

Chase County Commissioners
March 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. The agenda and open meeting act were posted. Meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Ryan Greene and Duane Dinnel. With nobody present for Open Forum commissioners moved on to agenda items.

Scott Way joined the meeting for the agenda item of Informal Bids for the Fairgrounds Concrete Project and Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrades. Scott indicated that he had only received one bid for the concrete project, it was from Doolittle Construction, he did not have a formal bid to present, just text message conversation. Commissioners asked that he produce a copy of the quoted price. Ryan Greene/Imperial Contracting was present to submit his bid directly to the board of commissioners. Dolittle Construction's bid was for \$42,000; Imperial Contracting's was for \$32,376. Board asked Ryan when he could potentially start, he said in a week or two. Scott said the bid from Doolittle includes payment for some dirt work around the existing concrete pad for the new ticket booth as well as the tearing out of other concrete. Scott indicated that two bids were received for the electrical upgrade work, one from Brophy Electric for \$11,740 and one from Pivot Electric for \$10,775. He did not have paper copies of those bids for the commissioners.

Duane Dinnel addressed the Board and asked "why one of the bidders is over there right now doing the work when these bids have not been formally presented or approved by the Board?". Commissioner Brown answered that the board is currently working to review and approve the bids. Ryan stated that Scott called him for a bid and met him onsite to explain the project specs, when they met on site he told Scott that the situation was not okay as Doolittle was already onsite doing work. As the Board was unaware of any concrete work currently being done, they asked Scott why Doolittle was on site. Scott indicated that Doolittle was there as a subcontractor for the Ticket Booth project, not working on the concrete project in question. Duane was allotted five minutes to address the board. He asked why some of the concrete poured two years ago for the VIP/Beer Garden area has already been torn out. Commissioner Bernhardt deferred that question to Scott to be answered. Scott replied saying that concrete was put in temporarily to be filled back over at a later date. Duane noted that the County Road department has been working at the fairgrounds for dirt work and concrete removal. He asked if it is the intention of the board to charge that expense back to the Fair Board's budget. He feels that would be proper as the Road departments equipment and labor was used. Commissioner Brown indicated as the County owns the Fair Grounds and some of this work is general upkeep, it seems appropriate to expend County resources to provide upkeep on County property. Commissioner Bernhardt said he is working to process all that is going on and make the right decision in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Bernhardt told Scott that with somebody already at the Fairgrounds doing work, the bids presented aren't even comparable. Commissioner Brown told Scott he needs to tell Doolittle to stop working and send a bill for the work that has been completed. No further work is to be done until bids are awarded. Ryan stated that this situation is not fair to anyone involved. Commissioner Brown said she hopes that Ryan can appreciate that the Board of Commissioners is trying to do this correctly, she again stated that Dolittle is to stop all work and send a bill for the work that has been completed. Ryan thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting. Commissioner Brown directed that the issue of informal bids for the concrete and electrical projects at the Fairgrounds be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Bernhardt asked Scott if there is any additional concrete removal work to be done. Scott said there is no more demo work to be done. Commissioner Bernhardt wants Doolittle to submit a bid for only the proposed concrete project to be done, not including the fees for any work he has already done.

Upon further discussion it was noted that per the County Board's response to the auditor last year, informal bids must be sought by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brown had given Scott the go ahead to gather informal bids, she apologized for that oversight and stated that moving forward the Board of Commissioners will solicit informal bids to proceed with the current projects in question and all future projects. Commissioners pointed out to Scott that the policy concerning bids and work done has been brought to the attention of the Fair Board before, the fact that they allowed work to be started on a project before bids were formally reviewed and accepted was not acceptable. Bids will be gathered and reviewed at the next commissioner meeting.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski was in attendance to present an Engineering Proposal for the Dump Road Extension project. The proposal was submitted from JEO Consulting. This is a "not to exceed" proposal for professional services. After review and acceptance of the Engineering Proposal, the next step will be to get a set of specs and plans together. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the engineering agreement and scope of services from JEO Consulting not to exceed \$36,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown 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 DRUG INC	SU	61.84
AFFILIATED BENEFITS	SE	50
AFLAC	PE	458.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.5
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APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SE	3344.84
BCBS OF NE	PE	24479.35
BOMGAARS	SU	59.01
BROWN, JACCI L.	TE	463.7
BWTELCOM	UT	147.38
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	960
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	155.26
CHASE CO SHERIFF	SE	194.7
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	980.96
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	264.83
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	167.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.6
EAKES, INC	SU	569.96
EFTPS	PE	15605.24
FRENCHMAN AUTO	RP/L	259.75
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	1527.19
HASSELBALCH, JOYCE	CC	194.7
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC	UT	644.13
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	632.81
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	555.85
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	61.76
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	1727.9
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1708.54
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	1105
KUENNING, DEBORAH L.	TE	294.53
LIEWER FUNERAL HOMES INC	SE	799
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME		
INFO	SU	100
MIPS, INC.	SE	1411.35
MORRIS, DORISA D.	CC	140
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	933.68
MUELLER, TORI	TE	131.86
MYRTLE HEALTH, LLC	SE	50
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320
NE DEPT OF PROPERTY ASSESS	SE	75
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2069.41
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1406.41
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	243.35
PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES	SE	37.38

RED WILLOW CO TREAS	CC	1145.75
S & S LOCK AND KEY	SU	8
THOMAS & THOMAS	SE	239.51
UNIVERSITY OF NE - LINCOLN	SU	2526.9
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	222.98
WEST CENTRAL DIST ASSESSORS ASSO	DUES	25
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	20.89
	Net Payroll	45889.46
	General Fund Total	124123.61
AFLAC	PE	274.26
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	1125.82
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1128.71
BCBS OF NE	PE	250.01
BOMGAARS	SU	4.99
BWTELCOM	UT	99.44
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	1.28
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	60.02
EFTPS	PE	3396.96
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	222.85
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC	UT	217.11
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	543.81
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	403.85
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	35
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE		2658
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	878.01
NMC	PT	13392.77
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	20.82
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	241.35
SAPP BROS PETRO	SU	4482.79
SINNERS	SE	99.5
TO HAAS	PT/L	225.01
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	26.44
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	411.91
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	175.32
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	SU	13.64
	Net Payroll	19748.41
	Road Fund Total	50184.03
MIPS, INC.	SE	249.2
	P&M Fund Total	249.20
NE DEPT OF REVENUE (KENO LIC)		100
	Keno Fund Total	100
BWTELCOM	UT	278.9
CENTURY LINK	UT	2032.15
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	386.52
	E-911 Fund Total	2697.57
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	293.36
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	17.76
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	321.41
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	150.99
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	59.02
	Ambulance Fund Total	894.56
	Grand Total All Claims	178248.97

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda items of Perkins County Road Agreement and Lee Tree Removal were addressed. The proposed agreement with Perkins County would be for a 50/50 cost share of the work to be done with scope of work not to exceed \$25,000. As this amount would be more than originally anticipated, the board will gather informal bids before the next meeting.

At 9:00am Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:06am.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.

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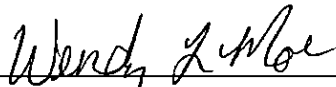
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui L. Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk