

Chase County Commissioners  
November 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00am on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 by Chairman Jacqui Brown in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, county clerk Wendy Moe and road secretary Jeni Lotspeich. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester was present for Open Forum to go over current road department happenings with commissioners.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – abstained; 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

AFLAC	PE	361.13
AFLAC	PE	17.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	29.6
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	8914.9
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	296.12
BCBS OF NEB	PE	25278.65
BOMGAARS	PT	5.49
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	640
CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	167.8
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	133.33
CHASE CO FAIR & EXPO	SE	500
CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING, LLC	JD	720
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	213.56
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT	TE	38
CRAWFORD COUNSELING & CONSULTING	JD	1430
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	202.75
DUNDY CO TREAS	JD	1620
EAKES, INC	SU	191.08
EFTPS	PE	15388.52
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	137.34
FVFC	SU	77.42
JOHNSON, RONAL A	SE	1000
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CTR	PE	320
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAIN	SE	315
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2104.6
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	35.72
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	345
REDFIELD DIRECT	SU	436
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)	SE	56.65
SWPPD	UT	162.23
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	1025
SUPER FOODS	SU	1500
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	SE	7275
VAPENIK, ROSEANNA (LPN)	SE	56.65
WALGREN'S SUPERMARKET	SU	600

WILEY'S TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE	SE	4500
	Net Payroll	43308.95
	<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>119404.24</b>
AFLAC	PE	110.18
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1199.83
BARCO	SU	4835.54
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	305.03
BCBS OF NEB	PE	250.01
BOK FINANCIAL	SE	200
BOMGAARS	SU	235.82
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	60.01
EFTPS	PE	3737.95
FANNING FARM REPAIR	PT/L	3381.48
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	EQ	22500
HUSKER STEEL	SU	540
NACO (DUES)	TE	150
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1001.2
NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	SU	274.89
PETTY CASH-TRANSIT/ROAD	SU	17.75
SOUTH PLATTE EXCAVATING, LLC	SE	13993
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	PT/L	2236.84
WILEY'S TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE	SE	1200
	Net Payroll	20957.24
	<b>Road Fund Total</b>	<b>77232.72</b>
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300
	<b>Tourism Fund Total</b>	<b>300</b>
BWTELCOM	UT	278.9
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	386.52
	<b>E911 Fund Total</b>	<b>665.42</b>
GEO-COMM INC.	SE	4250
	<b>Wireless 911 Fund Total</b>	<b>4250</b>
BOK FINANCIAL	BOND	40498.75
	<b>Cha/Wau Rd Bond Fund Total</b>	<b>40498.75</b>
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1216.56
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	683
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	226.2
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE	222.2
BOMBA, MARK D.	SE	71.6
BOMGAARS	SU	69.98
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE	283
BURKE JOSH	SE	25.8
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	129.8
FISCHER, CYNTHIA	SE	120.6
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	117.8
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	518.8
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	64.6
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	22.4
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	28.4
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	48.4
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	706.4
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	721.6
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	31
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	378
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE	666
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	282.2

KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	86
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	SE	71.8
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	111.2
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	297.8
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	84.8
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	132
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	308
PORE, TIMOTHY LEONARD	SE	7.2
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	87.65
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE	266.8
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	233.4
SKELTON, LANA J	SE	7.2
US BANK	SU	373.4
WISNIESKI, RYAN P.	SE	8.2
<b>Ambulance Fund Total</b>		<b>8709.79</b>
<b>Grand Total All Claims</b>		<b>251060.92</b>

County Attorney Joel Burke, Treasurer Rebecca Bernard and Karen Baker as administrator for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services joined the meeting. Karen is requesting that Chase County continue as the lead county for SW NE Juvenile Services through June 30, 2024 at which point, she intends to have another participating county lined up to be the lead. The application for the new grant year must be submitted by December 20, Karen would like for Chase County to sign the new grant application as the lead county with a provision saying Chase County will act as the lead only through the end of the current grant year. There is no guarantee that another county will step up into the lead position after the grant application is submitted. Commissioners do not want to continue as lead county due to liability issues and the fact that no administrators of the program are currently employed by Chase County. They suggested that Karen Baker find another county to act as lead county to sign the application for the new grant year as Chase County has no intentions to continue as lead beyond the end of the current grant year.

Karen Baker then asked that they sign the MOU granting Rory Roundtree authority to sign professional service contracts on behalf of all participating counties in the Juvenile Services program. Commissioners deferred to County Attorney Burke, he feels that the "professional service contracts" verbiage is a broad statement and suggested that the wording be changed to include only mental health and tutoring contracts. Karen Baker will see if wording can be changed on the MOU. This item was put on unfinished business.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed holiday schedule for 2024. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the 2024 holiday schedule consisting of 12 paid holidays to include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Friday of Chase County Fair, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of trees in ditches on Vince Lee property near county line commenced. Commissioners will gather informal bids to determine if it would be best to top the trees or have them dug and removed.

Commissioners plan to have a workshop immediately following the December 28 commissioner meeting to review and update county road policies.

Karen Baker returned to the meeting to request that the county send someone to collect child support files from Dundy County as the contract for Dundy County to provide child support services has been terminated.

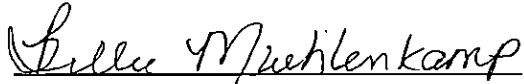
Jeni Lotspeich joined the meeting to discuss the company that was hired to do the county's ambulance billing. The service being provided is not what Jeni expected that it would be, no billing has been done by the company, Jeni has continued to do it all. She requested that the contract be terminated. Per the original agreement, the contract can be terminated with 30 days written notice. Commissioner Brown moved to have Jeni work with the County Attorney to draft a letter to terminate the contract with Ambulance Billers & Coders. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk requested that we get an additional shred bin from Datashield to be picked up on the same quarterly schedule as the one currently in the courthouse. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to allow the courthouse to get a second shred bin from Datashield to be picked up on a quarterly basis. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

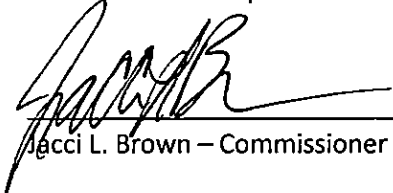
Annual inventories were submitted for review from the Fair Board and Extension office. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the inventories as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:43am.

**CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



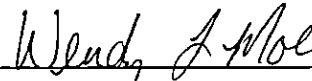
Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Pecci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2

Absent

Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk