

Chase County Commissioners
May 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the meeting room of the Courthouse. Also present were Commissioner Billie Muehlenkamp, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. Commissioner Brown was absent. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Dick DeWester was present for Open Forum to update commissioners on general happenings in the Road Department.

Pam Bunker and Karon Pantera joined the meeting on behalf of the Wauneta Senior Center to request KENO funds to purchase a new sanitizer for the center. After dishes are washed and rinsed, they must be run through the sanitizer. The one currently in use is old and outdated and difficult to find parts for. They presented prices and specs on two different options and noted that they are still waiting to hear from the plumber about the price for installation. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve expending KENO funds to purchase the CMA Dishmachines Model No. E-3D-EXT sanitizer in the amount of \$4775.00 and to pay for the plumbing and installation fees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Wauneta EMS needs a new printer/scanner/copy/fax machine, Ambulance Administrator Jordan Beard presented a quote for a Lexmark XC2326 from Office Services for \$1198.00. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the purchase of the Lexmark XC2326 for Wauneta EMS. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Transit Administrator Jordan Beard noted that one of the Transit Vans needs repairs done, Deveny has quoted \$2900. The van has over 200,000 miles on it and Jordan thinks purchasing a new van would be a good option. Board instructed Jordan to proceed with repairs for the van and start the process of purchasing a new one.

Representatives from Titan and 21st Century were present for agenda item of Mower Tractors. Commissioner Bernhardt noted that the County will have to advertise for bids before tractors can be purchased. Commissioner Bernhardt moved that the County advertise for mower tractor bids to be opened on June 10th at 8:30am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete bid spec sheet will be available in the office of the Road Secretary.

Correspondence from Bridge of Hope was reviewed. Board directed Clerk to allocate \$500 for Bridge of Hope when preparing the 25-26 Budget.

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		
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC	PE	35.36

AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	53.55
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9032.41
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1800.00
BERNARD, REBECCA M.	TE	69.30
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	303.82
BCBS OF NE	PE	27108.50
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
BURKE JOEL E	TE	691.11
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CHASE CO COURT	CC	265.00
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	632.92
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	273.71
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	173.98
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	186.00
EAKES, INC	SU	244.23
EFTPS	PE	14696.42
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.40
HARVOY, ROBERT S	AP	568.75
HOLIDAY INN/KEARNEY	TE	579.80
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT/RP	792.82
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	175.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	86.08
MORRIS, DORISA D.	CC	25.50
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	26.60
MUELLER, TORI	TE	268.80
NACO (REGS.)	TE	50.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1883.83
NSA/POAN	TE	200.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	364.63
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	1550.00
PREMIER FIRE PROTECTION INC	SE	1799.75
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	SE	281.98
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SE/SU	183.00
SWPPD	UT	171.52
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	946.40
US BANK CORP PAYMENT	SU	3257.97
Net Payroll		44571.10
General Fund Total		115960.17
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	35.70
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1209.33
BARCO	SU	1669.46
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	308.84
BCBS OF NE	PE	2685.28
BROPHY ELECTRIC	SU/L	3885.54
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	157.33
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	98.41
EFTPS	PE	3537.47
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	3617.23
GENERAL COLLECTION COMPANY	PE	223.04
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP/L	804.40
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	150.30
KLEIN AG REPAIR, LLC	SE	203.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	41.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	852.29
NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	1548.76

TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	SU	17.98
WOLF CHEVROLET BUICK OF IMPERIAL	SE	178.50
	Net Payroll	20513.17
	Road Fund Total	41972.27
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
AACE WASH SYSTEMS	SU	22.50
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1357.70
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	240.40
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	109.00
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	160.20
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	2862.91
BROWNING, EMILY,E	SE	45.20
BURKE JOSH	SE	44.64
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	90.50
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	14.20
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	149.34
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	191.58
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	111.06
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	187.40
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	51.20
KLEIN,LEANNE L.	SE	302.40
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	62.00
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	93.20
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	66.22
MILLER, JUSTIN	SE	36.60
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	176.72
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	56.00
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	1963.34
SUEPER,JACOB	SE	8.20
ZOLL	SU	8994.00
	Ambulance Fund Total	17396.51
	Grand Total All Claims	175628.95

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item of Champion Mill Groundskeeper/Maintenance Contract will be addressed at the next meeting.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting to present quotes from vendors for GIS services. Due to the cost of our current vendor, approximately \$25,000 annually, plus the fact that in March of 2026 they will no longer provide ARCmap services and have not yet identified a solution, Tori believes the County should consider other vendors. She presented the following options: Schneider Beacon, offering both website hosting and parcel maintenance for \$21,468 plus a one-time set up fee of \$10,000. For only parcel maintenance services the cost would be \$11,916 annually and a one-time set up fee of \$2,100; Sidwell for parcel maintenance services only, \$12,725 for year one, \$7,361 for year two and \$7,572 for year three. Tori is still waiting for a quote from Vanguard, website only, not parcel support. Based on numbers quoted last year, she anticipates an initial fee of \$13,000 and an annual fee of \$1,000 thereafter.

At 9:00 Vice-Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 with Commissioners Bernhardt and Muehlenkamp, Assessor
Tori Mueller and County Clerk Wendy Moe present.

The County's GWorks contracts are set to renew on July 1, Assessor is waiting for
clarification on current contract requirement for termination, it is unknown if 30 or 60 days
are required. After further discussion Commissioner Bernhardt felt that at this time there is
not enough information available to make an informed decision, no action taken.
With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board,
Vice-Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:32am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Billie Muehlenkamp

Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

Jacqi Brown – Commissioner District #2

Kurt Bernhardt

Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: Wendy Moe

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk