

Chase County Commissioners  
February 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the courthouse meeting room. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Jacci Brown 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.

Derek Russel, AgPro Realty, was present for the agenda item of Wauneta EMS Building. The County and Village representatives tasked with locating a building to house Wauneta EMS have located a suitable building. An offer has been made on the east Sinner's Towing building located in Wauneta on the south side of the highway, contingent on Board approval. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the offer of \$260,000 to purchase the building located on a 1.7 +/- Acre Tract in the SE1/4 of 11-5-36. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Closing will be on or before March 31, 2026.

A survey will be done on the property. The final survey and legal description shall be subject to approval by both Buyer and Seller. Commissioner Brown moved to give Chairman Bernhardt authority to sign off on the Survey and approve any contingencies concerning the real estate purchase. This will help to expedite the process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Diane Mathews and Chrisi Davis joined the meeting for Open Forum. Diane was present on behalf of Bob Kohl, to request that the recently enforced policy of requiring 48 hours advanced notice to schedule Out of Town medical trips for Transit be reconsidered. Chrisi noted the same concern. The Board stated that with new Transit administration, the Passenger Handbook would be used and enforced. None of these things are new, but they have not been enforced. 48 hours will be required for scheduling out-of-town trips. Diane asked for clarification on the Cancellation policy; it is understood that cancellations are necessary sometimes, but they should be made 24 hours in advance or as early as possible. Cancellation will be accepted up to one hour prior to scheduled pick-up time without penalty. Any cancellation received later than one hour prior to the scheduled pick-up will be considered a No Show and will be noted as such in the passenger's record. This is applicable for both in-town and out-of-town trips.

Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling joined the meeting for open forum to request that he be added to the next meeting agenda to discuss the emergency radios. Rick Elliott will also be present for that meeting.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester was present for agenda item of Surplus Property to discuss the selling of a motor grader via online auction. Board does not want to begin the process of selling the machine until a new one is on the way. Dick will prepare bid specs for a new machine for the next meeting.

Dispatcher Chuck Bartholomew and Assessor Tori Mueller were present for the agenda item of Allo Managed IT Services. Chuck has concerns about slow response times on trouble tickets and Allo's ability to remote into devices. It was also noted that when Allo has been on site, all departments have not been made aware.

Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization at 8:30. Meeting was reconvened at 8:38 with three Commissioners, Clerk, Chuck and Tori present.

Discussion of Allo IT continued. Chuck noted that we still have the old firewall and he should be able to get a secondary connection from Great Plains to reinstall the old firewall and then run communications and the sheriff's office on their own connection, without Allo as IT. Commissioner Bernhardt said we are paying for a service and will give Allo the opportunity to remedy these concerns before there is any discussion of making changes. The County's Allo account manager will be on site today, we will request that communication with the elected official in each department be improved and that an email is sent to all officials when Allo will be on site and services may be affected.

Assessor Mueller presented the proposed service agreement for GIS services between Schneider Geospatial, LLC and the County for GIS Services as a replacement to the County's current contract with GWorks. The proposed agreement is for a term of three years, with a one-time setup cost of \$5,000 plus \$18,756 for the first year, \$19,694 for the second year and \$20,679 for the third year. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the proposed service agreement from Schneider Geospatial for a term of three years, commencing on July 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Rebecca Bernard joined the meeting to request the Board's approval to extinguish delinquent taxes from years 2008 and 2009 on two parcels, 150093470 and 150033842, as allowed by statute. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the striking of taxes as requested by the Treasurer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown 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

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	1007.46
ALLO Business	SE	814.39
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	10958.37
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.	PE	98.10
ASHLEY K. SPAHN	AP	1575.00
BILLY WHITE	SE	150.00
BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC	UT	372.35
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	24071.11
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC.	SU	36.98
BRIAN E. FOSTER	SE	40.00
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	316.65
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	14.50
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	437.44

CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	PE	242.69
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	186.03
EAKES, INC	SU	341.78
EFTPS	PE	16832.98
FRENCHMAN VALLEY FARMERS COOP INC	SU	1199.35
HANNA:KEELAN ASSOCIATES, P.C.	SE	3500.00
HIGH PLAINS NEWS NORTH LLC	SE	623.57
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	177.46
IN & OUT EXPRESS WASH LLC	SE	180.00
JIMMIE L. PANKONIN	SU/L	801.94
MCI	UT	85.18
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	SU/SE	5422.31
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
NE CO ASSESSORS ASSO	DUES	100.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1173.08
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	348.00
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC	SU	428.11
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	SE	4253.09
ROBERT S HARVOY	AP	268.75
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SE	25.00
SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UT	316.18
SSH INC HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	79.93
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2684.25
STATE OF NEBRASKA/DAS COMMUNICATION	SE	186.00
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SU	1240.78
	Net Payroll	41109.04
	Journal Entry	-100.00
	General Fund Total	121967.85
BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC	UT	1886.23
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	8894.61
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC.	SU	118.51
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	14.62
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	105.10
EFTPS	PE	2145.31
HIGH PLAINS NEWS NORTH LLC	SE	60.35
IMPERIAL SUPER FOODS	SU	39.72
IN & OUT EXPRESS WASH LLC	SU	60.00
KELLY & MYRA FANNING	RP	3980.37
MITTEN INC.	SU	20018.17
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	2521.90
TITAN MACHINERY INC.	RP	321.58
	Net Payroll	28617.60
	Road Fund Total	68784.07
NORMA J. HICKMAN	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC	SU	488.10
	P&M Fund Total	488.10
Southwest Title Company		20000.00
	Inheritance Fund Total	20000.00
KASEWARE INC.	SE	14400.00
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	14400.00
CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	EQ	165420.00
	Hospital Funding Total	165420.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1482.39
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	2239.82
CHASE COUNTY AMBULANCE	SU	62.90

EFTPS	PE	17.62
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	8956.88
	Net Payroll	250.00
	Ambulance Fund Total	13009.61
	<b>Grand Total All Claims</b>	<b>404369.63</b>

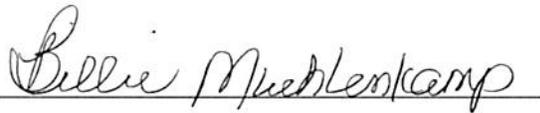
Agenda item of Red Willow Corrections Inmate Housing Interlocal Agreement was addressed; Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown notified the Board that Bob Mendenhall intends to resign his position from the Chase County Community Hospital Board of Trustees, effective March 1, 2026. Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Conner Cameron to fill the position as of March 2, 2026, and complete Bob’s unexpired term. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

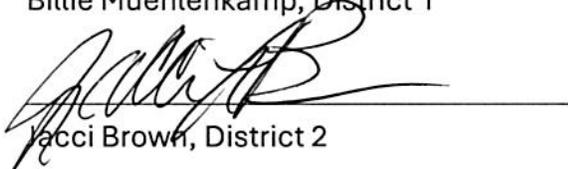
Commissioner Bernhardt instructed Clerk to remove the item of Courtroom Upgrades from unfinished business on the agenda.

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.

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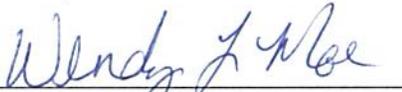
Billie Muehlenkamp, District 1



Jacci Brown, District 2



Kurt Bernhardt, District 3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk