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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 27, 2024

November 27, 2024, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice chair, and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Also present was County Sheriff Jacob Welsh. Commissioner Alan Phipps was absent. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to call the Budget Amendment hearing to order*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. No comments were noted.

***Motion to approve the Budget Amendment for Road & Bridge*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 11/27/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 10/25/2024 to 11/24/2022 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 11/12/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 2024-07 transfer of funds from Fire district #1 contractual to Fire district #1 equipment*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve Change order 2024-01*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

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

***Motion to appoint Gwen Runde—Trustee and Tiffany Harshman—Secretary to the Falls Township Board*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve the 2025 County Calendar of holidays and BOC meetings*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

Grant writer Christie Reinhardt reported being awarded a $25,000 grant from the Trusler Foundation to be used as matching funds for a Kansas Department of Emergency Management grant for $75,000. The KDEM grant will be used to replace 3 emergency storm sirens. The original request of $65,000 was for 5 sirens to be placed in Cottonwood Falls, Strong City, Elmdale where there are sirens currently and to place sirens in Toledo and Matfield Green. Reinhardt also reported attending the Kansas State grant workshop; Heal grant webinar for historic perseveration; applying for a federal grant from FEMA in the amount of $400,000 to purchase a new fire truck. Matching funds will require 5% or $19,000. Commissioners pledged the matching funds.

Emergency Preparedness director Scott Wiltse provided the Board with the application to release funds for the storm siren grant. ***Motion to sign the application for federal assistance for the emergency siren project*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 2-0. Discussion was held on county wide storm sirens and other grants and funding available. Wiltse, Welsh and Reinhardt will continue to work with the BOC to move forward with these projects.

***Motion at 9:42 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Deb Haglund & Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 9:57 with no action taken.

Discussion over employees calling in sick when scheduled to work the day before; day after or on a holiday was discussed. ***Motion to amend the County handbook to read “any county employee calling in sick and scheduled to work the day before, the day of, or the day after a holiday will result in not receiving holiday pay. Effective date of 12/01/2024”*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion at 10: 05 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh & Clerk*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 10:15 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am on a motion from Hazelton 2nd by Miller. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 9th @ 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 9th day of December, 2024 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