

Chase County Commissioners
June 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in the courthouse meeting room. Also present was Commissioner Brown and County Clerk Wendy Moe. Commissioner Muehlenkamp was absent. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Bud Statz was present for open forum to note that there are weeds along the west end of Champion Lake that need to be taken care of. Board will have Weed Superintendent take care of that.

Abraham Ramos joined the meeting for open forum to ask the Board questions pertaining to the security cameras in the building. He has requested footage from the Sheriff's office, and his request has been denied. County Attorney Burke noted that correspondence was sent to Mr. Ramos citing statute that protects security footage from being released. Abraham had also previously submitted correspondence to the Board regarding a complaint about the District Court Bailiff. Board acknowledged his complaint, Chairman Bernhardt said they will review it as presented.

Veterans Service Officer Duane Todd and Veteran's Board member Bud Statz were present, Duane presented Veteran's Service Board meeting minutes as well as his office budget request for FY26-27. Board reviewed the minutes and budget requests as presented. Minutes reflected that the Veteran's Service Board voted to reappoint Bud Statz for a term of 5 years. Commissioners confirmed that Bud wished to serve another term.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to reappoint Louis "Bud" Statz to the Veteran's Service Board for a term of five years, to expire June 30, 3031. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from June 9, 2026, Commissioner Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; 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	1002.72
ALLO Business	SE	3789.10
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	10339.86
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SU	139.99
ASHLEY K. SPAHN	AP	1600.00
BILLY WHITE	SE	1350.00
BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	141.19
BCBS OF NE	PE	20148.63
BRIAN E. FOSTER	SE	340.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	SU	637.63
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA	PE	316.65
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.39

CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	PE	244.04
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	186.03
EAKES, INC	SU	4658.84
EFTPS	PE	16462.53
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH		
INST	SE	700.00
FVFC	SU	3155.86
HIGH PLAINS NEW NORTH LLC	SE	603.41
HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	TE	239.00
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	CC	18.00
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	672.43
MCI	UT	86.66
NACO	TE	175.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	40.00
NIRMA	INS	134711.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1877.77
PHILIP PANKONIN	SE	900.00
REBECCA M. BERNARD	SE	1615.00
ROBERT S HARVOY	AP	441.30
SCOTTSBLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	CC	8890.00
SWPPD	UT	334.40
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2603.78
US BANK CORP PMT	SU	977.39
USPRX INC	SU	10.00
Net Payroll		40114.98
General Fund Total		260283.78
BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	283.88
BCBS OF NE	PE	7862.58
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	105.10
EFTPS	PE	2026.90
FVFC	SU	4573.77
IMPERIAL YOST FARM SUPPLY	EQ	56080.00
KELLY & MYRA FANNING	PT/L	11564.57
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	RP	4936.91
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	3684.05
Net Payroll		26778.40
Road Fund Total		117909.78
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO	SE	2000.00
NORMA J. HICKMAN	SE	300.00
Tourism Fund Total		2300.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1512.25
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	2511.54
EFTPS	PE	17.56
FVFC	SU	448.94
GOINGS, INC.	SU	29.88
NEBRASKA STATEWIDE EMS		
CONFERENCE	TE	1100.00
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	2626.07
Net Payroll		250.00
Ambulance Fund Total		8496.24
Grand Total All Claims		388989.80

Mr. Ramos rejoined the meeting to confirm that the Board is the correct department for him to submit the complaint regarding the Bailiff. Board confirmed that they are who it should be submitted to.

At 8:30am Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:32am with Commissioners Bernhardt and Brown, Assessor Mueller and Clerk Moe present.

Assessor Mueller presented a Consolidated Extended Service Contract for Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. It is a five-year contract, commencing October 28, 2026, at a rate of \$18,700 annually. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Wauneta EMS Captain Leanne Klein joined the meeting to present their quarterly report and quotes for the interior bathroom, office and kitchenette construction for the new Wauneta EMS building, as well as a quote for an air conditioning unit for the entire building. Leanne noted that the EMS service received \$11,000 in donations from the Wauneta giving community event last winter and said the service is willing to purchase the AC unit themselves. Commissioners noted that the Village is responsible for utilities, per the interlocal agreement, the Board of Commissioners cannot take action to proceed with the air conditioning as it would directly affect the utility usage. Leanne asked if the basic layout of the office/bathroom as presented was acceptable. Commissioner Brown suggested that the EMS service consider building a larger office space/meeting room to be air conditioned, rather than planning to air condition the entire building.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the rental agreement between the County and Eagles regarding the rental of the food booth under the grandstands at the fairgrounds. The contract is for a term of three years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to give road employees a 3% wage increase, effective July 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to give transit employees a 3% wage increase, effective July 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2026-9 approving the increase of budget authority to the 0100-601 function, transferring authority in the amount of \$3,122.22 from 0100-970 to 0100-601. Transfer is necessary due to a clerical error during the 2025-2026 budgeting process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to set the salary amounts for the Ambulance Administrator, Zoning Administrator and Transit Administrator at \$750 per month, effective July 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

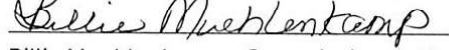
Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for District Court Bailiff for a term of two years, commencing on July 1, 2026. Chase County's expense will be \$1397.37 quarterly. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – absent; Brown – yes, Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt directed that the agenda item of Surplus Property; dozer and grader, be left on the agenda for the next meeting.

Board reviewed invoices submitted by the Fair Board, as they were received after the claims cutoff deadline for this meeting, the invoices may be paid, but they will come out of the next Fiscal Year's budget.

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk