JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 2024

June 17, 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.

***Motion to approve 06/17/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Motion to donate $1200 for community fireworks display to be paid from fund 200 (jail Excess Revenue)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0 with Miller abstaining due to involvement with the event.

Commissioners revisited the grant writer position as proposed by Miller. ***Motion to advertise for a part-time grant writer at $26,000 per year to be paid from fund 200 (Jail excess revenue)*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Nature Conservancy representative Tony Capizzo met with the Board to inquire about installing a waterline on the County right-of-way on 227th Road in Strong City. Capizzo was referred to the road supervisor, Thom Kirk. Commissioner Phipps stated it would probably be best to run the line on the Conservancy’s property.

Tony Dekat, maintenance gave an update on 1) boiler inspection. Flow switch was replaced and vented properly. 2) elevator inspection. 3) Senior Center awning being replaced. 4) needing an edger. 5) Dead tree on the Roniger Museum lawn scheduled to be removed. 6) 3rd floor a/c is not working. Johnson Control has been contacted and will make repairs. Billing will come through Modern Air. Commissioners thanked Dekat for the updates and commended him for a job well done.

Emergency Preparedness director Scott Wiltse discussed hours spent on the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that is done every 5 years, the winter storm in January, the forestry service grant and the unbound gravel event. Wiltse provided a spreadsheet of additional hours worked over his part-time status. Commissioners requested a clearer spreadsheet of hours spent above the part-time status. Wilson also presented his 2025 budget showing an increase of 4.92%.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore presented his department’s 2025 budget showing a 4.12% increase in contractual and commodities. The increases are due mainly to equipment purchases and costs of supplies.

District court clerk Jenna Gibb presented the 2025 budget reflecting a 10.17% increase mainly due to the rise in attorney appointed cases. Gibb had spreadsheets showing the sizable increase.

Sheriff Jacob Welsh was present to commend Detention Facility nurse Cheryl Jahnke and detention officer Bennie Skelton on their heroic measures of saving the life of an inmate in March of 2024.

Welsh also presented the 2025 detention facility budget showing a total decrease of 0.1%.

***Motion at 10:53 for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:03 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 on a motion by Phipps, 2nd by Hazelton.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 28th 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