JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 16, 2023

October 16, 2023, 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. Also present was Shayla Gaulding—Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 10/16/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 09/29/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve budgeted transfer of funds 2023-01 $25,000 from EMS capital outlay to EMS equipment fund*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve budgeted transfer of funds 2023-02 $20,000 from Fire Dist. #1 to fire building fund*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve budgeted transfer of funds 2023-03 $20,000 from Fire Dist. #1 to fire equipment fund*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve a request of $500 from the Crime Prevention fund to Parents & Friends Bulldog Booster Club*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign the 5th district court budget document*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to offer flu vaccinations to all county employees at the Chase County Health Department*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Full time employees will need to provide both insurance cards at appointment time. Part time or non-covered employees without insurance will be paid for by the County.

***Motion to sign Letter of Support for Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed the Chase County General Public Transportation Title VI Transit Public Participation Plan Outline dated October 2023 as submitted by Senior Center Director Deb Haglund. ***Motion to approve the Title VI Outline*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign Letters of support to KDOT for continued funding of the general public transportation program and authorize Deb Haglund as the coordinator of the Chase County Senior Center*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Haglund will also be applying for a grant for a smaller bus that won’t require a CLD license to operate. A 20% match would be required from the County, however, the “green bus” would be returned to KDOT as partial payment of the 20%. The remaining portion of the match could be paid from County Equipment fund (084).

***Motion at 9:25 for 15 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 9:41 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:56 with no action taken.

County Treasurer Dow Wilson introduced Nick Rogers as his new employee. ***Motion to add Nicholas Rogers to CSB account # 010952 and remove Diana Lauer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 10:05 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk, Thom Kirk and Kayla Kampff by*** Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:20 with no action taken.

***Motion at 10:20 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk, Kirk and Kampff*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:35 with no action taken.

***Motion at 10:36 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:51 with no action taken.

Hazelton spoke to Charles Swift regarding the independent contractor’s agreement previously submitted to the Commission. The contract will be forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

Kirk gave a recap of work being accomplished by his Road & Bridge department as well as equipment issues. The old CWF fire department space was discussed with Commissioners stating the maintenance shop was approved for Tony Dekat. Use of the rest of the vacated space is to be determined.

Commissioner Phipps inquired of Sheriff Welsh if the County had any kind of permitting for events taking place within the county. A recent incident of cattle running through fences because of a running event was reported. Welsh will get with Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse to see what can be done to notify patrons of an upcoming event.

***Motion at 11:30 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk, Attorney Halverson and Sheriff Welsh*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:50 with no action taken.

***Motion for recess and to reconvene at 12:30*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:30.

***Motion at 12:30 for 5 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk and Attorney Halvorsen*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:35 with no action taken.

***Motion at 12:35 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk, Halvorsen and Kirk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:45 with no action taken.

Meeting concluded with the Commission rejecting the independent contractor’s proposal for weed director from Charles Swift. Kirk also withdrew his request to resign as weed director.

Hazelton then called for a special meeting for October 17th @2pm to conclude business from this day’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 on a motion by Hazelton and 2nd by Phipps. 3-0.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of October, 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