

Chase County Commissioners  
February 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room at the Chase County Courthouse. The open meeting act and agenda were posted. Meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester, County Attorney Joel Burke, Road Secretary Jeni Lotspeich, County Court Clerk Magistrate Karen Mueller and Greg Dannatt.

Karen Mueller was present for agenda item of Courtroom Upgrades. Karen provided information and options for new chairs or bench seating for the gallery seating area. Commissioners viewed photos provided by Karen and said they would discuss it and let her know how to proceed. Karen left the meeting.

Greg Dannatt was present for the agenda item of 335 Avenue Improvements. Greg has purchased land on 335 Ave north of the highway 6 intersection to eventually build a house. This road is open and maintained but not all the way to Greg's property. In order for a building permit to be issued for a house the road will need to be extended an additional 400 feet to meet the southern edge of his property. Greg will then maintain the road further beyond that access point as needed. Commissioners do not believe this will be a burdensome road to open and maintain as it is on a section line, already open part of the way and only needs to be extended an additional 400 feet. Commissioners directed clerk to schedule a Public Hearing for this matter at the February 27 Commissioner Meeting to be heard at 9:30am. Greg left the meeting.

Highway Superintendents were present for open forum to present tentative plans for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan. Discussion of the Dump Road Extension project and Onyx overlay on Old Highway 6 commenced. Tony suggested using Highway Buyback funds to cover the cost of the Old 6 project. Commissioners instructed Tony to prepare bid specs for the Dump Road Extension project. Tony left the meeting.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester stayed to review road classifications with commissioners and consider possibly reclassifying some of the unimproved roads he has identified. Dick has identified approximately 105 miles of county roads that are currently unimproved and may be reclassified as minimum maintenance. Dick would like to update a handful of these roads annually until all have been addressed and reclassified as needed.

Specific roads identified at this time were 745 Road and 321 Ave extending three miles west of 321; 746 Road and 321 Ave extending three miles west of 321; 320 Ave and 736 Road extending two miles south; 323 Ave and 736 Road extending north two miles; 740 Road and 326 Ave extending east one mile; 727 Road and 344 Avenue extending north one mile and 738 Road and 345 Ave extending two miles south. Dick left the meeting.

Commissioner Brown recessed the meeting at 9:00 for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:43.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

County Road Policy was reviewed, commissioners requested that mowing rates be added to the policy, wording around road damage section be modified to identify "commercial business, farmer or individuals" and to add "If trees and shrubs located on private property create an obstruction it shall be the responsibility of the owner to remove and take care of the obstruction at owners' expense". Commissioner Brown moved to approve the policy as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Complete policy will be made available on the Road Department portion of the County website.

Courtroom upgrades were discussed. Commissioner Brown informed other board members that additional window coverings are needed for the windows behind the jury box as the

current blinds aren't dark enough and sunlight coming through causes a glare on the television. Commissioners discussed options and decided to look into some type of tinting that will adhere directly to the window behind the shades to remedy the problem. Seating options presented by Karen were basic padded chairs for approximately \$8,000, benches/pews for approximately \$10,000 or Super Chairs for approximately \$15-20,000. Commissioners agreed that they would prefer chairs rather than bench or pew style seating for the courtroom gallery. Commissioner Brown will contact Karen Mueller and instruct her to gather further information for the chair seating options to be presented to the board.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve claims as presented. 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

ADAMS DRUG INC	SU	17.88
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	12137.06
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3131.66
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	830.67
BARTHOLOMEW KIMBERLY	SU	16.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	919.13
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	24451.97
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	SU	184.45
BOMGAARS	SU	44.98
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
BWTELCOM	UT	146.55
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	1200.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.24
CHASE CO CDC	CC	74.00
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	18.69
CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING, LLC	JD	130.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	264.77
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	389.00
CRAWFORD, MAKAYLA RAE	JD	97.50
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	SE	112.50
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	SU	64.71
DUNDY CO TREAS	JD	3388.50
EAKES, INC	SU	1126.48
EFTPS	PE	21504.53
FARRELL'S PHARMACY INC.	SU	47.37
FVFC	SU	2487.32
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	1541.87
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC	UT	1067.47
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	72.99
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	84.55
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	355.95
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	909.00
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1228.41
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	643.00
KEITH CO TREAS	JD	5640.99

MCCOOK, CITY OF	CC	773.40
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	81.67
MIPS, INC.	SE	3148.91
MUELLER, KAREN	SU	63.98
NE ASSO OF CO TREAS	DUES	50.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2975.51
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	2207.61
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	76.30
PETTY CASH-CLERK	SU	44.96
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	239.00
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	279.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	SE	216.27
QUALITY INN & SUITES - KEARNEY	TE	510.00
RED WILLOW CO SHERIFF	CC	6570.00
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC	SU	428.22
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP	SE	1251.80
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	1275.00
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	SE	25.00
TROXELL'S HEATING AND APPLIANCE	PT/L	729.49
US BANK CORP PMT	SU	79.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	274.68
WILCOX RYAN R.	AP	3601.08

Net Payroll 57736.73

**General Fund Total 168728.39**

ADAMS LUMBER	SU	37.99
AFLAC	PE	274.26
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	775.94
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
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AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	46.39
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	1501.29
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	250.00
BOMGAARS	SU	1076.40
BWTELCOM	UT	99.02
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	59.99
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	1420.00
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	338.62
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	60.72
EFTPS	PE	6306.10
FVFC	SU	5966.10
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	224.31
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC	UT	142.88
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	PT	302.86
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	14.08
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	1003.81
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	389.03
LAMAR DIESEL & IRRIGATION, LLC	SU	24.23
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	10.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	EQ	381698.16
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1666.13
NMC	EQ	3371.42
NOVUS GLASS ELSIE NE	PT	65.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	67.00
OVERHEAD DOOR SPECIALISTS	PT/L	86.50

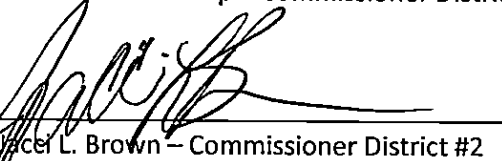
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	49.99
PETTY CASH-CHASE CO.TRANSIT/ROAD	SU	9.68
QUALITY INN & SUITES - KEARNEY	TE	85.00
ROWLEY WELDING	SU	126.66
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	4548.33
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	SU	140.40
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	EQ	4222.76
US BANK CORP PMT	SE	16.95
VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	6000.00
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	37.08
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	292.69
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	191.06
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT	356.94
	Net Payroll	29646.40
	<b>Road Fund Total</b>	<b>454833.40</b>
MIPS, INC.	SE	249.20
	<b>P&amp;M Fund Total</b>	<b>249.20</b>
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY	SU	141.47
	<b>Juvenile Justice Fund Total</b>	<b>141.47</b>
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
CENTURY LINK	UT	2032.15
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	386.52
	<b>E911 Fund Total</b>	<b>2697.57</b>
CENTURY LINK-FORMERLY QWEST	UT	480.46
KASEWARE INC.	SE	14400.00
	<b>Wireless 911 Holding Fund Total</b>	<b>14880.46</b>
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	592.31
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	429.53
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	279.00
FVFC	SU	75.45
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	321.41
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	183.63
	<b>Ambulance Fund Total</b>	<b>1933.35</b>
	<b>Grand Total All Claims</b>	<b>643463.84</b>

With no further business to come before the board Commissioner Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



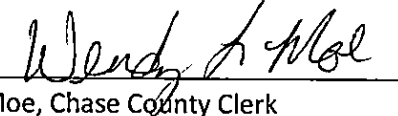
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacei L. Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST:   
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk