

Chase County Commissioners
June 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The agenda and open meetings act were posted, meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County Website.

Highway Superintendent Anthony Krajewski joined the meeting for Open Forum, he discussed upcoming projects with the Board, including sealing and patching of Old 6 (estimated \$10,000), sealing joints and cracks south of Wauneta (estimated \$8,000), chip seal/armor coat through Enders main street (estimated \$25-30,000) and to possibly consider a mastic/aggregate repair or to mill and fill with hot mix to fix joints on the lake road south of Enders (estimated \$30,000+).

Kylie Joyce and Mandy Broussard joined the meeting on behalf of Region II Human Services to provide their annual update to the Board and thank them for their continued support.

At 8:30 Commissioners opened bids received for Mower Tractors. Three bids were received, as follows: Titan Machinery – (2) CASE IH PUMA 240 CVX 2WD Tractors for \$264,500 each with a trade in value of \$65,000 for the JD 6135E and \$44,500 for the CASE IH MX110 for a total sale price of \$419,500 after the trade-in or a 5 year, 200 hour lease for \$61,000 annually; 21st Century John Deere – JD 6M 200 Cab Tractor for \$225,000 or a 5 year, 300 hour lease for \$28,742.04 annually; Yost Farm Supply – New Holland T7.245 for \$223,000 with no lease option. Discussion, no decision at this time.

At 9:00 Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:15 with three Commissioner and County Clerk present.

Scott Fiedler, Kristin Gottula, Jay Blattner and Brian Kemp joined the meeting on behalf of Allo, to present a quote for Managed IT Services.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025, meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – abstain; 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

ADAMS LUMBER	SU	7.95
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	50.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9263.19
APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC.	SU	1281.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SE	3396.85
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	1069.73
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1620.00
BLANKENAU WILMOTH JARECKE, LLP	SE	60.00

BCBS OF NE	PE	26434.98
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	53.08
BWTELCOM	UT	150.92
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CHASE CO CDC	CC	36.00
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	2000.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	235.72
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60
DELL MARKETING LP	SU	8376.32
EAKES, INC	SU	288.91
EFTPS	PE	15182.19
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1561.72
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	314.63
HILLS FAMILY FOODS SSH INC	SU	133.77
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	187.38
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	439.71
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	84.85
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	649.79
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2365.77
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	591.00
MIPS, INC.	SE	1354.58
MORSE, SARAH A.	TE	13.83
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	184.95
NATP(NATL ASSOC OF TRANS PROVIDERS)	SU	105.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1956.11
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	18.57
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	16.99
RED WILLOW CO TREASURER	CC	1119.54
RR DONNELLEY	SU	57.99
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	35.00
SAMANTHA DANIEL	TE	148.40
SPEEDTECH LIGHTS INC	SU	1000.32
STAMM, DIANE	TE	86.80
STRYKER SALES, LLC	SU	920.00
TROPF, EMIL	PE	49.85
U S POSTAL SERVICE	SU	338.00
V F W	SU	45.00
	Net Payroll	46007.30
	General Fund Total	131124.08
ADAMS LUMBER	SU	5.36
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	544.60
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1212.46
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	46.43
BCBS OF NE	PE	2685.27
BOMGAARS	SU	13.96
BWTELCOM	UT	101.73
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	151.36
DIAMOND MOWERS, LLC	SU	482.64
EFTPS	PE	3550.12
FANNING, BERNEICE	SU	1000.00
GENERAL COLLECTION COMPANY	PE	222.82
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	3330.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	226.16

HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	134.04
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	PT	15.86
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	10.00
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	574.14
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	308.08
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	855.31
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	8232.47
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	135.12
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT	673.49
	Net Payroll	20564.74
	Road Fund Total	45335.07
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	278.69
	Fair Fund Total	278.69
MIPS, INC.	SE	251.20
	P&M Fund Total	251.20
CENTURY LINK	UT	81.00
	E911 Fund Total	81.00
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	934.60
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO AMBULANCE		439.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	322.03
	Ambulance Fund Total	1748.53
	Grand Total All Claims	178818.57

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to accept the Withdrawal of Application for the Conditional Use Permit from Sand Draw Solar, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sam McNair, Kara Engbrecht and Deaun Carpenter, members of the Chase County Community Hospital Board of Trustees joined the meeting for discussion with Commissioners. Discussion consisted of the hospital's budget for the coming year, Commissioners noted that they would like to see detailed goals from the Hospital Board, specific short, mid and long-term plans working toward those goals. They would like to see the Hospital further explore the possibility and options to operate a pharmacy. Commissioners asked what the recruitment efforts for new Doctors have produced, who oversees recruitment efforts and what that looks like. Commissioners encouraged Hospital Board members to push and ask the hard questions to work toward the future success of the facility.

Commissioner Brown moved to advertise for bids to fill the position of Champion Lake/Mill Groundskeeper, with bids to be open at 9:00am on June 24. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting for the agenda item of GWorks Alternatives. Tori has been in touch with GWorks, due to the 60-day requirement to terminate the contract and GWorks working toward correcting noted concerns, at this time she recommends that no changes be made. She will continue to explore other vendors and be prepared to make a change in a more timely fashion next year, if necessary.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2025-10 to apply for 5311 Transit matching funds to purchase a new lowered floor mini van with ramp. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the NIRMA insurance renewal rates as well as options to increase deductibles to lower premium. The County's annual contribution amount increased by 5.11% to an amount of \$121,924. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to maintain the current deductible and accept the renewal rate as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners returned to discussion of Mower Tractors. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to purchase the two CASE IH PUMA 240 CVX 2WD Tractors from Titan Machinery for a total of \$419,500 after trade-in of the old tractors, with \$200,000 to be paid from the Machinery & Equipment line and the balance to be paid from the Inheritance Fund to be repaid over the next four years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A resolution for repayment of Inheritance Tax Fund will be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting.

Treasurer Rebecca Bernard joined the meeting for Open Forum to make it a matter of record that Amanda Cross and Janet Tomky will be added as authorized signers for all bank accounts of the Chase County Treasurer's Office.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jaci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk