

Chase County Commissioners
September 23, 2025

At 8:00am on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, Chairman Jacci Brown opened the Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Notice of the Tax Request Hearing was published in the Imperial Republican on September 18, 2025. Three copies of the budget were available for public inspection. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Attorney Joel Burke and County Clerk Wendy Moe.

At 8:15am Chairman Jacci Brown closed the tax request hearing and opened the Budget Hearing. Notice of the Budget hearing was published in the Imperial Republican on September 18, 2025. Three copies of the budget were available for public inspection. Sheriff Mueller joined the meeting. With no members of the public present to offer comment and no questions or comments from elected officials, Chairman Brown closed the Budget Hearing at 8:25.

Upon the conclusion of the budget hearing, the board commenced into the regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners. The meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican and on the County Website. The agenda and open meeting act were posted.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2025-17, for the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget Document. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2025-18 for the 2025-2026 Property Tax Request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. 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		
AEBY MOTORSPORTS LLC	EQ	400.00
AFLAC	PE	657.78
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	35.36
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	56.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	9251.95
BANEY NATALIE	SE	1800.00
BEARD, JORDAN	SU	5.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	182.58
BCBS OF NE	PE	31355.87
BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS	SU	52.40
BOX BUTTE CO SHERIFF	CC	6.00
CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA	PE	229.15
CCCH	SE	107.00
CHASE CO FAIR PREMIUM	SU	6868.26
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	229.06
COMFORT INN-KEARNEY	TE	779.70
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	173.95
EAKES, INC	SU	15.20
EFTPS	PE	15131.87
FVFC	SU	2276.92
GIS WORKSHOP	SE	3907.00
HARVOY, ROBERT S	AP	218.75
HILLS FAMILY FOODS SSH INC	SU	33.50
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	SE	228.28

LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	CC	1345.00
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	CC	18.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	UT	84.68
MONTES, MONICA	TE	187.59
NACO (REGS.)	TE	25.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	DUES	550.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	TE	90.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1960.82
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	TE	250.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	558.79
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SU	80.99
PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS		
SERVI	UT	15.90
REGION 51 EMA	SU	75.00
SWPPD	UT	241.21
TODD, DUANE	TE	242.20
TROXELL'S HEATING & APPLIANCE, LLC	SU	73.00
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT		
SYSTEMS	SU	324.15
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	120.36
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	SU	39.78
WHITE BILLY	SE	1350.00
WOLF CHEVROLET BUICK OF IMPERIAL	SE	318.96
911 CUSTOM	SU	1249.00
	Net Payroll	45437.13
	General Fund Total	129859.59
AFLAC	PE	235.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	41.65
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	1251.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	99.52
BCBS OF NE	PE	923.48
BOMGAARS	SU	156.96
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	151.38
DAN'S R US SANITATION	UT	98.41
EFTPS	PE	3695.21
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	SU	6288.24
FANNING FARM REPAIR	RP	3396.17
FVFC	SU	3690.59
HARCHELROAD MOTORS INC	SE	720.36
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	77.84
MITTEN INC.	SU	19250.76
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	896.57
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	SU	311.30
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	4.99
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	8696.40
TITAN MACHINERY-IMPERIAL	SU	173.20
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	342.21
	Net Payroll	21422.67
	Road Fund Total	71924.30
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQ	31568.76
	Inheritance Fund Total	31568.76
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	386.52

PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS			
SERVI	UT		8626.25
	Wireless 911 Fund Total		8626.25
ADVANCED AUTO	SU		344.33
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU		1454.49
BITTNER, WILLIAM	SE		106.00
BOMGAARS	SU		11.99
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU		1313.01
BROWNING, EMILY, E	SE		54.80
BURKE JOSH	SE		22.18
CASTILLO-ARVIZO, RAQUEL	SE		118.82
FVFC	SU		304.38
GREENE, AARON PATRIC	SE		12.30
GREENE, TIMMIE D.	SE		167.62
HATZ, ANDREW	SE		106.00
HAYES, DEBRA	SE		124.20
HAYES, SABRINA	SE		57.10
HIYKEL, FAY D.	SE		614.50
HUNT, GARY K.	SE		226.20
KLEIN, TYLER	SE		171.00
KLEIN, LEANNE L.	SE		182.20
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	SE		124.40
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE		106.34
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE		81.12
MILLER, JOHN W.	SE		670.86
MILLER, ROXANE K.	SE		111.34
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	SE		1743.35
OSTMEYER, CHAD	SE		10.98
PRYOR, ALLISON A.	SE		59.70
STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQ		14428.80
SUEPER, JACOB	SE		27.52
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU		110.14
	Ambulance Fund Total		22865.67
	Grand Total All Claims		265531.27

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2025-19 for Ambulance Debt Cancellation in the amount of \$38,929.73. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2025-20 for Ambulance Debt Cancellation in the amount of \$81,428.68. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Liewer, Stephen Mulder and Justin Davis, members of the Imperial Eagles and Ryan Stromberger and Jake Burke, Chase County Fair Board members, joined the meeting for discussion of the Eagles booth. It was agreed by all present that the roof needs to be inspected further for structural damage before any spray foam is applied. Eagles own all equipment inside the building. County owns the building. Both parties agree to a 5-year rental agreement for \$1500 annually. Rent will be paid to the Fair Board. It will be a general rental agreement; structure will be the responsibility of the Fair Board/County. Equipment inside will be maintained by the Eagles. Fair Board will consult with County Attorney to have the agreement drawn up.

Commissioners spoke to Jake and Ryan concerning the auditor's findings, reiterated that the accounts all need to be reconciled in a timely manner, and that they recommend the fair board

retains a professional bookkeeper to maintain their accounts. Jake indicated that they already consult with a professional firm and would continue to do so.

Commissioners also noted that a Fair Board member should be in charge of all contracts and take lead on communications with vendors, etc. Associate members may assist in these things, but ultimately a Board Member needs to be the lead point of contact.

Chairman Brown had to leave the meeting at 9:30, meeting was turned over to Vice-Chair Kurt Bernhardt.

Commissioners noted that they do not wish to change the current arrangements with DHHS office space, agreement will remain as it has been.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the quote from CSI for striping to be done on six miles of Champion Highway, for \$7,800, to be done along with the 2.8 miles of 331 avenue, as previously approved. Work must be completed on or before October 15, or wait until Spring of 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed, consisting of July and August minutes from the Imperial Community Center and the monthly ambulance billing report from the ambulance administrator.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to sign the Barrow Lease Agreement between the County and Berneice Fanning for the pit located on the W1/2 of 12-6-37. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Rebecca Bernard was present to notify the Board of delinquent taxes and provide a resolution to issue tax sale certificates for their consideration. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2025-21, to Issue Tax Sale Certificates in the Name of the County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to advertise for formal bids for the Courthouse Front Step project, to be open on October 14, 2025, at 8:30am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – absent; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

It was discussed and decided that due to the November 11 Veterans Day Holiday, the first November meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025.

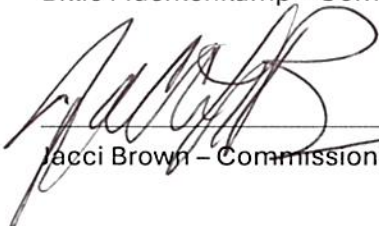
Leanne Klein joined the meeting for Open Forum to present the quarterly report on behalf of Wauneta EMS.

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:43am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk