

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe and Road Secretary Jordan Beard. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County Website. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Dave Oxford Jr was present for Open Forum to note ditches along several miles of roads in his area that have not been mowed in a few years, as well as a stretch of road that has trees growing in the ditch within five feet of the road. Commissioners indicated that they would send someone out to remove the trees and get the mowing done, and thanked Dave for bringing this to their attention.

Diane Mathews joined the meeting to discuss her concerns over the new transit software with the Board. The tablet is making her job much more difficult than it needs to be. Jordan noted that she has a laptop that she will get set up for Diane to alleviate some of the scheduling and software issues. Jordan indicated that the main concern from the state level is to identify revenue miles vs deadhead miles. Commissioners directed Jordan to contact the State and determine the minimum requirements of this new software and see what can be done to streamline the process.

Mel McNea, interim CEO from Chase County Community Hospital joined the meeting to present a listing of infrastructure repairs for which the hospital is requesting County funding. Requested items include concrete repair for the clinic parking lot, hot water mixing valve, vacuum pump, dehumidifier for operating room, sprinkler heads for fire system, ortho table for the operating room, werewolf coblation system, C-Arm, and IT upgrade for radiology. The total dollar amount of all of these items is \$509,692.01. The Board noted that the first five items are certainly facility repair related and would fall under the original resolution for funds usage. The hospital sinking fund currently has about \$470,000 and the County does not have plans, or the ability, to further fund the account at this time. The Board will allow the hospital to exhaust the funds for these purchases as long as they understand that there will likely not be any additional funding available in the near future. Mel explained that he intends to get the hospital operating in the black, once that is accomplished, they should be able to finance these purchases on their own.

At 8:30 Chairman Brown called for the opening of bids for the Courthouse front steps. One bid was received, from RT Concrete for \$278,000. Commissioner Brown moved to reject all bids. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Mel asked if invoices for purchases should be submitted to the County, Clerk indicated that preference would be that the hospital pay for it and then submit a claim for reimbursement. The Board of Commissioners want to see the hospital keep going. Mel thanked Commissioners for their time and reiterated that he is striving to get the hospital operating in the black and to become more self supporting.

Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization at 8:45am. Meeting reconvened at 9:10 with three Commissioners and County Clerk in attendance.

Commissioner Brown 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 CONSULTANTS INC	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERICINN	TE	99.00

AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	56.45
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	12750.83
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SE	3350.60
BANEY NATALIE	SE	720.00
BEARD, JORDAN	SU	71.88
BERNARD, REBECCA M.	SE	866.05
BCBS OF NE	PE	31355.56
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	391.40
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
BWTELCOM	UT	150.22
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	1099.55
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	270.98
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	537.60
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	SE	146.98
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS	SE	10500.00
EAKES, INC	SU	301.87
EFTPS	PE	21503.48
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	SU	416.61
FAIRFIELD INN	TE	404.85
FRENCHMAN AUTO	SE	138.00
FVFC	SU	2195.92
GEO-COMM INC.	SE	5775.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	1396.62
GROTZKY, R. LEIGH	TE	25.90
HAMPTON INN & SUITES	TE	321.00
HARVOY, ROBERT S	AP	1968.75
STATE OF NE/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	SE	105.00
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UT	326.35
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	374.76
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	393.44
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	SE	84.54
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	2607.57
IMPERIAL, CITY TOTER STICKERS	UT	80.00
JAEGER, JANICE E	SE	835.00
KING INSURANCE PARTNERS, LLC	SE	3933.48
MCNAIR AGENCY, INC	SE	40.02
MIPS,INC.	SE	1393.09
MOUSEL,BROOKS,SCHNEIDER,MUSTION	AP	225.00
NACO (REGS.)	TE	160.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	SE	550.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2866.81
NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	AP	7625.00
NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SU	5495.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	614.59
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	55.97
RAVE MOBILE SAFETY	SE	3825.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	SE	2102.00
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	1877.10
STAMM, DIANE	TE	230.44
TODD, DUANE	TE	95.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	112.71
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	39.78
	Net Payroll	60453.78
	General Fund Total	194638.82

AACE WASH SYSTEMS	SU	45.00
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	208.20
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	PE	1908.22
BCBS OF NE	PE	923.45
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	480.00
BWTELCOM	UT	101.86
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	8.34
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	159.79
CONTRACTOR SERVICES, INC.	SE	11440.00
DEWESTER, RICHARD	SU	350.00
EFTPS	PE	6513.75
FANNING FARM REPAIR	RP	1610.11
FVFC	SU	462.00
GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	SU	1530.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	225.22
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	SU	55.00
HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	SE	110.18
IMPERIAL CARQUEST	SU	223.18
IMPERIAL NAPA	SU	335.37
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	321.36
MOTOR FUELS DIVISION/STATE OF NE	SE	632.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	8623.65
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1613.71
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT/L	8345.95
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	174.45
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	1295.00
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	1520.00
T O HAAS TIRE COMPANY (SUNAUTO)	SU	570.00
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	SU	6.99
TRI STATE PAVING LLC	SE/SU	14000.00
VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	800.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	5188.10
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SU	308.21
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC	SU	701.66
	Net Payroll	31822.29
	Road Fund Total	102889.93
COX JEANNINE	SE	500.00
	Tourism Fund Total	500.00
S & S LOCK AND KEY	RP	1137.65
	Fair Fund Total	1137.65
MIPS,INC.	SE	260.40
	P&M Fund Total	260.40
BWTELCOM	UT	279.80
CENTURY LINK	UT	81.00
	E-911 Fund Total	360.80
CENTURY LINK	UT	1982.56
	Wireless 911 Fund Total	1982.56
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	574.48
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	510.98
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
FVFC	SU	348.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	321.83
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	148.33
	Ambulance Fund Total	1955.69
	Grand Total All Claims	303725.85

Correspondence was reviewed, consisting of a notice of capital credit allocation from Highline Electric, expenditure and fund balance listing reports from the Clerk and Treasurer, and quarterly reports from Wauneta EMS.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve minutes from the September 23, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve and sign the Perpetual Lease Agreement between the County and Southwestern Nebraska PF Chapter (Pheasants Forever) for the Jaycees Building located on the south side of the Chase County Fairgrounds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of voting members for NACO Convention in December. Kurt will be voting member. Jacci will be alternate.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a non-working Bunn coffee maker from the Commissioner Meeting Room inventory to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a brother copy/fax machine, tablet keyboard, HP Office word, two old pc's, and one laptop from the Wauneta EMS inventory to the trash. All items are old/nonworking and have been replaced. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

After review of annual inventories from all officials, Commissioner Brown moved to approve all inventories as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Scott Fiedler and Brian Kemp from Allo joined the meeting to discuss the contract for Managed IT Services. Agreement has been modified from the originally proposed 3-year agreement to a 1-year agreement. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the 1-year agreement for Managed IT Services with Allo for \$3,776.97/month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners chose to take no action on agenda item of Vanguard Consolidated Service Contract.

With nobody present for open forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:02am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk