

Chase County Commissioners
September 22, 2026

At 8:00am on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, Chairman Kurt Bernhardt opened the Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Notice of Tax Request Hearing was published in the Imperial Republican on September 17, 2026. Three copies of the budget were available for public inspection. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Jacci Brown and County Clerk Wendy Moe.

At 8:15am Chairman Bernhardt closed the tax request hearing and opened the Budget Hearing. Notice of the Budget hearing was published in the Imperial Republican on September 17, 2026. Three copies of the budget were available for public inspection. Abby Cyboron joined the meeting on behalf of Chase County Community Hospital to ask about funds being allocated to the hospital. Board informed Abby that the \$158,000 remaining in the hospital fund will be available for their use. Consideration to allocate any additional funds may be considered if something of an emergency nature were to arise, the hospital should not rely on any funds over the allotted \$158,000 at this time. Chairman Bernhardt closed the Budget Hearing at 8:34am.

Upon conclusion of the budget hearing, the regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners began. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the county website. The agenda was posted and a copy of the open meeting act was available.

Val Jansante was present on behalf of Congressman Adrian Smith, he updated the Board on items co-sponsored by the Congressman, including the AM Radio for Every Vehicle act, Federal Lands Lawful Carry Act and declaring September 17, 2026, as National Teacher Ag Day.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; 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	1002.72
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	11098.46
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	77.20
ASHLEY K. SPAHN	AP	2010.00
Ben, Beard	SE	625.00
BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	115.16
BCBS OF NE	PE	27386.11
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC.	SU	53.55
BRIAN E. FOSTER	SE	40.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	316.65
CHIEF SIGN COMPANY, LLC	SU	356.60
CHIEF SUPPLY CORPORATION, INC.	VOID	-356.60

COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.39
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	PE	244.29
DEBORAH L. KUENNING	TE	179.97
EAKES, INC	SU	21.88
EFTPS	PE	17971.44
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	SE	270.00
FVFC INC	SU	3448.10
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	185.68
HIGH PLAINS NEWS NORTH LLC	SE	698.25
HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	TE	389.85
IDEAL LAUNDRY & CLEANERS, INC.	SE	340.17
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SU	252.72
MCI	UT	86.91
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SU	14.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT	PE	320.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	SE	120.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	341.32
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	189.99
PHILIP PANKONIN	SE	900.00
PRAIRIE STATES COMM	UT	1765.00
RED WILLOW CO TREAS	CC	1397.37
ROBERT S HARVOY	AP	450.00
SWPPD	UT	249.95
SSH INC HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	46.95
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2806.51
STATE OF NE/DAS COMM	SE	559.60
US BANK CORP PMT	SU	766.16
	Net Payroll	41900.70
	General Fund Total	119005.05
BLACK HILLS GAS	UT	155.23
BONNIE A SMITH	SU	1120.00
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	120.00
Ceres Capital Ivestments LLC	SU	80.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	22.40
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
DAN'S R US SANITATION	SE	291.13
EFTPS	PE	2072.77
FVFC INC	SU	9255.49
GOINGS FAMILY LMTD	SU	1710.00
KELLY & MYRA FANNING	RP	990.77
MITTEN INC.	SU	33171.13
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	7674.25
	Net Payroll	27378.25
	Road Fund Total	84055.04
NORMA J. HICKMAN	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	386.52
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1537.57
EFTPS	PE	26.39
FVFC INC	SU	698.15
MPCC STUDENT ACCOUNTS	CE	1185.00
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC		1856.96
WAGNER CHEVROLET		148.97
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION		1065.00
	Net Payroll	375.00

Ambulance Fund Total 6893.04
Grand Total All Claims 210639.65

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2026-18, for the adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget Document. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-19 for the 2026-2027 Property Tax Request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Leanne Klein joined the meeting to present the quarter report for Wauneta EMS. She also inquired about the possibility of the hospital and EMS services sharing supplies as many of the EMS supplies expire before they can be used. Being able to rotate and share supplies with the Hospital would be more cost effective. Board encouraged Leanne to contact the hospital and Imperial EMS to explore the idea.

Duane Dreiling joined the meeting to give the Board an update on the radio towers; he said they're still waiting for work to be done on the Lamar tower, the repeater at the school is ready to go, Wauneta tower is ready to go. Will discuss a repeater for the road department after everything else is set up and working.

Mike Bauerle joined the meeting to discuss an easement for an effluent line, due to the line recently being damaged by the County Road department during culvert/ditch work. Although locates were done, this line is not on the registry to be identified under locates. The line has been in place for years; Mike attended a Board meeting in 2009 to request an easement for pipeline placement from the S1/2 of 34-6-39 to 31-6-39 to spread effluent water. Records indicate that the easement was never drawn up. The Board requested that Mike attend a meeting so everyone can review the path of the line, see where it crosses roads and where the easement should be. Mike provided a document explaining the location of the pipeline and noted where there are road crossings, he requested that the easement be retroactive to when he originally attended a Board meeting to request the easement. Board said that will be something for the County Attorney to consider.

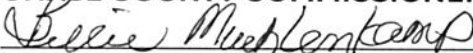
Commissioner Brown moved to direct County Attorney Burke to draw up an easement based on the maps provided by Mike Bauerle. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Ambulance Administrator Julie Sharp joined the meeting to clarify the statute of limitations concerning debt cancellation. After clarification from Julie, Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-20 to write-off \$2,305.80 in uncollectable ambulance debt. 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 Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:56am.

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CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk