

Chase County Commissioners  
May 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Jacci Brown, and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The agenda and open meetings act were posted. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican.

Julie Sharp was present for Open Forum to update the Board on the KENO Backpack Program, this will not use County level funds, but state KENO funds may be utilized for the Backpack Program.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. 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

911 CUSTOM	SU	1277.00
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	1002.72
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	10736.97
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AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	957.94
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	24048.25
BROPHY ELECTRIC	SE	99.50
BRYAN E. HILL	SE	694.50
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	316.67
CHASE COUNTY CLERK OF DIST. COURT	CC	72.00
CHASE COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM ACCT	SU	2425.60
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SU	19.50
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	2295.54
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.44
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	SE	537.60
DAVID M. HAMILTON	PT/L	183.20
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	PT/L	1737.43
EAKES, INC	SU	140.67
EASTERN SKY, INC.	PT/L	695.48
EFTPS	PE	16688.13
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	SU	1060.44
ELETECH, INC.	SE	1328.48
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1466.96
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	347.54
IDEAL LAUNDRY & CLEANERS, INC.	SE	347.98
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	491.01
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT/L	100.54
JANICE E JAEGER	SE	1194.00
JERRY L ROWLEY	SU	16.16
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF	CC	25.55
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC	SU	92.00
MOUSEL,BROOKS,SCHNEIDER,MUSTION & MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION	AP	275.50
PROGRAMMING	SE	1583.97
NACO	TE	125.00
NE ASSOC. OF CO EXTENSION BOARDS	DUES	100.00

NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	384.31
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	51.83
PHILIP PANKONIN	SE	650.00
PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, INC.	SE	2100.00
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	360.00
REBECCA M. BERNARD	SE	1615.00
RED WILLOW CO SHERIFF	CC	260.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	SE	4253.07
ROBERT S HARVOY	AP	93.75
SSH INC HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	19.05
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2662.35
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	215.42
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	150.12
WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	95.45
	Net Payroll	40720.40
	General Fund Total	126934.22
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT/L	464.20
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	46.99
BENTZ VALLEY INC	SU	680.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	PE	8880.72
BONNIE A SMITH	SU	2680.00
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	320.00
Ceres Capital Ivestments LLC	SU	640.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	362.89
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
E D ENTERPRISES INC	SU	637.67
EFTPS	PE	2047.25
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1080.00
GOINGS, INC.	SU	23.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	268.05
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	143.41
IMPERIAL SUPER FOODS	SU	65.36
KELLY & MYRA FANNING	PT/L	371.25
MENDENHALL INC	SU	1031.71
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	13363.88
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT	1118.65
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	63.98
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	7103.16
TITAN MACHINERY INC.	SU	639.12
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	273.30
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	158.97
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	101.76
	Net Payroll	27042.75
	Road Fund Total	196556.41
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	1141.73
	Fair Fund Total	1141.73
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	SE	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	278.90
	E911 Fund Total	278.90
	BOND	
BOKF, NA	PMT	424290.00
	Cha/Wau Bond Fund Total	424290.00
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	29.50

ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	35.00
ANDREW HATZ	SE	174.00
ANGELA ROSE PAISLEY	SE	130.00
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	599.81
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	4067.32
CHRISTOPHER MULDER	SE	543.00
DESIREE LOEFFLER	SE	42.60
EFTPS	PE	17.46
FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	56.80
GARY K. HUNT	SE	230.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	322.29
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT/L	1393.16
JACOB SUEPER	SE	112.90
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	133.70
LANA J SKELTON	SE	118.00
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	174.00
MARCIE KELLEY	SE	235.80
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	56.00
MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SE	45.00
ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	163.20
TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	235.80
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	120.57
WAUNETA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	UT	52.00
	Net Payroll	250.00
	Ambulance Fund Total	9337.91
	Grand Total All Claims	634328.18

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Boden and Jessica Witting from the NACO Benefit Services Division joined the meeting to review BCBS insurance renewal options for the upcoming plan year. The County is currently on a \$600 deductible plan. A \$2600 w/ copay deductible plan was presented; the plan has an HRA buy-down option in which the County covers the difference from \$600 to \$2600. Increasing to the \$2600 plan would have an annual premium savings of \$118,000. Maximum deductible claims would be \$88,000, but likely closer to \$35,000. The possibility of offering a \$3,500 HSA plan was discussed but would be best to wait until January plan year beginning to be implemented.

Commissioner Brown moved to select the \$2,600 w/ copay option using First Concord as the HRA administrator for the 26-27 plan year renewal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

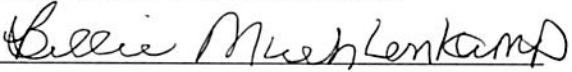
Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the amended 2022 Sub-Recipient Agreement for SLCGP Funds, as all funds were unable to be utilized, \$2,503 are being turned back. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt notified all present that he had signed an agreement with Dickinson Land Surveyors, on behalf of the County, as allowed for by previous motions, for John Copland, Dickinson Land Surveyors, to act as Engineer for Phase Two of the courthouse front step project, not to exceed \$29,040 for their engineering services designing and overseeing the project.

Board reviewed correspondence from the City regarding annual TIF report, minutes from the Fair Board and Imperial Community Center, and monthly reports from the Clerk and Treasurer.

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:11am.

**CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



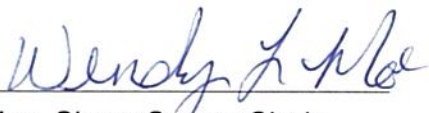
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk