with someone in this position it would take the road department out of the hands of the Board and put it in the hands of people who are trained to do it. Having a Superintendent would also provide more consistency throughout the shops and districts. Discussion and interview commenced. DeWester has his Class B license. Current Superintendent Krajewski has his Class A license. With two years of experience, DeWester’s license will automatically move to a Class A license. Krajewski would be willing to stay on through that time period to work as Highway Superintendent and mentor to DeWester. Commissioners thanked DeWester for his interest in the position and said they would be in touch.

 County Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting at 9:00 for the opening of Assessor’s Imagery Obliques. Two bids were received. The first from EagleView for a term of six years with an annual price of $28,678.34. Second bid was from Sanborn with an annual price of $56,815.98 and a total price of $170,447.94 for a three-year term. Commissioners opted to take no action at this point and wait until budget prep is further along before making a decision.

 At 9:30 Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Commissioners meeting reconvened at 9:53.

 Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the semi-annual report of the Southwest Nebraska Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski and County Attorney Joel Burke present to discuss the contract with Kokes Construction regarding the 347 Avenue/Spring Creek Bridge project. As the project was originally to commence in mid-May, then pushed back to mid-June, and there has been no further contact from the company and they have not responded to any attempted communication, Commissioner Brown moved to have County Attorney draft a letter to Kokes Construction to terminate the contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 Agenda item concerning signer on Fair Premium Account, it should be made a matter of record that Colleen Mullanix is to be removed as a signer from the Fair Premium banking account at Adams Bank & Trust.

 Commissioner Bernhardt moved to appoint Rebecca Bernard to manage the Fair Premium Account position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 Commissioner Brown moved to have Rebecca Bernard be the signer on the Fair Premium Account at Adams Bank & Trust. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to accept the Region II Human Services Behavioral Health Match Agreement for FY 2023-24 to be paid on a quarterly payment schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 No action taken on West Central Development District agenda item. Commissioners requested that Broadband/USDA Technical Assistance Funding item be removed from unfinished business. Commissioners still gathering informal bids for courthouse front step project.

 After further discussion of the Highway Superintendent/Road Foreman position and review of the job description for the position Commissioner Brown made a motion to send an offer letter to Dick DeWester for the position of County Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

 Commissioners decided to have Budget Workshop meeting on August 22, the meeting will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Commissioner Meeting. Public Hearing for budget will be held on September 12.

 Open fair board position was discussed. Commissioners will run an ad to seek interested candidates for the position.

 With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk