

Chase County Commissioners

January 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the Commissioner Meeting Room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, County Attorney Joel Burke, Dispatchers Kim Bartholomew and Lisa McBride, Road Secretary Jordan Beard and several members of the public. The agenda and open meetings act were posted. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website.

Teresa Hayes was present for Open Forum with concerns regarding 911 services. She called 911 to report the recent structure fire in Wauneta, at the time of the call she did not have a physical address to report but stated what she believed to be the approximate location of the fire. The dispatcher on duty requested a physical address. Teresa asked what an individual is supposed to do if they don't have or know a physical address to be provided in any sort of emergency. She also had questions regarding addresses within the Village of Wauneta. Commissioner Muehlenkamp said she will contact the Village about physical addresses in question. Teresa also expressed her appreciation toward the volunteer fire department.

Claire Foley was present as the lead developer in the Sand Draw Solar Project, she stated that she was in attendance to be available to answer questions and become a good neighbor leading into their proposed project. She said she would be available during and after the meeting to visit with anyone.

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	657.78
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AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.50
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BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	797.05
BCBS OF NE	PE	22870.70
BOMGAARS	SU	69.95
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
BROPHY ELECTRIC	RP/L	318.84
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.16
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	267.07
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	116.00
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	173.98
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	186.00
EAKES, INC	SU	517.20
EFTPS	PE	14615.23
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	SE	336.00
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	137.34
FVFC	SU	1480.80
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	687.64
HOMETOWN LEASING	SU	367.66
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	154.36
MADDUX, JULIA	CC	177.80
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	85.64
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	SU	100.00

MORRIS, DORISA D.	CC	42.00
NE ASSO OF CO TREAS	DUES	75.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1826.60
PERKINS CO SHERIFF	CC	24.98
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLCC	SU	494.84
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SE	35.00
SCHRA, NATALIE	SE	1620.00
SWPPD	UT	104.06
TODD, DUANE	DUES	50.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	185.90
	Net Payroll	43436.59
	General Fund Total	101512.56
AFLAC	PE	285.09
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	35.70
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1235.66
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	1410.57
BCBS OF NE	PE	2654.62
BOMGAARS	SU	181.95
CCCH	SE	107.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	150.33
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	98.41
EFTPS	PE	3593.72
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	3595.98
FVFC	SU	859.74
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	SU	25.00
MITTEN INC.	SU	18719.93
NDOT	SU	7803.10
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	912.76
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	8180.86
ULINE. INC	SU	166.02
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	426.63
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	155.44
	Net Payroll	21366.76
	Road Fund Total	71965.27
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
POWERTECH	EQ	32897.00
	ARPA Fund Total	32897.00
POWERTECH	EQ	55053.00
	LATCF Fund Total	55053.00
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
	E911 Fund Total	278.90
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	386.52
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	386.52
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1272.98
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	132.00
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	126.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	1621.19
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	96.20
BURKE JOSH	SE	13.40
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	62.58
CHASE CO AMBULANCE	SU	74.64
CCCH	SE	146.00
FVFC	SU	83.08
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	27.38
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	57.76



HAYES, DEBRA	SE	358.96
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	54.38
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	13.10
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	76.34
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	114.80
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	64.80
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	135.40
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	190.20
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	114.80
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	15.08
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	118.74
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	315.60
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	13.32
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	27.96
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	58.20
OSTMEYER, CHAD	SE	12.30
REGIONAL CARE INC	SE	818.31
SKELTON, JOSHUA	SE	75.40
SKELTON, LANA J	SE	75.40
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	62.88
Ambulance Fund Total		6429.18
Grand Total All Claims		268822.43

Correspondence was reviewed, consisting of November and December minutes from the Imperial Community Center.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller asked that the Board consider a way to improve the security around the Impound Lot that is located at the Imperial Shop site. A vehicle was recently stolen from the Impound lot and used in the commission of a crime in Wyoming. Commissioners gave their approval to improve the area, said installing a higher and more secure fence can be done by County employees, outside contractors shouldn't be necessary.

Matthew Musgrove and Abby Cyboron joined the meeting on behalf of Chase County Community Hospital to present the Hospital's annual audit report. After presentation of the audit, Abby told the Board about a new physician who recently started and one who is contracted to start in the Fall. Commissioners thanked Matthew and Abby for coming and for the work they do at the hospital.

Zoning Administrator Jordan Beard presented quotes from three different firms for preparation of new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations for Chase County. The quotes presented were as follows: Hanna:Keelan Associates for \$35,000; Miller & Associates for \$55,000; JEO for \$70,000. After review of all proposals, Commissioner Brown moved to retain Hanna:Keelan Associates of Lincoln, NE for a fee of \$35,000 with the proposed nine month timeline as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Jordan Beard presented options for Transit Software as the State Transit Administration is requiring that Counties implement electronic systems for transit scheduling. Signed contracts must be in place by March 1, 2025. Jordan presented the same options that were previously given to the Board, the first from Passio for a one-time fee of \$27,498.67 for setup, hardware, licensing and installation with a recurring annual fee of \$15,897. The second from TripMaster with a one-time fee for Software, Hardware and Services of \$29,715 and a recurring annual fee of \$6,150. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to sign a contract with TripMaster. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Jake McDaniel to the open District Two Fair Board position, to complete the term vacated by Scott Way, expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to reappoint Ryan Stromberger to District Two Fair Board position for a three-year term, to expire December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to reappoint Matt Denny to District One Fair Board position for a three-year term, to expire December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed Hospital Board and consideration of increasing the Board of Trustees from five to seven members due to the possibility of hospital expansion, construction or remodel as well as overseeing of the general business of the facility, they feel that there would be value in having more members on the Board. At this time there has been interest from several members of the public wanting to serve on the Board. Commissioners instructed Clerk to add this item to the next meeting agenda.

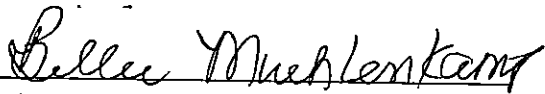
Surplus property forms were reviewed. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus the loader w/ forks from the Lamar shop to be disposed of as scrap metal as it was damaged and is no longer useable. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a chair (county tag #539) and an old computer (county tag #938) from the Treasurer's office, the chair to the trash and computer to be recycled after the hard drive is cleared. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk presented a form for surplus of a copy machine. Commissioners indicated that it may be needed by EMS. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to table the agenda item of Clerk's Copier Surplus until the next meeting. 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 Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:43am.

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Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

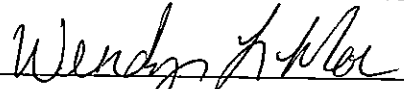


Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST:


Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

