JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 13, 2025

January 13, 2025, at 9:00 am; Tony 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 01/13/2025 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 12/31/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 (GAAP waiver)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 (honoring the service of John Haglund)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign a Declaration of Local Disaster (weather)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change Orders 2024-09; 13; 14; 15 & 16*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:20 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:40 with no action taken.

***Motion at 9:40 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:55 with no action taken.

County Sheriff Jacob Welsh Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk entered the meeting to request the Commission consider an employee benefit from Smart Dollar/Dave Ramsey for financial literacy. Commissioners will take it under consideration. ***Motion at 10:26 for 25 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh, Kirk and Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:56 with no action taken.

Hazelton recessed the meeting at 10:56 and everyone moved to the County Courtroom for the 2025 swearing-in ceremony with Judge Larson. Commissioners Hazelton and Miller; County Clerk Connie Pretzer; Register of Deeds Kathy Swift; County Sheriff Jacob Welsh and County Attorney Brian Henderson all took their Oaths of Office for 4-year term.

Meeting reconvened at 11:15. ***Motion to nominate Hazelton as Commission Chairman*** by Phipps was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to nominate Miller as Commission Vice-chairman*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion by Hazelton for the following DESIGNATIONS: Cottonwood Valley Bank (Chase County), Citizens State Bank of Cottonwood Falls and Municipal Investment Pool*** ***administered by the State of Kansas as depositories of County Funds 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.***

***Motion by Hazelton to designate the Chase County Leader News as the official County Newspaper was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.***

***Motion by Hazelton to designate Driggs Design Group, Inc. as the Chase County Land Surveyors was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.***

***Motion by Hazelton 2nd by Miller to approve the following APPOINTMENTS*;**

Scott Harris as EMS Director

Scott Wiltse as Emergency Preparedness Director

Scott Wiltse as Sanitation Supervisor

Steve Fillmore as County Fire Chief

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Thom Kirk as Road & Bridge Supervisor

Thom Kirk as Board’s representative on the Lyon/Chase County Solid Waste Committee

Jacob Welsh as Detention Facility Administrator

Deb Haglund as Senior Center Director

County Treasurer L. Dow Wilson as County Financial Officer

Commissioner Miller as Board representative to the Drug Free Action Team

Commissioner Hazelton as Board representative to the Scenic Byway Steering Committee

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as Freedom of Information Officer

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as County Election Officer

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as Public Information Officer

Matt Miller as representative to Chase County Chamber of Commerce

Matt Miller as representative to Emergency Services Advisory Committee

***ELECTED OFFICIAL & DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES***

***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Phipps to approve the following salaried and appointed wage adjustments:***

***County Fire Chief $20,800***

***County Road & Bridge supervisor $62,400***

***Emergency preparedness director $20,800***

***Detention facility administrator $33,737.60***

***County Treasurer $46,467.20***

***County Register of Deeds $47,840***

***County Commissioners $17,056***

***County Clerk $54,288***

***County Sheriff $72,000***

***County Attorney $60,000***

***County Appraiser $52,624***

***County EMS Director $ 57,283.20***

***Senior Center Director $46,862.40***

***Detention Facility Administrator $33,737.60***

County Chief Steve Fillmore briefly met with the Commissioners regarding the communication tower at the Cedar Point firehouse. Nexlink had been in touch and the tower will be going live soon. The County has a repeater located on the tower.

Kirk provided a spreadsheet showing expenses of $45,380 incurred from the recent snow storm. Commissioner Phipps inquired about the plows leaving a snow windrow in front of driveways to which Kirk responded that his main goal was to clear the road. Policy will be further discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm on motion from Phipps 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, January 31st at 9am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of January, 2025 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