

Chase County Commissioners  
March 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Jacci Brown, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester and Deputy Clerk Chris Mulder. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Julie Sharp, Ambulance Billing Administrator, joined the meeting for open forum to verify what information the Board wants presented to them on monthly billing reports.

Dick DeWester notified the Board that the Perma-Zyme road product will be applied on March 25.

Dick also presented bid specifications for the purchase of a new motor grader. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the specs as presented and set bids to be open at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling and Dispatcher Chuck Bartholomew joined the meeting to inform the Board of ongoing problems with emergency radios and communication capabilities with dispatch.

At 8:30 Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 with three Commissioners, Clerk, Assessor, Deputy Clerk, Dreiling and Bartholomew present.

Assessor Mueller presented the GWorks contract termination letter for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the termination letter, giving 60 days' notice of the current one-year contract, set to expire on June 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion went back to the Emergency Radio issues. Duane has been in touch with the regional Motorola representative and informed the Board that she plans to be here for an informational and troubleshooting meeting on March 17. A representative from each entity involved in emergency services communication will be invited to attend.

Judd Allen from NACO Benefit Services joined the meeting to present more cost-effective health insurance options to the Board. He noted how many members of our pool are Medicare eligible, discussed the County's cash-in-lieu option and then presented higher deductible options that included a Buy-Down option for the County; this would mean lowered premiums for the County, deductible would stay the same for the employees and the County would pledge funds to cover the remaining deductible amount. He also presented options for HSA accounts. The Board will look into these more closely and be prepared to make a decision when it is time for the annual BCBS renewal application in May.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed monthly revenue and fund balance reports submitted by the Treasurer as well as Clerk's monthly revenue report.

Commissioner Brown 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	1007.46
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	10961.39
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SE	100.00
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	746.64
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	24048.12
BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	CC	19.46
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	316.67
CHASE COUNTY CLERK OF DIST. COURT	CC	183.00
CHASE COUNTY COURT	CC	155.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	3580.60
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.44
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	PE	251.59
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	SE	537.60
DAVID M. HAMILTON	PT/L	458.45
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT/L	1203.49
DONNA L. HERRICK	TE	390.00
EAKES, INC	SU	603.22
EFTPS	PE	17017.63
FRENCHMAN VALLEY FARMERS COOP INC	SU	999.18
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	386.76
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	228.28
JANICE E JAEGER	SE	2272.00
JM HOSPITALITY DBA CROWNE PLAZA	TE	149.95
MIDWEST CONNECT, LLC	SU	298.00
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	SE	1583.97
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
NE PLANNING & ZONING ASSO	TE	235.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	541.39
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	73.44
PLATINUM CUSTOMS, LLC	SU	138.44
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	348.00
REBECCA M. BERNARD	SE	1615.00
RED WILLOW CO SHERIFF	CC	5275.94
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU/L	528.97
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2720.46
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	1100.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	105.30
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	150.17
WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	97.56
	Net Payroll	41897.23
	General Fund Total	123100.95
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	476.60
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	48.00
BENTZ VALLEY INC	SU	400.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	8880.85

BONNIE A SMITH	SU	1320.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	400.43
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
E D ENTERPRISES INC	SU	192.10
EFTPS	PE	2024.24
FRENCHMAN VALLEY FARMERS COOP INC	SU	1086.40
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	720.00
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	154.32
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP	765.05
MENDENHALL INC	SU	230.93
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	294.98
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	16.36
ROBERT A. THOMAS	SU	9.24
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	3897.60
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	460.85
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	101.94
	Net Payroll	26743.61
	Road Fund Total	48237.12
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	1292.34
	Fair Fund Total	1292.34
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	SE	260.40
	P&M Fund Total	260.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	SE	100.00
	Keno Fund Total	100.00
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	274.40
	E911 Fund Total	274.40
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	42.60
ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	60.20
ANDREW HATZ	SE	274.40
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	599.91
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	473.53
CHRISTOPHER MULDER	SE	71.00
DEBRA HAYES	SE	210.30
EFTPS	PE	17.46
FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	88.60
FRENCHMAN VALLEY FARMERS COOP INC	SU	178.83
GARY K. HUNT	SE	226.60
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP	537.73
JACOB SUEPER	SE	46.00
JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	100.10
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	564.60
JOLENE D. MUTHS	SE	53.00
JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	40.80
JOSHUA SKELTON	SE	7.20
LANA J SKELTON	SE	273.80
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	568.00
MARCIE KELLEY	SE	14.20
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	120.20
RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO	SE	125.50
ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	78.80
TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	568.40
TYLER KLEIN	SE	182.20
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	74.37
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	52.02
WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	9.00
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	SU	592.00

Net Payroll	250.00
Ambulance Fund Total	6501.35
Grand Total All Claims	179766.56

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program for Chase County Transit 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the resignation of Sam McNair from the Chase County Community Hospital Board of Trustees.

With nobody present for Open Forum and no further business to address, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.

**CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST   
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk