

Chase County Commissioners
January 13, 2026

The organizational meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by County Clerk Wendy Moe at 8:00am Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp, Jacci Brown and Kurt Bernhardt, Sheriff Kevin Mueller and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. The agenda and open meetings act were posted. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website.

Clerk called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Bernhardt as chairman for 2026. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Clerk called for additional nominations, none were made. Commissioner Brown moved that nominations cease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Roll call vote to name Commissioner Bernhardt as Chairman of the Board; Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – abstain. Motion carried. Commissioner Bernhardt to serve as Chairman for 2026 calendar year. Clerk turned meeting over to Chairman Bernhardt.

Chairman Bernhardt called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Muehlenkamp to serve as Vice Chairman and moved that nominations cease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Roll call vote to name Commissioner Muehlenkamp as Vice Chair for 2026; Muehlenkamp – abstain; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – abstain; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Joel Burke joined the meeting.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp 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

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	1007.46
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	191.40
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	14881.40
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SE	826.35
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	1573.46
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	SU	201.81
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	32966.05
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	1728.81
CAMP ANDERSON ENTERPRISES INC	SE	1576.20
Candlewood Suites	SE	1249.50
CENTURY LINK	UT	2090.33
CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	206.30
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	316.67
CHASE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL	SU	78.00
CHASE COUNTY CAFETERIA PLAN		7600.00
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	1013.50
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	4777.31
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.	DUES	50.00

COLONIAL LIFE	PE	452.13	DEBRA K. CLARK	PS	48.00	DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	193.36	DORISA D. MORRIS	CC	105.30	GONIGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	5670.00	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	2524.34	GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY	SU	181.80	HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	590.81	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	456.56	IMPERIAL SUPER FOODS	SU	1608.41	IN & OUT EXPRESS WASH LLC	SU	180.00	JANICE JAEGER	SE	1434.00	JEAN JOHNSON	PS	24.00	JULIE SHARP	SU	86.95	KAY J HAZARD	PS	144.00	Lakeview Cemetery		1200.00	LANCASTER COUNTY SHEIFF	CC	19.46	LANGENFELD TOWING	SE	320.00	LEIBBRANDT LUMBER, INC.	SU	23.50	LINDA MILLER	PS	36.00	MENDENHALL INC	SU	240.58	MITTER INC.	SU	22213.91	MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	SE	1844.38	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	1439.47	NACO PLANNING & ZONING	DUES	40.00	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00	NEBRASKA ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	DUES	75.00	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE		808.00	NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT/L	4293.09	OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	682.52	OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	31.85	REBECCA M. BERNARD	SE	1700.00	REGION II SERVICES		2102.00	ROBERT S HARVOY	CC	243.75	SHARON L. SPADEY	PS	84.00	SHIRLEY FANNING	PS	96.00	SSH INC HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	2600.00	STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	4000.33	STATEWIDE COLLECTION, LLC	SU	586.88	Substrata LLC	SU	9148.00	VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	1920.00	WAUNETA CROSROADS, LLC	SU	589.80	WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	140.93	WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	587.40	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	89.56	WILEY'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	SE	5000.00	Net Payroll	91771.36	Grand Total All Claims	271744.06
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Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-1 for the Designation of Publication of Legal Notices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2026-2 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Invest Monies on behalf of the County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-3 to Designate depositories, pay dates, etc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Chrisi Davis joined the meeting for Open Forum to express concerns regarding the Transit system. She discussed her concerns with the Board, including scheduling problems, noting that having to do all scheduling through Jordan in the office seems to be complicating matters and she asked if there was a way to schedule directly with the Drivers or give them more access to the system so they would at least know their availability. Chrisi also asked if Transit can give rides out of State (no), and if it was available to out of county residents (no).

Jordan from Murphy Tractor & Equipment joined the meeting to discuss one of the road graders and the benefit of trading it in versus selling it via auction. He advised that the County would likely do better selling the used machine via auction and noted that new machines are currently about four months out from time of order.

Jason Speck joined the meeting to inform the Board that he took two chainsaws in for tune-up and repair and has been informed that one of them is not worth fixing. Board directed him to replace that one.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Duane Dreiling as Chase County Emergency Manager for the year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to appoint Anthony Krajewski as Highway Superintendent and Richard DeWester as Assistant Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to appoint Duane Todd as County Veterans Service Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Joel Burke was present to discuss the Prairie Dog Management plan with the Board. He presented a more direct plan than those previously discussed, for the Board's consideration, they instructed him to prepare a resolution to be acted on at the next meeting.

After discussion of outside board assignments, Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Billie Muehlenkamp as the representative to Region II Human Services, Region II Behavioral Health, West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services boards; Jacci Brown as representative to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health, West Central Nebraska Developmental, Champion Mill, Chase County Safety and Chase County Fair boards; and Kurt Bernhardt as the representative on the Chase County Planning & Zoning and Chase County Community Hospital boards. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-4 setting the Official Salaries for 2027-2030, as discussed and determined at the December 23, 2025, meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp -yes; Brown -yes; Bernhardt -yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

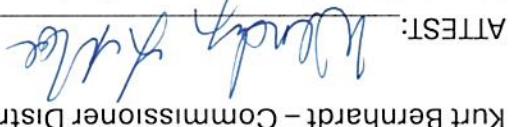
Commissioner Bernhardt moved to give a 3% wage increase to Veteran's Service Officer Duane Todd. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp -yes;

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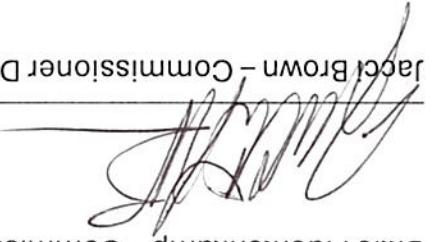
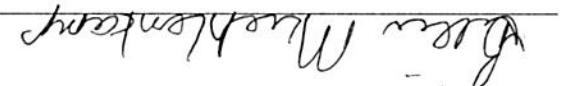
Surplus property was reviewed, Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a nonworking Dyson vacuum (tag #879) from the Extension office, to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp -yes; Brown -yes; Bernhardt -yes. Motion carried.

With nobody present for Open Forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

ATTEST: 
Kurt Bernhardt - Commissioner District #3

Jack Brown - Commissioner District #2


Bilie Muehlenkamp - Commissioner District #1


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