Chase County Commissioners September 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt, County Clerk Wendy Moe, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dick DeWester 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.

Dick spoke to the Board during open forum, concerning using stabilizer on 734 road, west of 320 avenue. The cost is \$3200 per bucket, a bucket will treat one third of a mile, after sending in soil samples, it was determined that additional organic material will need to be added to the road before the product is applied. Board asked about striping on the Champion blacktop, Dick will contact CSI and see if they can do it when they're here to do the dump road.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski joined the meeting, just to check in with the Board and to let them know that patching on Old 6 should be done soon.

County Attorney Joel Burke joined the meeting to discuss the agenda items of MOU and interlocal agreement for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services, he stated that signing the documents and being a party to the program would be fine, he sees no reason not to do so. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Memorandum of Understanding between Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Brown moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement authorizing Rory Roundtree, as chairperson of SWNEJS, to sign professional service contracts on behalf of SWNEJS. 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

| ADAMS LUMBER | SU | 155.87 |
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| AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC | SE | 50.00 |
| AFLAC | PE | 657.78 |
| AFLAC (AFTER TAX) | PE | 35.36 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 56.45 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 9216.29 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | | |
| LLC | SE | 3352.10 |
| AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET) | UT | 927.06 |
| BANEY NATALIE | SE | 1620.00 |
| BARTHOLOMEW, CHARLES G. | SU | 180.00 |
| BEAR GRAPHICS INC. | SU | 292.37 |
| BCBS OF NE | PE | 31355.56 |
| BWTELCOM | UT | 150.30 |

| CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA | PE | 229.15 | |
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| CHASE CO CDC | CC | 72.00 | |
| CHASE CO COURT | CC | 218.00 | |
| COLONIAL LIFE | PE | 229.04 | |
| DAS STATE ACCTG | SE | 537.60 | |
| DEVENY MOTORS LLC | RP | 86.79 | |
| EAKES, INC | SU | 994.33 | |
| EFTPS | PE | 14967.38 | |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC | UT | 1577.97 | |
| HARVOY, ROBERT S | AP | 481.27 | |
| HAYES CO SHERIFFS OFFICE | CC | 80.70 | |
| HEA | UT | 337.55 | |
| IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC | SE | 225.39 | |
| IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD | PT/L | 146.61 | |
| IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN | SE | 88.32 | |
| IMPERIAL, CITY OF | UT | 3113.16 | |
| JAEGER, JANICE E | SE | 1447.00 | |
| KUENNING, DEBORAH L. | TE | 449.67 | |
| MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY, LLC | SU | 234.81 | |
| MCNAIR AGENCY, INC | SU | 40.00 | |
| MIPS,INC. | SE | | |
| | | 1393.09 | |
| MOUSEL,BROOKS,SCHNEIDER,MUSTION MUELLER, TORI | AP | 350.00 | |
| | TE | 268.80 | |
| NE CHILD SUPP PMT CTR | PE | 320.00 | |
| NE STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 1916.07 | |
| PERKINS CO SHERIFF | CC | 26.44 | |
| PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERVI | UT | 205.00 | |
| RED WILLOW CO TREAS | | 305.00 | |
| | CC | 1119.54 | |
| RUSK, ROBERT N. | SU | 14.39 | |
| S & S LOCK AND KEY | SU | 935.99 | |
| SPAHN, ASHLEY | AP | 1825.25 | |
| STAMM, DIANE | TE | 115.00 | |
| JNL - LINCOLN | SU | 155.28 | |
| /ILLARREAL, PEGGY | TE | 268.80 | |
| WILSON DONALD D | SE | 8000.00 | |
| | Net Payroll | | |
| | al Fund Total | 135752.92 | |
| ADAMS LUMBER | SU | 70.50 | |
| AFLAC | PE | 235.24 | |
| AJK SERVICES, LLC | SE | 151.40 | |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 41.65 | |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 1262.88 | |
| AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET) | UT | 46.42 | |
| BCBS OF NE | PE | 923.45 | |
| BWTELCOM | UT | 101.66 | |
| COLONIAL LIFE | PE | 151.36 | |
| EFTPS | PE | 3747.30 | |
| GOINGS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP | SU | 1020.00 | |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC | UT | 224.11 | |
| HEA | UT | 122.89 | |
| MPERIAL CARQUEST | PT | 605.98 | |
| MPERIAL, CITY OF | UT | 310.61 | |
| MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT | SU | 1124.64 | |
| MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC | RP | 14521.09 | |
| NE STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 909.57 | |
| SMITH, BONNIE | SU | 800.00 | |
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| 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMEN | T, LLC SU | 256.55 | | |
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| | Net Payroll | 21605.90 | | |
| | Journal | | | |
| | Entry | -3186.78 | | |
| | Road Fund Total | 49426.42 | | |
| MIPS,INC. | SE | 260.40 | | |
| | P&M Fund Total | 260.40 | | |
| BWTELCOM | UT | 269.00 | | |
| CENTURY LINK | UT | 81.00 | | |
| | E-911 Fund Total | 350.00 | | |
| CENTURY LINK | UT | 1982.56 | | |
| | Wireless 911 Fund Total | 1982.56 | | |
| AT & T MOBILITY (FIRSTNET |) UT | 592.46 | | |
| BWTELCOM | UT | 52.02 | | |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNIC | ATIONS INC UT | 321.83 | | |
| PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS | | | | |
| SERVI | SE | 105.00 | | |
| | Ambulance Fund Total | 1071.31 | | |
| | Grand Total All Claims | 188843.61 | | |

Commissioner Brown moved to approve minutes from the August 26, 2025, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

No correspondence to review. Board reviewed current expenditures and fund balances as presented by Clerk and Treasurer. Commissioner Brown requested monthly report from Ambulance Administrator Jordan Beard. Jordan indicated that she did not have necessary information from third-party billing agency to provide the report. Commissioner Brown directed Jordan to have the report prepared and submitted at the second meeting of each month.

Ambulance Administrator Jordan Beard presented two ambulance debt cancellation resolutions for the Board's consideration. Chairman Brown indicated that she would like more information before writing-off any old debts. Before approval of resolutions, Board would like notation on each amount regarding reason for no collection (timely filing, lapse in licensing, no supplemental payment, Medicaid, VA, etc.). Board instructed Jordan to revise the resolutions and have them ready for the next meeting.

At 8:30 bids were opened for the courthouse/extension cleaning position. Three bids were received; Emily Browning - \$135/day; Natalie Baney - \$145/day; Rebecca Bernard - \$85/day. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from Rebecca Bernard for \$85/day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – abstain; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Clerk noted that the current cleaning contract requires two weeks written notice for termination, Natalie will continue through September 23, and Rebecca will begin contracted cleaning on September 24, 2025.

No formal bids were received for Courthouse front step project. No action taken at this time, may seek bids again later.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the quote from Contractor Services, Inc for 2.8 miles of edge and centerline striping on 331 Ave (dump road), for \$3,640. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus an old wooden bookshelf (tag #556) from the Treasurer's office, to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus an old tv (tag #690) from the Tourism inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Brown recessed the meeting for Board of Equalization at 9:00am. Meeting reconvened at 9:07 with three Commissioners and Clerk present.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to appoint Dallas Baney to the Champion Mill Board, to fill the position vacated by Kristy Eskew. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. 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 9:37am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

Commissioner District #2

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Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk