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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2024

January 8, 2024 at 9:00 am, Commissioners Hazelton, Miller, Phipps and County Clerk Connie Pretzer assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers for the **reorganizational meeting** of 2024. Acting Chairman Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Hazelton asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. ***Motion by Phipps to nominate Anthony Hazelton as Chairman*** 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion by Phipps to nominate Matt Miller as Vice Chairman*** 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

The following designations passed unanimously.

Cottonwood Valley Bank (Chase County), Citizens State Bank of Cottonwood Falls and Municipal Investment Pool administered by the State of KS as depositories of County Funds.

Chase County Leader News as the official County Newspaper.

GeoTech Inc as Chase County Land Surveyors.

Reimbursable mileage rate at .67 per mile.

Meal allowance of $30 per day for mandatory overnight stays.

***Motion for appointments of the following passed unanimously.***

Scott Harris as EMS Director

Scott Wiltse as Emergency Preparedness Director

Scott Wiltse as Sanitation Supervisor

Steve Fillmore as County Fire Chief

Thom Kirk as Noxious Weed Director

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

Matt Miller and Connie Pretzer as representatives to Chase County Housing Committee

Matt Miller and Tiffany Harshman as representatives to the Sesquicentennial Committee

It was noted that the 2024 calendar has been previously approved by the Board for Holidays and Commissioner meetings.

***Motion to approve 01/08/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 12/29/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 GAAP waiver*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve change orders 2023-30 through 32*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Kirk Engle of Scribner’s Insurance provided the County’s general liability insurance policy renewal and explained the increase was due to acquisition of property and vehicles, claims, and overall increases. Miller requested to be notified whenever there was a claim. Commissioners reviewed the information and spreadsheet provided by Engle.

Commissioners discussed budgets and wages of departments noting that several department heads had done a good job of implementing pay scales within their departments. Miller asked that the Board take an active role in wage discussion with department heads at budget time.

***Motion for 15 minutes of executive session with Pretzer at 9:45 for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:00 with no action taken.

Matt Lindamood presented financial documents for the financing of the County’s 2 new dump trucks. ***Motion to sign the financing documents with Citizens State Bank*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindamood also reported on the status of the Chase County Housing committee by stating that other avenues were being pursued.

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***Motion to approve a 3.5% COLA increase for all county employees and elected officials*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion for 5 minutes of executive session at 10:10 with Appraiser Andrew Durbin and Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:15 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned on a motion at 10:25 from Phipps and 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2024.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 16st day of January, 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