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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 29, 2024

February 29, 2024 at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice Chairman, Alan Phipps-member and Tiffany Harshman-Deputy County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, present were Sheriff Jacob Welsh and Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 02/29/2024 warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 01/25/24 to 02/24/24 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 02/12/2024 minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 02/15/2024 minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Phipps abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 honoring the service of Brenda Meyers*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request for skate night from PATHS in the amount of $400*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign LSSE monthly report*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign KWORCC inspection report*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:08 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Attorney Halvorsen and Sheriff Welsh*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:23 with no action taken.

Amanda Cunningham and Megan Adcock representing Crosswinds gave the Commissioners the annual update as required by state statute. Cunningham provided a brochure with information on board of directors, committees, staff, budget and specs on services offered. Commissioners thanked the ladies for the information and services.

County Treasurer Dow Wilson appeared before the Board as requested. Commissioners reiterated they had been receiving calls from the public about the treasurer’s office not answering the phone and no available voicemail. Wilson thanked the Board for their concern and will look into the situation.

Charles Magathan questioned the Board about open burning regulations (Resolution 2013-20) and the possibility of looking at exceptional circumstances in order to burn. Sheriff Welsh spoke on behalf of Dispatch by stating they could not grant permission if conditions do not allow. The fire chief is the only person that can grant authority.

Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk along with CFS engineers spoke to the Board about the projected cost to replace the Iron Bridge in Cedar Point. The projected **original** cost to the County was $116,850. Due to the Iron Bridge being placed on the Historical Register, the State Historical Society will not allow the bridge to be removed. The **estimated** additional costs to the County to keep the existing bridge in place while building a new bridge is $351,850. State funds from KDOT and Prottect for the project total $2,240,000. These figures reflect an additional cost of $735,000. The decision to proceed or not will have to be made soon according to Kirk. Commissioners tabled the decision until the March 11th meeting.

Chamber members Toni Schneider and Susan Barns met with the Board to request a distribution from the transient guest tax fund (083) in the amount of $30,000 for tourism. Commissioners approved the request.

Sheriff Welsh gave a brief Detention Facility report and provided a spreadsheet. Welsh would like to update security cameras and servers and provided quotes from INA ($39,486) and Kansas Security ($29,708) but will have additional charges. Commissioners authorized Welsh to upgrade for an amount not to exceed $40,000.

Meeting to recess the meeting at 11:05 to the Detention Facility by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:21. Tour of the Detention Facility resulted in no action being taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 on a motion from Hazelton, 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 11th at 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 11th day of March, 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