

Chase County Commissioners
March 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00am by Chairman Jacci Brown on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester, Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling was present for Open Forum. He informed the Board that the digital emergency radio systems are still not working as they should, and it has been suggested that the County consider switching back to analog for radio communication. Duane has been advised that the problems could be a programming error. Commissioners said due the large amount of money that was expended for this digital system, they would like to have more troubleshooting done and the programming reviewed. They will not consider switching back at this time.

Jakob Burke joined the meeting on behalf of the Imperial Jaycee's, he notified the Board that the Jaycee's are disbanding and anticipate that the process will be completed by the end of April. The building they use is county owned and leased by the Jaycee Club. Jake indicated that there may be other organizations interested in leasing the building.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp 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	7.79
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERITAS	PE	53.55
AMERITAS	PE	9231.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SE	3448.25
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1800.00
BLANKENAU WILMOTH JARECKE, LLP	SE	1830.00
BCBS OF NE	PE	26434.98
BOMGAARS	SU	109.99
BWTELCOM	UT	150.20
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CHASE CO CDC	CC	38.00
CHASE CO COURT	CC	149.00
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	222.80
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	273.34
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	566.60
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	SE/RP	95.44
EAKES, INC	SU	791.98
EFTPS	PE	14871.68
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	1377.53
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	374.76
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	154.36
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	3992.80
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	451.00
KUENNING, DEBORAH L.	TE	1172.72
MIPS, INC.	SE	1354.58
NACEB	DUES	100.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	478.99
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1905.10

December 2024 hospital board minutes were reviewed.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting during Open Forum to present the tentative One and Six Year Road plan to the Commissioners and ask if they had any additional projects they would like to consider adding. He noted that there are a few holes on Old 6 that will be hot mix patched when the weather turns. Additional millings and an armor coat on Enders Main Street will be on the one year plan.

NE WEED CONTROL ASSO	TE	150.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	486.69
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	14.99
PANKONIN, JIMMIE L.	RP/L	1143.72
RED WILLOW CO TREAS	CC	1119.54
Net Payroll		44676.15
General Fund Total		119950.49
AFLAC	PE	285.09
AMERITAS	PE	35.70
AMERITAS	PE	1232.03
BCBS OF NE	PE	2654.59
BWTELCOM	UT	101.70
CHAMERLAIN CONCRETE	SU	750.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	151.35
EFTPS	PE	3581.35
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	226.43
HEARTLAND NEW HOLLAND	PT	292.90
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	31.79
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	276.62
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	352.84
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	72.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	EQ/PT	216141.35
INC		
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	908.91
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	RP/L	51811.79
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	7.69
PETTY CASH-CHASE		
CO.TRANSIT/ROAD	SU	6.20
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	370.05
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	PT/L	330.00
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	193.71
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT	573.53
Net Payroll		21304.82
Road Fund Total		301692.44
MIPS,INC.	SE	251.20
P&M Fund Total		251.20
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
CENTURY LINK	UT	2063.57
E-911 Fund Total		2342.47
KASEWARE INC.	SE	14400.00
Wireless 911 Holding Fund Total		14400.00
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	321.93
STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQ	60200.22
Ambulance Fund Total		60574.17
Grand Total All Claims		499210.77

Commissioners, Dick, and Toney discussed the excavator that the county owns and the possibility of trading it in against a used grader to then have available to use as a spare. Jordan Gardner from Murphy Tractor and Equipment joined the meeting. Jordan said that the trade value on the excavator is \$150,000. County purchased the ^{excavator} ~~grader~~ for \$171,000 in 2021. Commissioners agree that an extra road grader would be beneficial but do not want to get rid of the excavator, as it is a useful piece of machinery to have. Sale price for the used grader is approximately \$145,000. Commissioner Bernhardt suggested purchasing the grader outright rather than trading for it. Commissioners directed Clerk to add item of used grader purchase to the agenda for next meeting.

Derek Dickinson from Atlas Technical joined the meeting to present the report from the boring done on 734 Road between 318 and 321 Avenues. Fifteen bores were done across the three-mile stretch. After review of the report, Commissioners inquired as to whether the base was sufficient for a six-inch asphalt overlay. Derek noted that the report recommended eight inches for asphalt paving and said additional aggregate would be needed to prepare the base for asphalt.

At 9:50 Commissioner brown moved to go into closed session, to include the County Attorney, Commissioners, Zoning Administrator Jordan Beard and County Clerk, for a conference call with legal counsel regarding potential litigation against the County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 10:37 Commissioner Brown moved to come out of closed session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Variance Board appointments were discussed. John Arterburn will be on the Variance Board as he is Chairman of the Planning Board. Commissioner Brown moved to make the following appointments to the Variance Board: Jan Elliott and Charlie Colton for a term of three years, Rob Browning for a term of two years, and Rex Felker for a term of one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Commissioners still need to appoint an Alternate member of the Variance Board.

Agenda item of Transit 5311 Application moved to next meeting.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2025-5 to transfer funds from 2910 E911 Fund to 2913 Wireless Service Fund to correct a receipting error. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus an old office chair, county tag #241, to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Ranger Power representatives were present for Open Forum, they stated that as a team, regardless of how the County chooses to proceed with their application, they will be reviewing their plan, supplementing the application, and making changes to the site design if needed. If the decision is made that they need to reapply then they want to collaborate with our Zoning Board to do so. Commissioner asked if the proposed location of the project is due to the existing power source. Representatives said the location was selected for two reasons; first due to the existing substation on Luhrs land and secondly due to having interested landowners in the area.


With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1


Jacob Brown – Commissioner District #2


Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

