

Chase County Commissioners
January 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, Road Secretary Jeni Lotspeich and Weed Superintendent Brandon Beard. The open meetings act and agenda were posted. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. With nobody present for Open Forum Commissioners proceeded with Agenda items.

Weed Superintendent Brandon Beard presented the Annual County Weed report to the board. Commissioners had questions pertaining to the status of Bindweed. Brandon said it is no longer classified as a noxious weed in the State of Nebraska but the board could choose to classify it as such on the county level. Commissioners indicated that they may want to further explore this option. With no further questions for Brandon, Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the signing of the Annual Weed Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller joined the meeting to discuss the law enforcement contract currently in place between the County and the Village of Wauneta. The contract has been in place since 2018 with no rate increase. The current contract allows for 80 hours of coverage monthly at a rate of \$22,000 per year which equates to \$22.91 per hour. Sheriff Mueller recommended that the cost be increased to \$36,480 annually with a three to five percent cost of living increase each year. Given the proposed figures the hourly rate would increase to approximately \$38.00 per hour. Sheriff Mueller recommended that this rate increase go into effect when the Village goes into their new budget year. Commissioners agreed with these recommendations and directed Sheriff Mueller to draft a letter and send it to the Wauneta Village Board.

Board reviewed the specifications submitted by Emergency Manage Duane Dreiling for a new generator to be placed at the courthouse. Specs included that it be able to handle the courthouse load up to 40kw, have a minimum of five switches, a service contract must be included as well as a concrete pad for placement and bidder would be responsible for running all proper hookups into the courthouse. Black Hills will run the gas line to the new location. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid specifications and directed that they be advertised to be opened on February 27th and 9:00am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Marci Fanning to fill the vacant seat on the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 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 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

AFLAC	PE	499.35
AFLAC	PE	17.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.5
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8976.59
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3077.4
AT&T MOBILITY	UT	830.14
BCBS OF NE	PE	24452.29
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	800
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.26
CCCH	SE	1729.76
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO	SE	500
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	971.8
CHIEF SIGN COMPANY	SU	369.69
CLEAR CHOICE	SU	389
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.	DUES	50
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	264.83

DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	202.75
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	874.3
EFTPS	PE	15471.51
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	137.34
FARRELL'S PHARMACY INC.	SU	41.46
FRENCHMAN AUTO	PT/L	151
FVFC	SU	2120.15
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	44.02
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	356.33
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	511.7
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	79.86
MIDWEST CONNECT	SU	78
MORRIS, DORISA D.	CC	68.75
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR	PE	320
NE CO ASSESSORS ASSO	DUES	75
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2035.85
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	444.75
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	29.99
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	54.29
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	45.32
SWPPD	UT	158.93
TODD, DUANE	DUES	50
TROSHYNSKI, MARTIN, J.	AP	11283
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	164.42

Net Payroll 44126.07

General Fund Total 122248.11

AFLAC	PE	274.26
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
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AT&T MOBILITY	UT	46.37
BCBS OF NE	PE	250.01
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	400
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40
CCCH	SE	214
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	1.5
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	60.02
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PE	213.12
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	60.72
EFTPS	PE	3608.36
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	3655.97
FVFC	SU	847.15
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	4200
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	70
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE	SE	203
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	935.33
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	54.95
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	11252.55
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	840
ULINE. INC	SU	829.85
VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	1480
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	250.81

Net Payroll 20635.34

Road Fund Total 51622.47

HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300
Tourism Fund Total		300
CENTURY LINK	UT	1949.89

	E-911 Fund Total	1949.89
ADVANCED AUTO/GOINGS INC	PT/L	333.27
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1216.56
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	183.4
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	21.6
AT&T MOBILITY	UT	592.21
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	58.2
BOMBA, MARK D.	SE	14.2
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	717.83
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	53.1
BURKE JOSH	SE	40
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	34.8
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	26.7
FVFC	SU	1233.35
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	51.5
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	369.1
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	71.9
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	14.2
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	37.3
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	119.2
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	92
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	58.2
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	56
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	83.2
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	298.4
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	103.9
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	9.4
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	102.2
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	115.3
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	114.2
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	126.51
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	136.3
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	241.6
Ambulance Fund Total		6725.63
Grand Total All Claims		182846.1

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the Budget Preparation Proposal from Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC to provide budget services for a period of three fiscal years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. The fee for year one will be \$4,900 with \$900 of that being a one-time fee to rebuild and reconfigure our budget documents, the fee for years two and three will be \$4,300 each year.

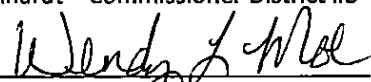
The agenda item to review road classifications will be moved to the next meeting. With no further business to come before the board Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:55am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


 Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1


 Jacqui L. Brown – Commissioner District #2


 Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 
 Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

