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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 31, 2023

August 31, 2023, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice Chairman, Alan Phipps-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 08/31/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 07/25/2023—08/24/2023 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/14/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve bid of $1950 from Wray Roofing for Courthouse downspout repair*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Miller spoke to Austin Orton of Orton Construction about painting the Courtroom ceiling, walls, judges chamber and painted (black) trim before the Sesquicentennial celebration on October 7th. Orton will also be asked to quote repairs to the Courtroom windows. ***Motion to proceed with Orton Construction for painting and touch-up in the Courtroom*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to pay EMS 1st responder training and supplies from fund #315*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Representatives from CCJSHS Drug Free Action Team were present to request funds of $2000 from the Crime Prevention fund to purchase t-shirts. Sheriff Welsh, Andrea Eidman-sponsor, 8th graders Carter Mann, Austin Anderson and Bella Murphy explained the benefits of belonging to DFAT as well as activities and fund raisers they have had. ***Motion to approve the request of $2000 from the Crime Prevention Fund*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Tony Dekat gave a maintenance report and asked permission to tackle several projects like caulking and concrete work under the front entrance handrails to get ready for the Sesquicentennial. Commission gave permission to proceed. Dekat has also updated fire extinguisher tags and done some touch up painting to ceiling tiles. Dekat made repairs and upgrades to plumbing at Roniger Museum and noted the sewer line repairs had been completed by Clarks. Miller reported being in contact with Ideatek for reimbursement for those repairs.

***Motion at 9:45 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Aaron Hoffman*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting resumed at 9:55 with no action taken.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore, Water District operator Matt Markley, Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse and Sheriff Welsh met with the Commission regarding the extreme drought the County is experiencing. Markley reported low wells and non-potable wells have been closed except for one that will be used for the fire department. Fillmore will implement a county wide burn ban effective 08/31/2023 except for agricultural burning of noxious weeds when wind speeds are below 10 mph. The Commission supported the burn ban which will be in effect until lifted by the Fire Chief. Wiltse presented a resolution/proclamation declaring Chase County as a disaster area. ***Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 declaring a disaster*** by Phipps was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Fillmore provided information on a water tank storage rental. ***Motion to rent (2) 21,000 gallon storage tanks for $3000 per month to be paid from fund #315*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Patron Mark Gibbons addressed the BOC again for the Toledo area regarding a storm siren. Gibbons reported the Township had funds within their budget to take care of maintenance of the siren. Commission told Gibbons they would take the request under advisement.

Darren Booth of Theel Insurance gave the quarterly report to the BOC for Freedom Claims.

The County currently has $36,485.86 in reserves so the plan is working well for us.

***Motion at 10:55 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting resumed at 11:15 with no action taken.

Miller reported on an upcoming meeting he will have with Ben Moore and will report at the next meeting. Hazelton reported that a portion of Middle Creek Road was getting in bad shape and will have the Road & Bridge supervisor check it out.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 on a motion from Miller, 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 11th at 9:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 11th day of September, 2023 as shown in the Minutes of this date's meeting, the above Minutes are hereby ADOPTED as the official record of the proceedings, business and actions of the Board of Chase County Commissioners during the session above described.

 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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 Anthony Hazelton, Chairman

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 Matt Miller, Vice Chairman

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Alan Phipps, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk