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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 12, 2024

March 11, 2024, at 9:00 am; Matt Miller-Vice Chairman, Alan Phipps-member, and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Commissioner Anthony Hazelton was absent. Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 03/11/2024 Warrants*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 02/29/2024 Minutes*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve change orders 2023-35 and 36*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore met with the Board at the request of Commissioner Phipps. Fillmore was asked if he could speak to the Sheriff’s dispatchers and have them give “advice” rather than “permission” for open burning. Fillmore deferred the question to the County Attorney. Commissioner Miller pointed out the guidelines that had be set by resolution had worked.

Road and Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk.

1. Had Commissioners sign the annual noxious weed report.
2. Informed of a public meeting on April 4th at 1pm with KDOT for the local road safety plan.
3. KDEM will be in the County Wednesday morning to look at road damage from recent winter storms.
4. Provided information on a new park to be constructed in Matfield Green.
5. Open discussion on the Cedar Point iron truss bridge. ***Motion to table decision on the Cedar Point bridge for full Commission*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0. Miller stated a positive for the project was that the money is available (even though the cost to the County has increased) and a way in and out of Cedar Point will have been established in the event that the mill bridge becomes structurally deficient and weight restricted in the not so distant future. Another point to consider is if the County does not accept this project will that decision impact funding of future projects OR if the County does move forward with the project will this limit the funding of future bridge projects? The Board also asked Kirk to ask the engineers if a new bridge would restrict the river flow and increase potential for debris to accumulate.

***Motion at 9:49 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Kirk & Clerk*** by Phipps was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 10:04; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am on motion from Miller 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, March 22nd at 9:00 am for the Presidential Preference Primary Canvass of votes.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 22nd 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