

Chase County Commissioners
February 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Treasurer Rebecca Bernard, Veterans Service Office Duane Todd and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The agenda and open meetings act were posted; the meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website.

Duane Todd was present at the Open Forum to update the Board on LB1072 and requested their permission to make an online comment in opposition to the bill as the CCVSO. Board said that would be okay.

Deb Hayes joined the meeting to inquire about the current status of ambulance administration at the County level. Board informed Deb that with the resignation of the ambulance administrator, duties will be taken over within the building, Treasurer's office will now be handling all billing and the Clerk's office will be handling claims.

Mel McNea joined the meeting on behalf of Chase County Community Hospital to ask if there is an opportunity that the County would start a sinking fund for the Hospital's benefit, not this year, but perhaps in 2027-2028 and beyond. They are very appreciative of the funds that have been allocated to them and would appreciate any future funding that may be available. Mel expanded on recent activity at the hospital and steps being taken to continue to turn the financial situation around, increase revenue and make the hospital more self-supporting. Discussion turned to the Hospital Foundation and expenditure of those funds. Commissioner Brown expressed her appreciation of Mel and his efforts. The Board would like to commit funds to the Hospital but due to recent legislation, resources are limited. County could consider allocating interest from Inheritance Fund or something similar to be contributed to a sinking fund for the Hospital's benefit.

Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization at 8:30am. Meeting reconvened at 8:35 with three Commissioners, Assessor, Treasurer and Clerk present.

Board looked at current fund balances to see what interest had been earned to date on County funds.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to remove Jordan Beard and add Julie Sharp as an authorized signer on the Ambulance account at Sandhills Bank. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With the resignation of the Road Secretary, the Board will not be hiring to fill the position. All duties will be transferred to other offices.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to appoint County Clerk Wendy Moe as the County NIRMA representative. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Ambulance billing and KENO will be handled by Julie Sharp in the Treasurer's office. Planning and Zoning administrative duties will be taken over by Deputy County Clerk, Chris Mulder. Transit administration will be handled by Monica Montes, Assistant Deputy County Clerk. All other road admin duties will be handled by the Clerk's office.

As these duties will be in addition to employee's existing duties, additional compensation will be paid for the administration of Ambulance, Transit and Planning/Zoning, as a monthly salaried amount. Commissioner Brown moved to pay \$500 monthly to Julie Sharp for Ambulance admin duties, \$600 monthly to Chris Mulder for Planning and Zoning, and \$600 monthly to Monica Montes for Transit duties. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. 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	967.36
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AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	10888.12
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	826.35
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	926.30
BCBS OF NE	PE	24071.71
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	316.67
PETTY CASH-CLERK	SU	28.83
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	983.97
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	3343.46
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	437.48
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	SE	588.72
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	532.96
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	88.33
EAKES, INC	SU	219.85
EFTPS	PE	18880.76
ELETECH, INC	SE	1288.49
FVFC	SU	866.19
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	1509.69
HEA	UT	1091.53
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	266.46
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	285.35
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP	1173.21
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	2169.00
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	61.46
MOUSEL,BROOKS,SCHNEIDER,MUSTION	AP	400.00
MIPS,INC.	SE	1755.98
NACO (REGS.)	TE	50.00
NAGI	SE	120.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	863.97
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	157.38
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	SE	216.27
BERNARD, REBECCA M.	SE	1615.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2665.77
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	5500.00
BWTELCOM	UT	150.17
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	56.78
	Net Payroll	40602.56
	General Fund Total	126957.19

21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT/L	569.76
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	447.47
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	47.01
BCBS OF NE	PE	8894.34
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	3360.00
BUD'S TIRE REPAIR INC	RP	314.00
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	16.03
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	418.54
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	14.62
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	390.01
FVFC	SU	1271.97
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1980.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	SU	218.94
HEA	UT	161.14
EICHNERS SALES & SERVICE	SU/RP	626.31
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	73.22
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	23.98
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	9300.99
SHELCO CONSTRUCTION	SE	2960.00
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	137.12
BWTELCOM	UT	101.81
	Net Payroll	28384.62
	Road Fund Total	59711.88
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1386.70
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	2655.60
	Fair Fund Total	4042.30
MIPS,INC.	SE	260.40
	P&M Fund Total	260.40
CHASE COUNTY AREA ARTS COUNCIL		5000.00
	KENO Fund Total	5000.00
CENTURY LINK	UT	2090.95
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	386.52
BWTELCOM	UT	283.40
	E911 Fund Total	2760.87
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	606.32
FVFC	SU	134.35
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	322.29
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
	Ambulance Fund Total	1114.98
	Grand Total All Claims	199847.62

Commissioner Brown moved to approve minutes from the January 27, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the Wauneta North Dam inspection report completed by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus and dispose of a 16” Stihl chainsaw due to it being unusable and too costly to repair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sam McNair has notified the Board of Commissioners of his intention to resign his position on the Chase County Community Hospital Board. Commissioners would like to fill the vacancy with a current doctor on CCCH staff. It is a requirement that all hospital Board members be residents of Chase County. Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Yi

“Patrick” An, MD to the Chase County Community Hospital Board of Trustees, to fill the position vacated by Sam McNair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

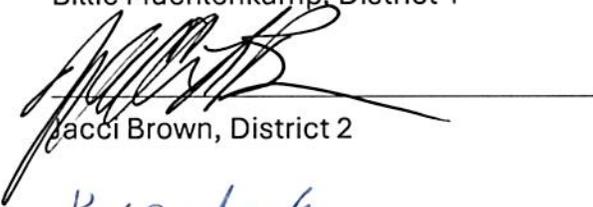
Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the signing of the five-year Barrow Material Lease agreement between the County and Ceres Capital Investments LLC for the pit located on the NE1/4 of 1-8-41. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With nobody present for Open Forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 10:00am.

Chase County Commissioners



Billie Muehlenkamp, District 1



Jacqui Brown, District 2



Kurt Bernhardt, District 3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk