Chase County Commissioners

August 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Brown at 8:00am on August 22, 2023 in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were Commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt as well as County Clerk Wendy Moe. A copy of the agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk and was posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

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| 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 DRUG INC | SU | 71.33 |
| AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC | SE | 50 |
| AFLAC | PE | 361.13 |
| AFLAC | PE | 17.75 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS. | PE | 38.45 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS. | PE | 7990.75 |
| APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC. | SE | 75 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | UT | 83.97 |
| BCBS | PE | 25537.52 |
| BRICO PEST CONTROL | SE | 30 |
| BROPHY ELECTRIC | SE | 1246.8 |
| CARPENTER BRELAND FUNERAL SERVICES | SE | 1675 |
| KARON DENISE CARTER | SE | 800 |
| CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA | PE | 133.33 |
| CHASE CO FAIR & EXPO | SE | 500 |
| CHASE CO TREASURER | SE | 50 |
| COLONIAL LIFE | PE | 66.82 |
| DAN'S R US SANITATION | SE | 155.96 |
| DATASHIELD CORPORATION | SE | 95 |
| HALLEY DEBUSK | SE | 90.64 |
| EAKES, INC | SU | 809.36 |
| EFTPS | PE | 14521.5 |
| STEVEN ELMSHAEUSER | AP | 287.5 |
| BILLY W. ESKEW | SE | 1373.4 |
| FRENCHMAN AUTO | PT/L | 137.5 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 2890.43 |
| GIS WORKSHOP, LLC | SE | 6379 |
| HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOC | UT | 259.34 |
| HILLS FAMILY FOODS | SU | 86.01 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | SE | 84.55 |
| IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC | SE | 167.98 |
| IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD | PT/L | 483.33 |
| IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN | SE | 803.01 |
| CITY OF IMPERIAL | UT | 2091.27 |
| LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER | SE | 2555 |
| MCI | SE | 77.23 |
| MCNAIR AGENCY, INC | SE | 40 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC. | SE | 35 |
| KEVIN MUELLER | SU | 286.92 |
| NACO | DUES | 25 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR | PE | 320 |
| NE STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 1985.83 |
| NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC | AP | 560 |
| NORTHEAST NEB JUVENILE SERVICES | SE | 4270 |
| PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC | SE | 1900 |
| PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY | FUEL | 202.4 |
| PRAIRIE STATES COMM. | SU | 21360 |
| PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES | SE | 31.15 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. | SE | 216.27 |
| SCOTTIES POTTIES | SE | 320 |
| SWPPD | UT | 209.81 |
| ASHLEY K. SPAHN | AP | 1694.24 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 165.72 |
| WEST CENTRAL NE AREA AGING | SE | 3032.76 |
| WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC. | SU | 40.89 |
| Net Payroll | | 41831.8 |
| **General Fund Total** | | **150603.7** |
| AFLAC | PE | 110.18 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 5.95 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INS | PE | 940.46 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | UT | 41.04 |
| CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA | PE | 40 |
| DAN'S R US SANITATION | SE | 56.45 |
| EFTPS | PE | 2916.79 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 25105.72 |
| HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION | UT | 94.56 |
| IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN | SE | 71.6 |
| CITY OF IMPERIAL | UT | 287.09 |
| MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC | PT | 394.2 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR | PE | 225 |
| NE STATE INCOME TAX | PE | 743.13 |
| NEWMAN SIGNS, INC. | SU | 2585.78 |
| RICHARDS GRAVEL PIT, INC. | SU | 765 |
| SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC | FUEL | 5418.79 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 258.26 |
| 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT, LLC | PT | 775.74 |
| Net Payroll | | 16972.71 |
| **Road Fund Total** | | **57808.45** |
| NORMA J. HICKMAN | SE | 300 |
| **Tourism Fund Total** | | **300** |
| ADVANCED AUTO | SE | 309.33 |
| AIRGAS USA, LLC | SU | 1056.99 |
| ELIZABETH ARELLANO | SE | 114 |
| JASON M ARELLANO | SE | 53.8 |
| WILLIAM BITTNER | SE | 174 |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC | SU | 245.79 |
| EMILY BROWNING | SE | 33.8 |
| RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO | SE | 33.8 |
| FVFC | FUEL | 48.09 |
| AARON PATRIC GREENE | SE | 33.8 |
| TIMMIE D. GREENE | SE | 1365.4 |
| BROOKE HUBL | SE | 35.6 |
| GARY K. HUNT | SE | 116.2 |
| MARCIE KELLEY | SE | 11.6 |
| TYLER KLEIN | SE | 56 |
| LEANNE L. KLEIN | SE | 109 |
| ELDON KUNTZELMAN | SE | 900.6 |
| CRAIG A. LOEFFLER | SE | 30.6 |
| DESIREE LOEFFLER | SE | 13.4 |
| MEDICARE PART B | SE | 785.45 |
| JOHN W. MILLER | SE | 30.6 |
| ROXANE K. MILLER | SE | 55.6 |
| CHAD OSTMEYER | SE | 451.4 |
| RANAE RICHARDSON | SE | 109.8 |
| WAUNETA CROSSROADS, LLC | FUEL | 55.47 |
| ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION | SU | 3334.9 |
| **Ambulance Fund Total** | | **9565.02** |
| **Grand Total All Claims** | | **218277.2** |

John Rundel joined the meeting representing Southwest Weed Management requesting a letter of support for the Nebraska Environmental Trust FY24-25 grant funding. Their organization works to control noxious weeds and trees and offers a 50% cost share with landowners who are interested in working to control invasive and non-desirable vegetation in the county. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign the letter of support for Southwest Weed Management in seeking grant funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown to sign letter of support.

Leanne Klein was present on behalf of Wauneta EMS and presented purchase orders to be signed to finalize purchases for Stryker Cot and Stair Chairs to go in the new ambulance that will be built. She presented a purchase order that will save approximately $15,000 by purchasing the cot directly from Stryker now rather than waiting to purchase it when the ambulance is completed. She also presented a purchase order for two Stair Chairs at a cost of $30,960.29, one to be put in each Wauneta unit. Leanne explained that with these purchase orders, the county would need to pay them up front and then the EMS service will reimburse the county once they receive their equipment grant funds. Commissioners pointed out that these grant funds must be directed to Chase County and deposited through the County Treasurer into the county ambulance account, not into the individual EMS club accounts. These purchase orders must be signed by October 1, 2023 to guarantee these rates. Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to sign the purchase order for the ambulance cot to be purchased directly from Stryker Medical at the price of $61,891.37. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Chairman Brown signed the purchase order. No action taken on Stair Chair purchase order as this was not an agenda item. It will be added to agenda for next meeting.

Commissioner meeting recessed for Board of Equalization at 8:30.

Commissioner meeting reconvened at 8:36.

Treasurer Rebecca Bernard joined the meeting to request that new carpet be installed in her office. Commissioners recommended that Treasurer and Clerk both get estimates as neither of their offices were carpeted when the rest of the offices were most recently done. Treasurer to get estimates to present to the board.

Treasurer also requested that a keypad lock be installed at the back door of the county building for the extension office. Commissioners directed treasurer to get estimates for that as well.

Concerning agenda item of selling scrap metal, commissioners agreed to stick to their original plan, as no bids were previously received when advertised for, they will have road employees collect and haul scrap metal for the county.

Surplus Property requests were reviewed.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus the old ticket booth from the fairgrounds to be sold at the Labor Day Auction. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a nonworking HP Office Jet Pro 6230 printer, used for the Fair Premium account position, to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus two Dell Optiplex 3050 computers from the treasurer’s office to be recycled through Applied Connective Technologies. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved to transfer two HP Officejet 8020 printers from the Treasurer’s office to the Assessor’s office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to transfer the conference table with tag #700 from county court inventory to building and grounds, to be used in the Driver Examiner’s room. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp moved that the balance of county court desk with tag #727 be disposed of. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved that two Sharp Calculators, tag #525 and 526 from the Treasurer’s office be made surplus and disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 bids were open for the Sheriff’s new pickup. Only one bid was received. Imperial Country Ford placed a bid for a 2023 Gray F150 for $50,871 with a trade in value of $11,500 for the Sheriff’s 2014 F150 for a final purchase price of $39,371. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from Imperial County Ford. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus the Sheriff’s 2014 F150 to be traded in for the new 2023 pickup. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Road Secretary/Ambulance billing clerk Jeni Lotspeich presented a handout from Medical Billing Services for the board to consider outsourcing the county’s ambulance billing. Commissioners directed Jeni to gather more information from this company, specifically in how the county will be invoiced and how the collection process will work, and bring it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Muehlenkamp will take care of the Wauneta Crossroads propane contract directly, no board action necessary.

With no further business to come before the board Commissioner Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk