JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 12, 2024

February 12, 2024, 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 02/12/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 01/31/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to appoint Kirk Engle as non-lawyer member to the 5th District Judicial nominating commission*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Welsh gave a brief overview of his $2,850 request from the Crime Prevention fund for an additional license plate reader. This would be the 2nd in the County and placed on Hwy 50 to the East; pairing with the existing reader that is positioned on Hwy 50 West. New installation costs $350 with an annual fee of $2500. The annual fee of $5000 could be budgeted for from the Sheriff’s budget or requested from the Crime Prevention fund in the future.

***Motion to approve crime prevention request of $2850 from Sheriff Welsh for a license plate reader*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:15 for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Sheriff & Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:25 with no action taken.

Welsh gave a Detention Facility report. Average inmate count is around 134 which is where Welsh would like to remain. Several maintenance issues are being researched for solutions. Welsh also reported the new Sheriff’s department vehicle will be delivered in March. The upfitting, or additional accessories for police cars will need to be ordered and paid for. The quoted price from the upfitter is $14,770.71. Welsh is also applying for grants to help pay for the car.

***Motion to pay for outfitting the new patrol car in the amount of $14,770.71 from County Equipment fund (084)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on the possibility of hiring a part-time employee to write grants for the continued. Commissioners were open to the possibility.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk provided information from Bolton in Council Grove for a used 2021 Dodge crew cab 4x4 pick-up with 14,000 miles for $56,314. This price includes the 125k extended warranty. ***Motion to purchase a 2021 Dodge pick-up from Bolton in the amount of $56,314*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting recessed at 10:20 for the Board and Clerk to travel to Road 270.

Meeting reconvened at 10:57 on Road 270. Issues identified were flooding and drainage concerns. CFS engineers will also view the area and give an opinion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am on motion from Phipps 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0 Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 15th at 7pm at the Strong City Depot.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 29th day of February, 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