

The Chase County Commissioner meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Present were commissioners Duane Dinnel, Dennis Kunnemann, Jacci Brown; county clerk Debra Clark, deputy county attorney Rory Roundtree, and road superintendent Toney Krajewski.

Notice of the meeting had been advertised in the Imperial Republican. An agenda had been kept current and available in the office of the county clerk. It was also posted to the website on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The agenda and open meeting act are posted.

No one was present for open forum.

Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski gave an update on road issues. He reported on the hydraulic study for the bridge north of Wauneta on Spring Creek. He followed the creek into Perkins County, south of Brandon, to check on drainage issues. He feels culverts can be used to replace the bridge. He would like to have the board bid out the labor portion of installing the culverts. He indicated it would take three informal bids.

Jacci Brown asked for an update on the Craig Fanning road issue. Toney indicated he would like to see how the Champion Lake bridge project turns out before we go forward with that project.

Jacci indicated that the transition of the new asphalt to the dirt road south of the Champion substation needs some attention. Toney indicated it is okay to bring up some dirt to fix the issue.

Dennis Kunnemann asked about the shouldering on the Champion project. He indicated there are a lot of clumps in the shouldering material. Toney indicated that is okay. He said just to let it dry out. May need to haul more in once it is dry.

Toney left the meeting.

Emergency Manager and Sheriff have joined the meeting.

Dennis Kunnemann moved to approve the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jacci Brown seconded. Before a vote could be taken, Duane Dinnel moved to amend or add to the minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup> that he had asked to have the bid for the radios tabled and it was not. Discussion followed. Dennis Kunnemann seconded the motion. Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; motion carried.

After the motion to amend was completed the board voted on the previous motion by Dennis to approve the minutes. Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Jacci indicated they had found left over paint at the road shop for painting the parking lot lines. Jacci Brown moved to have the county shop employees paint the parking lot lines. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Dennis Kunnemann moved to rescind the previous agreement to have the parking lot painting done by Contractor Services, Inc. as voted on at the last meeting. Jacci Brown seconded. Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Cargo container information had been received from the city and provided by the clerk to the commissioners. Discussion held. Because of the zoning classifications, they are not permitted on any property owned by the county. Alternate locations may be considered.

It has come to the board's attention that there should have been formal bidding done on the radios and repeaters the board agreed to purchase at the last meeting. Prairie States has been notified. Dennis Kunnemann moved to advertise for formal bids to be opened on November 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Jacci Brown seconded. Dennis-yes; Jacci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried.

Emergency Manager and Sheriff left the meeting.

Duane Dinnel provided information on the cost per hour worked for full-time road employees. With the county contribution to retirement, medical insurance and deducting for holidays, sick and vacation (as those are not hours worked) he estimates the cost to be approximately \$28.21 per hour to the county. Duane would like to be able to hire PT help at a higher rate than our starting FT rate.

Discussion followed concerning part-time and temporary designation for employees. Requirements for enrollment into the retirement program were also discussed.

It was determined that we would have to amend our road payroll resolution before any change in pay for PT could even be considered. Jaci indicated she would want to be able to discuss this with the current road employees before making any decisions concerning PT help. The issue is to be forwarded to the next agenda.

The clerk provided information on Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF). This program was passed by Congress as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This money is available for NACo counties that have federally owned public lands and can be used for any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity. These funds can be pooled, so a separate fund is not required. Chase County is eligible to receive the minimum amount, which is \$50,000 for FYs 2022 and 2023. The deadline for counties to apply is January 31, 2023. It appears there is no deadline for spending at this time. Because we did not budget for these funds we will need to wait until FY23-24 to spend them if we do not wish to amend the budget.

Dennis Kunnemann moved to apply for the LATCF funds. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jaci-yes; motion carried.

Application for inmate limited benefit health insurance with Sirius America Insurance Company was presented for the board's consideration. This is catastrophic inmate medical insurance administered by Hunt Insurance Group. The cost for one year is \$3,500.64.

Duane Dinnel moved to approve the application for the inmate insurance. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Duane-yes; Dennis-yes; Jaci-yes; motion carried.

Designating the voting delegate for convention was discussed. This would be on Friday morning after the breakfast during the business meeting. If we do not return the confirmation form only the county board chair is allowed to cast the ballot. Jaci indicated she would not be attending the Friday morning meeting. It was agreed that Vice Chairman Duane Dinnel would be casting the ballot for Chase County. The alternate designee would be Dennis Kunnemann.

The clerk has requested the first meeting in December be moved from Tuesday to Monday because of the convention. Dennis Kunnemann moved the first December meeting be held on Monday, December 12. Jaci Brown seconded. Dennis-yes; Jaci-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried. Payroll deposits will be on Wednesday as usual.

Imperial Community Center minutes were reviewed.

Fairboard minutes had been e-mailed to the board prior to the meeting.

Claims listing had been provided to the board prior to the meeting. There were several claims the board wished to review. Dennis Kunnemann moved to approve payment of claims as submitted. Duane Dinnel seconded. Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; Jaci-yes; motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS INC	OCT.ADM.FEE	\$	40.00
AFLAC	ACCT# 17163	\$	469.14
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	ACCT# 17163	\$	17.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	GROUP# 412428	\$	47.30
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	EMPE RET	\$	8,301.69
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	INV-181801	\$	222.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	7014419167	\$	190.25
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	EMPR HEALTH IN	\$	18,716.17

CARTER, KARON DENISE  
 CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.  
 CHASE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPO (DONATE)  
 CHASE COUNTY SHERIFF  
 CHASE COUNTY TREASURER  
 CLARITY & SOLUTIONS COUNSELING, LLC  
 COLONIAL LIFE  
 COUNTRY INN & SUITES  
 DAN'S R US SANITATION  
 DAS STATE ACCOUNTING  
 DOLLAR GENERAL  
 EAKES, INC  
 EFTPS  
 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC  
 ESKEW, BILLY  
 FVFC  
 GB AUTO SERVICE INC.  
 IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC  
 IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN  
 KUENNING, DEBORAH L.  
 MCI (SHRF BILLS)  
 NACO  
 NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER  
 NE STATE INCOME TAX  
 OPTUM BANK  
 PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.  
 QUILL CORP  
 REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC  
 SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER (LPN)  
 SCOTTIES POTTIES  
 SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
 TELELANGUAGE INC.  
 TODD, DUANE  
 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
 U S BANK CORPORATE  
 NET PAYROLL  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL

ROAD FUND

AFLAC  
 AMERITAS LIFE INS.  
 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP  
 BAKER & ASSOC INC.  
 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA  
 CHASE CO TREASURER/CAFETERIA REIMB.  
 CHASE COUNTY TREASURER  
 DAN'S R US SANITATION  
 DIAMOND TRAFFIC PRODUCTS  
 EFTPS  
 FVFC  
 GB AUTO SERVICE INC.  
 HILL, TRENTON  
 IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN  
 NE STATE INCOME TAX  
 OPTUM BANK

7-Oct  
 EMPE MEDICAL R \$ 800.00  
 OCT.MAINTENANC \$ 150.03  
 CR20-4 10/16 \$ 500.00  
 PSTG \$ 334.00  
 INV-1385 \$ 968.65  
 (BCN) E3674389 \$ 625.12  
 FOLIO# 91807 \$ 66.82  
 INV 9472120 \$ 237.00  
 INV 1339529 \$ 155.96  
 INV 1001197083 \$ 156.32  
 INV 8536650-1 \$ 60.90  
 FEDERAL TAXES \$ 237.24  
 CD2042709 \$ 15,303.78  
 OCT.SERVICE \$ 3,204.24  
 SHERIFF 102482 \$ 137.34  
 INV 2646 \$ 2,668.03  
 ACCT 3535960 \$ 565.84  
 #6896 TRANSIT \$ 164.98  
 725 @ .625 \$ 192.00  
 8627939514 \$ 453.13  
 INV- N2410 \$ 78.39  
 EMPE CHILD SUP \$ 2,116.22  
 STATE TAXES \$ 320.00  
 EMPE HSA ACCOU \$ 2,073.85  
 OCT.SERVICE \$ 224.50  
 INV 10/18/2022 \$ 900.00  
 INV-8828 \$ 315.96  
 CORRECTION ON \$ 425.56  
 INV 838110 \$ 4.50  
 915527001 \$ 300.00  
 TL306330922 \$ 328.98  
 CVSOAN TRNG \$ 28.48  
 VS-NEB-0362022 \$ 435.00  
 SHRF BUS.CARDS \$ 449.00  
 SERVICES \$ 100.37  
 \$ 45,105.27

\$ 108,192.00

ACCT# 17163 \$ 39.46  
 GROUP# 412428 \$ 5.95  
 EMPE RET \$ 890.92  
 INV 31281 \$ 3,000.00  
 EMPE HEALTH IN \$ 850.85  
 EMPE MEDICAL R \$ 40.00  
 PSTG \$ 3.99  
 INV 9471877 \$ 56.45  
 INV 0032919-IN \$ 1,559.00  
 FEDERAL TAXES \$ 2,857.58  
 ROAD 102489 \$ 828.57  
 INV 2588 \$ 751.20  
 REFUND OF RETD \$ 233.99  
 #7005 ROAD/WEE \$ 144.00  
 STATE TAXES \$ 740.37  
 EMPE HSA ACCOU \$ 15.00

U S BANK CORPORATE	ROAD BACKGROUN	\$	15.50	
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BW 122	\$	415.00	
VOIDED CHECK	JE 20221002	\$	(233.99)	
NET PAYROLL	SERVICES	\$	14,883.05	
ROAD FUND TOTAL				\$ 27,096.89
<u>LODGING TAX FUND</u>				
COX JEANNINE	PUMPKIN PATCH	\$	500.00	
FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	PUBLISH 1/2 PG	\$	2,300.00	
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	OCT.SERVICE	\$	300.00	
SOUTHWESTERN NE PHEASANTS FOREVER	2023 ENDERS	\$	1,500.00	
LODGING TAX FUND TOTAL				\$ 4,600.00
<u>E-911 FUND</u>				
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	308-196-4237-	\$	34.19	
E-911 FUND TOTAL				\$ 34.19
<u>W-911 FUND</u>				
CENTURY LINK	612535702	\$	81.00	
W-911 FUND TOTAL				\$ 81.00
<u>911 HOLDING FUND</u>				
NENA/NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER	LEGACY	\$	299.00	
911 HOLDING FUND TOTAL				\$ 299.00
<u>AMBULANCE FUND</u>				
AIRGAS USA, LLC	INV 9991876650	\$	915.80	
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	9-Oct	\$	37.85	
BITTNER,WILLIAM	24-Sep	\$	60.05	
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	PSTG	\$	27.36	
EAC SUBMISSIONS	INV 3529	\$	28.80	
FVFC	AMB 102483	\$	90.22	
HAYES, DEBRA	9-Oct	\$	165.00	
HUNT, GARY K.	20-Sep	\$	104.95	
IMPERIAL AUTO RENEWAL, INC	INV 11238716	\$	581.67	
IMPERIAL NAPA	INV 784407	\$	614.31	
KLEIN, TYLER	24-Sep	\$	60.05	
KLEIN,LEANNE L.	20-Sep	\$	124.55	
KLENTZ, MELISA K.	20-Sep	\$	60.85	
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	7-Oct	\$	343.00	
LOEFFLER, CRAIG A.	31-Aug	\$	441.40	
MUTHS, JOLENE D.	20-Sep	\$	59.15	
RICHARDSON, RANAE	20-Sep	\$	124.55	
WISNIESKI, RYAN P.	31-Aug	\$	263.40	
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL				\$ 4,102.96
GRAND TOTAL ALL CLAIMS				\$ 144,406.04

Clerk informed the board of an increase in the device fee for county owned equipment using the AS400 will go into effect July 1, 2023. We currently have seven devices at \$13.00 for each per month. This will be increasing to \$46.00.

Correspondence from State of Nebraska indicates we are not allowed to raise the water level in the Champion Mill Lake until further notice.

Road counters were discussed.

An election lawsuit was filed by Rick Hill in Lancaster County. The suit names as defendants the County Clerks of all 93 counties in Nebraska, among others. Duane Dinnel moved to go into closed session for discussion of the lawsuit. Jacci Brown seconded. Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; motion carried.



The three commissioners, county clerk and deputy county attorney went into closed session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss the lawsuit filed by Rick Hill. Closed session ended at 11:05 a.m. and the board returned to regular session with all members present.

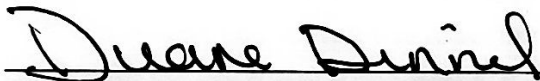
Deputy County Attorney Roundtree recommends the county let NIRMA provide the coverage they offer the county as a NIRMA member county. We would need to agree to pay the deductible. NIRMA will pay all legal defense costs and will submit an invoice to the county evenly dividing those costs among the members represented once the claim is concluded or the deductible is exceeded.

Duane Dinnel moved to let NIRMA represent the county clerk. Jacci Brown seconded. Duane-yes; Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; motion carried.

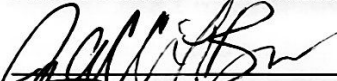
With no further business to come before the board, Jacci Brown moved the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Dennis Kunnemann seconded. Jacci-yes; Dennis-yes; Duane-yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Debra K. Clark – Chase County Clerk

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



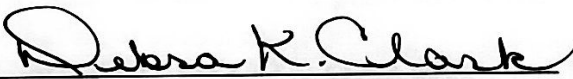
Duane Dinnel – Commissioner District #1



Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2 - Chairman



Dennis Kunnemann – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: 

Debra K. Clark – Chase County Clerk