

Chase County Commissioners
September 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kurt Bernhardt at 8:00am on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Jacci Brown, Sheriff Kevin Mueller and Clerk Wendy Moe. 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. With nobody present for open forum, Commissioners moved onto agenda items.

Dave Bauerle attended the meeting on behalf of the Imperial Community Center. Dave explained that one of the HVAC units at the center went out and requested that the County allow for the use of KENO funds to replace the unit. He presented a quote for \$14,870.55 for the replacement unit. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to use KENO funds to purchase a new HVAC unit for the Imperial Community Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Vendor is to bill the County directly for payment of the new unit.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 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 Brown. 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

20/20 Technologies	EQ	1111.96
911 CUSTOM	SU	38.00
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	1002.72
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	10736.15
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AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	982.96
BCBS OF NE	PE	27386.29
BRYAN E. HILL	SE	370.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	316.67
CHASE CO CDC	CC	121.00
CHASE CO TREASURER	SU	1009.00
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	5945.18
CITY OF IMPERIAL-TOTER STICKERS	UT	80.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	363.44
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	PE	247.70
DAVID M. HAMILTON	SE	142.50
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	1397.15
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC.	SE	144.50
EAKES, INC	SU	500.44
EFTPS	PE	17269.27
GREAT PLAINS COMM, INC	UT	1286.16
HIGH PLAINS NEWS NORTH LLC	SE	2072.35
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	SE	109.74
IN & OUT EXPRESS WASH LLC	SU	120.00
JANICE E JAEGER	SE	853.00

MENDENHALL INC	SU	63.68
MIPS	SE	1767.83
NACO	TE	105.00
NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR	PE	320.00
NEB DEPT OF REV	SU	85.00
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	119.14
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	3.79
	EQ	
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	RP	4942.00
REBECCA M. BERNARD	SE	680.00
REGION 51 EMA	DUES	75.00
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	SE	23756.00
SOUTHWEST WEED MANAGEMENT	SE	500.00
STATE OF NE/STATE INCOME TAX	PE	2703.76
STATE OF NE/DAS COMMUNICATION	SE	537.60
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	184.88
BWTELCOM	UT	155.28
	Net Payroll	40435.25
	General Fund Total	150167.59
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	48.15
BUD'S TIRE REPAIR INC	RP	366.00
CAMP ANDERSON ENTERPRISES INC	SE	1816.56
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	312.43
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	13.62
E D ENTERPRISES INC	PT	774.12
EFTPS	PE	2054.67
GREAT PLAINS COMM, INC	UT	266.96
HACHELROAD MOTORS INC	RP	296.39
LEIBBRANDT LUMBER, INC.	SU	109.96
MENDENHALL INC	SU	163.98
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	PT/L	1959.71
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PT/L	5706.25
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	671.30
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	SU	5278.48
TITAN MACHINERY INC.	PT	390.28
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	382.69
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	154.01
BWTELCOM	UT	106.92
	Net Payroll	27141.95
	Road Fund Total	48014.43
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	1865.81
	Fair Fund Total	1865.81
MIPS	SE	260.40
	P&M Fund	260.40
CENTURY LINK	UT	2099.25
BWTELCOM	UT	278.90
	E-911 Fund	2378.15
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	95.52
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	648.01
ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	22.18
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	UT	614.61
CHRISTINA ILEEN PETERSOSN	SE	26.60
CHRISTOPHER MULDER	SE	165.54
DEBRA HAYES	SE	137.02
DESIREE LOEFFLER	SE	72.92
EFTPS	PE	26.40
EMILY BROWNING	SE	119.82

FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	55.48
GARY K. HUNT	SE	399.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM, INC	UT	322.09
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	RP	610.05
JACOB SUEPER	SE	42.38
JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	37.60
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	898.58
JOLENE D. MUTHS	SE	56.00
JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	64.20
JOSHUA SKELTON	SE	56.00
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	455.00
MARCIE KELLEY	SE	28.40
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	63.20
RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO	SE	138.22
ROB D BROWNING	SE	43.70
ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	899.60
TYLER KLEIN	SE	63.20
WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC	SU	277.90
BWTELCOM	UT	52.02
WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	51.20
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	SU	309.00
	Net Payroll	375.00
	Ambulance Fund Total	7226.44
	Grand Total All Claims	209912.82

After recent review of the proposed FY26-27 Chase County Budget, the following amendments have become necessary: \$17,896.08 transfer into 5502 Ambulance Fund shall come from the Inheritance Tax Fund rather than General Miscellaneous; \$9,000 shall be added to Emergency Management 0100-693-00-2-2502 Hazard Mitigation Plan (totaling \$14,000 for that line); Modify County Attorney 0100-652 salary lines to reflect \$40,640 on the Deputy County Attorney line (1-0201) and \$42,770 on the Clerical Salary line (1-0305). This will increase the overall amount in the County Attorney function by \$170. Add the remaining balance of approximately \$8,726.00 to 0100-970-00-2-9900 General Miscellaneous line. Commissioner Brown moved to direct the County Budget preparer to make the changes, as noted above, to the 2026-2027 Chase County Budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 Chairman Bernhardt recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 with three Commissioners, Clerk and Sheriff present.

Board discussed agenda item of Allo internet. Kurt and Jacci will contact parties involved to verify where the line will come into the building and verify that the upcoming work to replace the front steps won't interfere with where the new line will be run.

Sheriff Mueller was present to notify the Board that Rob Browning needs to be added to the Sheriff's Checking Account. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve adding Rob Browning to the Sheriff's Checking Account at Pinnacle Bank, further noting that as of January 1, 2027, at the end of Sheriff Mueller's term, Rob will become the primary account holder at which time Sheriff Mueller shall be removed from the account. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2026-17 to Issue Tax Sale Certificates in Name of the County. 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.

Discussion of Ambulance Debt Cancellation resolution, Board has questions about the Statute of Limitations on debt cancellation. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to table this item until Ambulance Administrator is available for discussion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried, agenda item tabled.

No action taken on agenda item concerning adoption of Comprehensive Plan 2035 and Zoning Regulations as Zoning Administrator is still awaiting final revisions to the Plan.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:00am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1



Jacqui Brown – Commissioner District #2



Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST 

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk