

Chase County Commissioners
June 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present was Commissioner Billie Muehlenkamp and Clerk Wendy Moe. Commissioner Brown was absent. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Ambulance Administrator Julie Sharp and Treasurer Rebecca Bernard were present at Open Forum to request clarification on Julie's Ambulance administrator duties as several reporting, licensure and other business items that have come up that were not known about when she assumed the position. Commissioners noted that the original intent was for the Clerk's office to handle expenditures and for all other ambulance duties to be handled by Julie as the administrator. Julie and Becky indicated that the ambulance duties have been more time consuming than originally anticipated. Commissioner Bernhardt asked Julie to create a list of duties that she performs; the Commissioners will review the list at the next meeting and determine if additional compensation is necessary.

Assessor Mueller joined the meeting to present her Three-Year Plan of Assessment. She explained that for the 2026 assessment year they will be working primarily on data review and clean-up rather than doing any reappraisals. 2027 will be reappraisal for Imperial Residential and then Commercial reappraisal will be done in 2028. Board accepted the Three-Year Plan of Assessment as presented.

Discussion of protest hearing schedule. Board determined that protests will be heard beginning on June 23, and continuing into hearings or decisions on July 14, with additional hearings to be held on July 21 if necessary. Will determine need for July 21 hearings after the June 30 filing deadline has passed.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2026-8 for Chase County Ambulance Debt Cancellation in the amount of \$451.99 due to the claim being beyond the statute of limitations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

The County's annual NIRMA insurance policy renewal rates for July 1, 2026-July 1, 2027, policy year were received. Total policy contribution amount is \$134,711, representing an increase of \$12,787 or 10.49%. Commissioners reviewed alternate property deductible levels that could lower the premium but determined that continuing with the current deductibles would be best. No action taken as no changes are being made.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to advertise for three weeks in July, seeking bids for the Champion Mill Groundskeeper position, with bids to be open at 8:45am on July 28, with the new contract to commence on September 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to advertise for three weeks in July seeking bids for the Courthouse and Extension cleaning position with bids to be open at 9:00am on July 28. Bids should be submitted for cleaning of the Courthouse and Extension offices separately, with the option to also bid an amount for both to be cleaned together. New contract to

commence on September 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt gathered informal bids for the purchase of a pull-type scraper for the Road Department. Bids were reviewed as follows:

- 21st Century – Strobel FE1210 Scraper - \$58,000
- Titan Machinery – Strobel FE1210 Scraper - \$64,500
- Titan Machinery – Ashland 140 E Direct Mount - \$69,999
- Titan Machinery – Ashland 140XL2 Scraper - \$65,000
- AKRS Equipment – Strobel FE1210 Scraper - \$57,000
- AKRS Equipment – Holcomb 1400DM-LGP Scraper - \$55,000
- AKRS Equipment – Holcomb 1200 Scraper - \$47,000
- Yost Farm Supply – Strobel FE1210 Scraper - \$56,080

After reviewing all bids, Commissioner Bernhardt moved to purchase the Strobel FE1210 Scraper from Yost Farm Supply for \$56,080. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; 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

911 CUSTOM	SU	2745.00
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	PE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	1002.72
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	10890.61
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.	PE	77.20
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	957.94
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	20148.88
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	316.67
CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SE	114.00
CHASE COUNTY COURT	CC	119.00
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	1986.59
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	2343.36
Cobblestone Inn & Suites - Holdrege	TE	220.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.44
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	109.24
EAKES, INC	SU	351.75
EASTERN SKY, INC.	PT/RP	2259.92
EFTPS	PE	17180.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1473.06
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	RP	2559.70
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	253.91
HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	TE	599.80
IDEAL LAUNDRY & CLEANERS, INC.	SU	250.92
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	436.35
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP	102.61
IMPERIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	SE	552.00

JIMMIE L. PANKONIN	SE	84.35
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	SE	1705.00
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION		
PROGRAMMING	SE	1583.97
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
NEBRASKA ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	DUES	2014.17
NEBRASKA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	DUES	550.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	156.59
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	218.96
ROBERT S HARVOY	AP	391.75
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2730.68
U S POSTMASTER	SE	358.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	EQ	243.25
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	177.40
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	150.12
WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	87.45
	Net Payroll	42819.52
	General Fund Total	121055.93
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	46.99
BENTZ VALLEY INC	SU	200.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	7862.51
BONNIE A SMITH	SU	1400.00
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	80.00
Ceres Capital Ivestments LLC	SU	560.00
CHASE COUNTY INHERITANCE TAX FUND	EQ	54875.00
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	13.41
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	339.50
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
EASTERN SKY, INC.	SE	33.00
EFTPS	PE	2039.69
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	267.63
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	SE	53.38
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	243.24
LEIBBRANDT LUMBER, INC.	SU	777.18
MENDENHALL INC	SU	41.31
MITTEN INC.	SU	29849.94
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	EQ	371000.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	RP	681.52
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	32.44
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	13055.80
SSH INC HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	82.31
TITAN MACHINERY INC.	SU	639.13
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	367.22
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	101.76
	Net Payroll	26945.80
	Road Fund Total	
ANDREW WIEST	SE	500.00
SMOKIN' ON BROADWAY	SE	2000.00
	Tourism Fund Total	2500.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	1380.99
	Fair Fund Total	1380.99
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING		260.40
	P&M Fund Total	260.40
CENTURY LINK	UT	2076.31
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	283.40
	E-911 Fund Total	2746.23

GovWorx, Inc	SE	2900.00
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	2900.00
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	15.30
ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	14.20
ANDREW HATZ	SE	58.20
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	599.81
CHAD OSTMEYER	SE	453.60
CHRISTOPHER MULDER	SE	265.30
DEBRA HAYES	SE	129.80
EFTPS	PE	17.43
FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	503.90
GARY K. HUNT	SE	281.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	322.29
JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	25.40
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	35.00
JOLENE D. MUTHS	SE	58.20
JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	11.20
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	293.00
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	225.80
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERVI	UT	55.00
RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO	SE	131.40
ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	46.20
TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	353.00
TYLER KLEIN	SE	178.80
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	157.88
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	52.04
WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	120.60
	Net Payroll	250.00
	Ambulance Fund Total	4654.35
	Grand Total All Claims	647100.28

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk