JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 10, 2024

June 10, 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. Also present was patron Mark Gibbons

***Motion to approve 06/10/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 05/31/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore asked the Commissioners to consider using the vacant portion of county building at 200 Walnut for overnight housing of an on call EMT. Some construction work will need to be done to make acceptable accommodations. Phipps asked for plans and estimated costs.

EMS Director Scott Harris presented the 2025 budget for his department. The proposed budget of $189,889 shows a 3% COLA for the director’s salary and the newly approved longevity pay. An increase of .50 per hour Run Pay for EMS staff has also been included along with 4.5% inflation rate for commodities.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring a county grant writer. Miller will compose a job description for the next meeting to further the conversation.

SOS director Mickey Edwards along with Scott Glaves gave a presentation of what SOS does for Chase County and asked for the 2025 appropriation of $3500. Commissioners thanked them for their service and will consider the request.

***Motion at 10:05 for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Thom Kirk & Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:15 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk with Kayla Kampff submitted the 2025 budgets for Road & Bridge, Noxious Weed and Recycling. The increase in personal services for R&B is due largely to hiring of additional employees and the newly implemented longevity pay. Kirk is asking for a $250,000 increase.

Register of Deeds Kathy Swift’s 2025 budget consists of an increase of $9,203 over last year’s budget.

Sheriff Jacob Welsh presented the Sheriff’s department 2025 budget showing a 1% decrease compared to the 2024 budget.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 17th day of June, 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