

Chase County Commissioners
October 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, in the meeting room of the courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Emergency Manager Duane Dreiling, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester and Road Secretary Jordan Beard.

Dick was present for open forum with a representative from Substrata appearing telephonically to give more details about the perma-zyme product that will be applied to three miles of road 734. The product is used to treat unpaved roads to create a hard surface road that can last up to ten years and will minimize maintenance needs, dust and mud. It is anticipated that this product will be applied in the first week of November.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski was present to let the Board know that the patching on Old Highway 6 had been completed.

Ryan Dickinson joined the meeting to discuss denial of payment from the State of Nebraska for post-construction corner tie monuments. 35 points were remonumented after construction, the State indicated that only 17 were disturbed so they will not be reimbursing for the other 18 points, per the master service agreement, "the State will not reimburse post-construction costs when no actual re-establishment of monuments has occurred, such as in those cases where corners have remained static, or where monuments have been unaffected by construction." Ryan told that Board that from his position, all points have to be reviewed, there is no way for him to know they were undisturbed without checking them. County Attorney Joel Burke joined the meeting. The Board agreed with Ryan's position; they will have County Attorney reach out to State concerning this matter.

At 8:30 Chairman Brown opened the public hearing for The Corner Store, LLC Class D Liquor License application. No members of the public were present at the hearing.

County Attorney was present for unfinished business item of Courthouse Front Steps, as NIRMA has advised that this is a hazardous situation, the formal bidding process may be waived per NRS §23-3109(2), and the issue should be corrected as soon as possible. Board asked Ryan if this was a project his engineer could look at and work on, Ryan said yes and asked that someone be available to show John around to explain exactly what they are wanting done.

Jennifer Pfister, Mel McNea and Abby Cyboron joined the meeting for a Hospital Revenue Cycle Presentation by Jennifer. Jennifer had handouts and reviewed the revenue cycle of the hospital from start to finish, with questions and comments from the Board.

At 8:58, with no comments for or against the liquor license application from the public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to recommend approval of the Class D Liquor License application for The Corner Store, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00am Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 9:05 with three Commissioners, Clerk, Assessor, and hospital representatives in attendance.

Jennifer completed the revenue presentation and fielded further questions and comments from the Board. The Board thanked Jennifer for her time and the presentation, noting that they are looking forward to seeing changes implemented and progress made through this process.

Treasurer Rebecca Bernard was in attendance to present Distress Warrants to the Board and informed them that they will be issued on Friday.

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		
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC	PE	35.36
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	56.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9585.87
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SE	899.15
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	927.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	163.34
BCBS OF NE	PE	31355.87
BOMGAARS	SU	33.98
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	330.00
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	271.00
COMFORT INN-KEARNEY	TE	134.95
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	174.01
EAKES, INC	SU	109.06
EFTPS	PE	15552.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS		
INC	UT	185.57
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	2645.71
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	SE	87.06
MIPS,INC.	SE	134.22
MUELLER, KEVIN	SU	125.14
MULDER, CHRISTOPHER	TE	256.56
NACO (REGS.)	TE	480.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2012.87
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
SCALES SALES AND SERVICE INC	SU	140.00
SWPPD	UT	341.69
SPAHN, ASHLEY	AP	1535.00
US BANK CORP PMT SYSTEMS	SU	461.98
WHITE BILLY	SE	150.00
	Net Payroll	47617.08
	General Fund Total	117907.96
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
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AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	46.42
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	101.29
BCBS OF NE	PE	923.48
BOMGAARS	SU	49.90
BUD'S TIRE REPAIR INC	SE	268.00

COLONIAL LIFE	PE	159.81
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	98.41
EFTPS	PE	3715.59
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	111.24
JT ROCKS, LLC	SU	3364.53
NACO (REGS.)	TE	160.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	900.54
ROWLEY WELDING	SU	27.96
SHELCO CONSTRUCTION	SE	10850.00
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	182.10
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	60.00
	Net Payroll	21460.54
	Road Fund Total	44011.20
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
BROPHY ELECTRIC	RP/L	9091.13
PIVOT ELECTRIC INC	RP/L	9056.24
	Fair Fund Total	18147.37
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	386.52
CCCH	EQ	110763.48
	Hospital Fund Total	110763.48
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1275.91
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	464.60
ARELLANO, JASON M	SE	282.20
AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET)	UT	592.46
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	400.20
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	621.38
BROWNING ROB D	SE	476.00
BROWNING, EMILY,E	SE	488.30
BURKE JOSH	SE	67.20
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE	92.60
E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY	SE	9.20
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE	25.40
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE	78.40
HATZ, ANDREW	SE	395.40
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	120.28
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE	11.20
HUNT, GARY K.	SE	120.20
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	121.40
KLEIN,LEANNE L.	SE	417.20
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE	279.20
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	11.20
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	120.28
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE	13.10
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE	25.40
MULDER, CHRISTOPHER	SE	23.50
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	SE	120.00
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE	1634.51
SKELTON, LANA J	SE	56.00
SUEPER,JACOB	SE	11.20
US BANK CORP PMT SYSTEMS	SU	106.49
	Ambulance Fund Total	8460.41
	Grand Total All Claims	299976.94

Assessor Tori Mueller was present to discuss the Vanguard Consolidated Services Contract with the Board. Tori indicated that this basically compiles all services into one billing, rather than multiple separate bills. Commissioners asked if it was necessary to have all services, would we possibly want to drop any? Is that allowed if all are consolidated? Chairman Brown noted that the contract requires only 30-day notice for any changes or termination. Assessor Mueller informed the Board that all services are utilized by her office and she doesn't see that changing, as such the consolidated service agreement should be beneficial.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the Vanguard Consolidated Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the August 2025 Ambulance Report, they questioned why Imperial runs billed were far less than the total runs, Jordan explained that stand-by for ball games were considered runs. Board asked that this be split out to reflect more clearly on future reports.

Surplus property was reviewed. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus an outdated Dell Precision T1700 computer to the trash from the Veteran's Service Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a nonworking HP Printer from the Veteran's Service Office to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With nobody present for Open Forum and no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1


Jacci Brown – Commissioner District #2


Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk