JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2024

July 15, 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 07/15/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 07/09/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion by Hazelton to adjust Emergency Preparedness director Scott Wiltse’s salary to include 100 hours at $20 per hours for extra time worked which is in line with previous agreements***  was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to contribute $2500 to Powerhouse Ministries from fund 081*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

CPA Cindy Jensen presented the 1st draft of the 2025 County budget. The Revenue Neutral rate shows 53.583 which would bring in the same revenue as last year using this year’s assessed valuations or $3,660,897 in tax. The 2025 budget draft shows 67.281 or $4,567,015 in tax. After discussion, the Commission paired the tax rate to 64.909 and will continue to look at other options to reduce the increase in tax.

President Vicky Dawson and Treasurer Leigh Ann Crofoot of the Chase County Historical Society were present to verify the appropriation request of $28,215. The appropriation is used for wages and expenses. The women gave kudos to the many volunteers at the Society.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk updated the BOC on progress at the Cedar Point Bridge. Kirk will be obtaining signatures on the right-of-way documents for KDOT.

***Motion at 11:44 for 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Kirk & Clerk*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:54 with no action taken.

Kirk also reported the French Creek low water crossing on Road 170 between B & C roads will need replaced/repaired.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 on a motion by Miller, 2nd by Hazelton.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of July, 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