

Chase County Commissioners
July 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, Assistant Highway Superintendent Richard DeWester and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican; the agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Sheriff Mueller was present for discussion of fencing around the impound lot. He presented an estimate from Anderson Fencing and Seamless Gutters for \$9,418.86 to install an 8' tall chain link fence topped with barb wire, around the proposed area. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the fence to be installed per the provided estimate, and that it should be paid for from Building and Grounds. Motion seconded by commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners and Sheriff discussed EMS calls within the City of Imperial and the possibility of contacting the City to get an agreement in place to cover some of the cost of services. Commissioner Brown will work on this.

During Open Forum Dick DeWester had updates for the Board regarding culverts on order, culverts needing to be replaced in several places, and asked about purchasing a culvert cleaner. Cost for the cleaner will be approximately \$6,000; Board gave approval for Dick to proceed with purchase of the cleaner. Dick informed the Board that it will be another couple weeks before the Enders Main Street project gets started.

Jordan Gardner from Murphy Tractor and Equipment joined the meeting for machinery and equipment updates, grader attachments and a walk-n-roll packer. Board directed Clerk to put Walk-N-Roll Packer on the next agenda.

Chrisi Davis joined the meeting for Open Forum, she had questions about the County's Transit rates, services, scheduling and privacy policies. Board will review the rates and Transit Rider policies at the next meeting.

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	657.78
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ALMANZA, LORENA	SE	900.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	50.50
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3411.10
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1800.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	30218.62
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	300.00
BWTELCOM	UT	150.02
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	234.72
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

EAKES, INC	SU	196.02
EFTPS	PE	14669.96
FOXSTER OP&O, LLC	EQ/SE	29715.00
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY	CC	77.70
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	316.99
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	154.36
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	SE	92.79
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	525.00
MIPS, INC.	SE	1393.09
NACO (DUES)	DUES	1951.39
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1853.23
NE WEED CONTROL ASSO	DUES	150.00
NOVUS GLASS ELSIE NE	SU	90.00
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	6.88
WEST CENTRAL NEBRASKA AREA AGING	SE	3164.10
Net Payroll		43883.60
General Fund Total		146115.89
ADAMS LUMBER	SU	70.50
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
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ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	380.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	2791.42
BUD'S TIRE REPAIR INC	RP	313.00
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	240.00
BWTELCOM	UT	101.66
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	151.36
EFTPS	PE	4061.29
FANNING, BERNEICE	SU	200.00
GENERAL COLLECTION COMPANY	PE	263.25
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1260.00
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	131.97
HONDO FANNING CONSTRUCTION	RP	125.00
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	612.44
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	78.79
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE	SU	649.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	997.60
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	20.56
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	372.80
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	1680.00
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	137.36
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT/L	557.86
Net Payroll		22702.54
Road Fund Total		39521.20
MIPS, INC.	SE	260.40
P&M Fund Total		260.40
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
NE STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCE	TE	825.00
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERVI	UT	323.50
Ambulance Fund Total		1200.52
Grand Total All Claims		187098.01

Transit Administrator Jordan Beard presented Resolution 2025-13 for the Board's consideration. It would grant Jordan Beard authority to act as the administrator for the 5311 Program Agreement between Chase County Transit and the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to sign Resolution 2025-13. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Champion Mill Board, Commissioner Brown moved to accept Bill White's bid of \$9,000 per year for groundskeeping at Champion Lake, to commence on August 1. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to designate the State Print Shop as the printer for Chase County's Pink Postcards for Joint Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed current gravel contract rates. The County currently pays \$4/yard. Consideration of paying "per load" rather than by the yard. Commissioners will research this and discuss it further at the next meeting.

Representatives from Allo joined the meeting for an updated presentation for Managed IT Services, after having done a more thorough walk-through and inspection of the County's building and IT needs after their last visit. This revised proposal includes a no-fee service for on-site or remote general repair and maintenance, Compliance As a Service and 1G GPON Internet. Board thanked Allo representatives for their time and said they will plan to make a decision at their next meeting.

Elaine Menzel from NACO joined the meeting to give the Board updates concerning this year's Legislative Session, District Meetings, Summer Workshops, the Fall Legislative Conference that will be held on October 9 in Beatrice, noted that NACO is working on the 2025 Salary Study in preparation for the 2026 Election Cycle, Inheritance Tax, Unfunded and Underfunded Mandates and discussion of the revised Open Meetings Act. Commissioners thanked Elaine for her time and the information shared.

Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization at 10:00.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10pm with three Commissioners and County Clerk present. With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

