

Chase County Commissioners  
August 26, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Attorney Joel Burke, Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling, Deb Hayes for Imperial EMS and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Duane Dreiling was present to discuss road conditions due to recent rains and correspondence received from the City of Imperial concerning the RAVE Emergency Communication Service system. The City has notified the County that, due to the successful launch of the City of Imperial’s mobile app earlier this year, they no longer desire to participate in the cost of using Rave following the end of the current agreement.

Deb Hayes spoke to the Board concerning the need for EMS drivers, and how to go about scheduling drivers for transfers as she has had interest from several new people willing to drive for transfers. Board recommended that she use the regular service drivers when available and offer transfers to them before other part-time standby drivers.

County Attorney Joel Burke notified the Board that he has hired a Deputy County Attorney to begin on October 1, 2025. Deputy will handle mostly juvenile matters, school truancy, etc.

Concerning the agenda item of Don Wilson Audit approval, Board noted that they will plan to attend the October meeting of the Fair Board to review Don’s audit findings with them as well as other concerns.

Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Brown questioned the claim to Theatrical Media Services for \$49,750. Claim was for payment of the stage rental for fair concerts. Commissioners intend to use this years allocated fair funds for facility improvements at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted, with the exception of claim #85622 to Theatrical Media Services, payment of which is denied. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. 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	657.78
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	62.40
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9611.15
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1800.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	169.39
BCBS OF NE	PE	32795.73
BOMGAARS	SU	41.13
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
BROPHY ELECTRIC	RP	763.55
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CCCH	SE	1352.50
CHASE CO TREAS	INTEREST	1171.99

COLONIAL LIFE	PE	234.75
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	39.91
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	173.98
EAKES, INC	SU	112.07
EFTPS	PE	15688.58
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	SE	162.20
FVFC	SU	2502.92
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY	CC	106.70
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	564.31
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	213.65
GRANT PHARMACY	SU	30.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	84.42
MUELLER, TORI	TE	137.76
NACO (REGS.)	TE	25.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2051.96
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	67.98
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	EQ	216.27
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	SE	4253.09
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	127.64
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP	SE	1278.21
SWPPD	UT	244.63
TODD, DUANE	SU	179.19
US BANK CORP PMT	TE	118.60
WHITE BILLY	SE	1350.00
	Net Payroll	47686.29
	Cash Account - Interest Pmt	-1171.99
	General Fund Total	126418.25
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1267.10
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	92.48
BCBS OF NE	PE	923.48
BOMGAARS	SU	167.95
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	151.38
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	98.41
EFTPS	PE	3778.20
FANNING FARM REPAIR	RP	4737.22
FVFC	SU	1713.17
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	41.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	914.64
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	PT	3186.78
US BANK CORP PMT CTR	TE	140.63
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	240.00
	Net Payroll	21660.06
	Road Fund Total	39389.39
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
TMS PRODUCTION INTEGRATION		49750.00
	Claim Denied	-49750.00
	Fair Fund Total	0.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	386.52
CENTURY LINK-FORMERLY QWEST	UT	1982.56
GEO-COMM INC.	SE	4685.63

NENA	SE	299.99
Wireless 911 Fund Total		6968.18
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1407.32
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	218.00
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	128.80
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	70.36
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	64.58
FVFC	SU	75.67
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	13.98
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	362.98
HATZ, ANDREW	SE	354.00
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	92.98
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	14.20
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	28.18
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	374.60
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	225.80
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	461.40
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	124.80
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	25.40
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	64.58
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	765.80
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	481.60
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	121.80
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	1647.23
SKELTON, JOSHUA	SE	8.20
SKELTON, LANA J	SE	60.00
US BANK CORP PMT CTR	SU	58.72
Ambulance Fund Total		7250.98
Grand Total All Claims		180713.32

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025, Commissioner Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

After reviewing the Stryker contract for purchase of two new LUCAS Chest Compression systems for EMS services, Commissioner Bernhardt moved to purchase a new LUCAS v3.1 Chest Compression device for each service, for \$20,505.92 with a \$5,000 credit for trade-in of LUCAS 2, for a purchase price of \$15,784.38 each, to be paid from Inheritance Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

DHHS has reached out citing a federal obligation to provide drop boxes for client information drops after business hours. They would like to install a drop box on the exterior of the building near the door at 490 Est 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Board directed Clerk to notify DHHS to have their maintenance tech install the drop box.

Board reviewed the Delinquent Personal Property tax report as submitted by the Chase County Treasurer.

Commissioner Brown moved to sign the renewal contract for Professional Appraisal Services with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc for oil and gas mineral interests for the 2026 and 2027 tax years for a fee of \$2,100 each year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Auditor Don Wilson's report for FY2024-2025. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the FY24-25 audit report as submitted by Don Wilson. Motion seconded



by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance renewal policy for Chase County Jail, for 2025-2026, for an annual premium of \$3,933.48. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Surplus property was reviewed. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a nonworking 2008 video surveillance camera from the Sheriff's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus an outdated 2010 surveillance camera system from the Sheriff's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to surplus a nonworking microwave (tag #172) from the Sheriff's inventory to trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to surplus a broken Magnavox tv and two broken IBM typewriters (tag #173 & 942) from the sheriff's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus two broken file cabinets from the Wauneta Shop to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus an old bench grinder and an 18" pipe wrench from the Wauneta Shop to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Concerning the agenda item of lines on the dump road blacktop, Commissioner Brown moved to direct the assistant highway superintendent, Dick DeWester, to get information to have the lines on the dump road extension repainted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to advertise for formal bids to replace the Courthouse Front Steps, with bids to be open on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 8:45am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:15am.

**CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

  
Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2

  
Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST:   
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk