

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester, Road Secretary Jordan Beard and County Clerk Wendy Moe. The agenda and open meetings act were posted, the meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. With nobody present for Open Forum, Commissioners moved on to agenda items.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting to review the Stop Sign Study that was done at the intersection of Road 732 and Avenue 321. The recommendation of the study is that stop signs be installed on both the East and West approaches of county road 732 at this intersection. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2025-9 to install stop signs at both the east and west approaches of the Road 732/Avenue 321 intersection, as recommended by the engineering study. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution and engineering study is available in the office of the County Clerk.

Toney also notified the b=Board that he had identified crack sealing that needs to be done on the pavement south of Wauneta, he intends to have this done at the same time that the patching is done on Old Highway 6. He is also looking into possible solutions to repair the cracks in 337A Avenue south of Ender Lake.

During Open Forum, Extension Agent Debbie Kuenning joined the meeting to introduce the Board to Extension Educator Samantha Daniel who specialized in Water & Cropping Systems. They updated the Board on recent activity of the Extension office and their outreach programs.

County Attorney Joel Burke joined the meeting to discuss the Commissioner’s minutes from the Hospital Board meeting that was attended by the Board of Commissioners on March 26, 2025. Joel recommended that the Board approve the meeting minutes, as written by the County Clerk.

Sheriff Kevin Mueller joined the meeting to present quotes for security cameras at the fairgrounds. For six cameras installed across the grounds the cost will be \$6,577 and two installed on the fair board building will be \$1,918. Commissioner Brown moved to install eight cameras across the fairgrounds, as noted on the quote from Video Kingdom Electronics submitted by Sheriff Mueller, and that they be paid for from the Fair Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt 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		
AFFILIATED BENEFITS	SE	50
AFLAC	PE	657.78

AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	53.55
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SE	4768.55
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	859.28
BANEY NATALIE	SE	2520
BERNARD, REBECCA M.	TE	159.6
BCBS OF NE	PE	27108.49
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	68
BWTELCOM	UT	150.65
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIAL	PE	229.15
CHASE CO CDC	CC	36
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	935.7
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	273.67
CUTTING, WENDY C.	CC	151.83
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.6
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP/L	596.68
EAKES, INC	SU	875.87
EFTPS	PE	21189.6
FOX, TANIA M.	CC	122
FRENCHMAN AUTO	RP/L	677.5
FVFC	SU	1998.63
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1555.97
HANNA:KEELAN	SE	8750
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	320.56
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	91.27
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	382.64
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	SE	84.85
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2410.77
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	493
MIPS,INC.	SE	1354.58
NACO (REGS.)	TE	50
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2787.63
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	TE	375
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	26.37
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS	UT	707.4
PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, INC.	SE	1950
SAMANTHA DANIEL	TE	96.6
TODD, DUANE	TE	448
TRU BY HILTON	TE	550
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	SU	346.24
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	225
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	174.29
WILCOX RYAN R.	AP	875
Net Payroll		58799.77
General Fund Total		159673.22
ADAMS LUMBER	SU	6.39
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	793.7
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	35.7
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1825.28
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	46.43
BEARD, JORDAN	TE	231
BENTZ VALLEY INC	SU	160
BCBS OF NE	PE	2685.27
BOK FINANCIAL	SE	200

BOMGAARS	SU	31.57
BORCHARD AUTOMOTIVE & REPAIR	RP/L	442.7
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	240
BWTELCOM	UT	101.73
CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SE	321
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	51.88
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	157.31
DEWESTER, RICHARD	TE	218.4
EFTPS	PE	6115.94
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	13502.76
FVFC	SU	2945.18
GENERAL COLLECTION COMPANY	PE	351.63
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1980
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	227.75
HACHELROAD MOTORS INC	PT/L	75.29
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	162.27
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	269.9
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	115.99
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	505.17
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	380.09
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	72
MITTEN INC.	SU	18490.73
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	4608.67
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1521.41
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT/L	2263.22
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	29.99
PIVOT ELECTRIC INC	RP	118.82
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS	RP	123
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	9968.72
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	9760
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY	SE	50
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	SU	17.98
VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	400
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	777.37
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	132.96
		\$
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	PT/L	125.22
		\$
	Net Payroll	30,209.24
	Road Fund Total	113084.9
CHASE CO FAIR AND EXPO	DON	5000
SMOKIN' ON BROADWAY	DON	2000
	Tourism Fund Total	7000
MIPS, INC.	SE	251.2
	P&M Fund Total	251.2
BWTELCOM	UT	278.9
CENTURY LINK	UT	2067.38
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	2732.8
CENTURY LINK	UT	3580.83
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	3580.83
BOK FINANCIAL	BOND	422458.75
	Cha/Wau Rd Project Bond Fund Total	422458.75
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	346.15
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	632.55

BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	12.42
FVFC	SU	101.07
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	322.03
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	20.1
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	2244.8
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	157.33
Ambulance Fund Total		3888.47
Grand Total All Claims		712670.17

Correspondence was reviewed; Chase County Community Hospital Board minutes from March 26 and April 4, Imperial Community Center minutes from January and March, Fair Board minutes from January, February and March and the annual TIF Report from the City of Imperial.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – abstain; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed agenda item of Courthouse/Extension Custodial Position. Commissioners directed Clerk to advertise for Full Time custodian.

Board instructed Clerk to contact Jada Thompson from Contryman Associates to prepare letter of engagement for 2026 County Audit due to the coming retirement of current Auditor Don Wilson.

Board reviewed Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance renewal rates. There will be no change to employee contribution amount at this time.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a brown desk, two work desks and a gold steel desk from the Treasurer's office to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Board's minutes from the March 26 Commissioner/Hospital meeting, as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00am Chairman Brown opened informal bids for the Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrades. Two bids were received. The first, from Pivot Electric in the amount of \$9,875.00, and the second from Brophy Electric for \$8,304.93. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the bid from Brophy Electric in the amount of \$8,304.93 and that the claim be paid from the Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrade line in General Miscellaneous. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting to ask the Board to consider a vendor other than GWorks for the County's GIS needs. The renewal rate for all tabs (Assessor, Zoning, Roads, Weed, Emergency Management) will be \$25,711. Tori indicated that other vendors' annual rates would be significantly less and, based on reviews from other counties, the service would be better. Commissioners instructed the Assessor to get current pricing from other vendors to be considered at the next meeting.

During Open Forum, Clerk informed Board that Deputy Clerk Joanna Jaeger would be added as an authorized signer to Chase County District Court Bank accounts.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Jacci Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:20am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

