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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 30, 2024

April 30, 2024, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice chair, 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 04/30/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 03/25/2024—04/24/2024 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 04/15/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Motion to approve/sign audit agreement with Cindy Jensen, CPA for $15,200*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Miller reported meeting with Tony Dekat/maintenance. A $1300 bid from Kurt Coslett to replace the awning on the Senior Center was approved and will be paid from the General Fund.

Clerk received a phone call from an individual asking for permission to metal detect the Courthouse lawn. After discussion, the Board decided against granting permission.

Nate Passmore of Rockland Stone met with the Commissioners to report that he has been crushing limestone scraps to be used as road rock. Passmore is getting with the state to see what needs to be done in order to sell the product and would like the County to consider purchasing the rock. Passmore also asked permission to maintain the truck route and address drainage concerns. Miller would like Passmore to get with Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk so he may voice his concerns. Miller would also like the BOC to travel to the area at the May 13th meeting along with Kirk.

Passmore also spoke to the Board about acquiring a bid to construct a retaining wall on the north side of the road from Swope Park. The City of Cottonwood Falls will need to be involved in decisions made with this problem area.

Darren Booth representing Freedom Claims presented the quarterly review for the County’s insurance reserves. Booth pointed out that the County is doing well with reserves currently showing $100,537.30.

Jacob Welsh along with team members Koety Williams, Jeremy Scheel and Jeremy Hansford of the detention facility (DF) met with Commissioners. Welsh provided spreadsheets of DF income and expenses. Commissary will now be handled through a 3rd party vendor and delivered weekly. Lieutenant of training Hansford informed the BOC of training programs the DF is completing including taser training, defensive tactics, supervisor training, and suicide intervention. Lieutenant of operations Schell reported of a compromise for transport services to where “meeting in the middle” would cut costs for transporting inmates to and from St. Louis. Business manager Williams will be looking into the purchase of digital accounting software to alleviate the current practice of accounting by hand.

***Motion at 10:22 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:32 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am on a motion from Hazelton 2nd by Miller. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00pm at the Saffordville school house.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 13th day of May, 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