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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 28, 2020

May 28, 2020 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Bill Fillmore-Vice Chairman, Randy Talkington-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Courtroom. Also present were Bill Halvorsen-County Attorney, Scott Wiltse-Emergency Preparedness and Rich Dorneker-County Sheriff. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 05/28/2020 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 04/25/20 to 05/24/20 Payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of May 5, 2020*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.***  Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Prasko with Advantage Computers presented an IT contract for the Board’s review. The company services many of our neighboring counties and cities, employees Microsoft certified techs and also sells software nationally. A prepaid contract for $5,000 would allow use as needed for IT support. Other contracts were discussed and what services would be provided. Commissioners tabled a decision to digest the information.

County Health Officer Candra Good and Senior Center Director Deb Haglund appeared before the Board. ***Motion at 10:43 for 15 minutes of executive session for discussion of confidential data relating to financial affairs with Halvorsen, Good, Haglund and Pretzer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:58 with no action taken.

Good came prepared to discuss the COVID reopening plan moving forward. County Attorney Halvorsen has prepared Resolution 2020-5 which would adopt the Governor’s guidelines for phase 2 reopening but allow for mass gatherings of 25 and making the violation an infraction instead of a misdemeanor offense. The resolution would expire on June 8th and allow for complete reopening. Good’s recommendation would be to move into phase 3 of the Governor’s plan on June 8th and then moving to the phase out plan on June 22nd. Commissioner Fillmore stated he believed the people of Chase County had done an excellent job in adhering to the COVID guides and regulations but it was time to lift restrictions.

After much discussion that lasted more than 45 minutes it was decided to adopt the proposed resolution that would place temporary restrictions until June 8th at which time all restrictions would be lifted. A special emergency meeting could be called in the event of a COVID spike. Barb Davis, District Court asked about the Courthouse reopening. The District Court is regulated by the State and has stricter guidelines that must be followed. Tourism is a major concern due to disinfecting strategies. It was decided to open the Courthouse on June 8th to local business only. Each department head is responsible for their offices.

Ty Wheeler with Kansas Legal Services came to the Board with an appropriation request of $3500. KLS is a private not for profit law firm that operates across the state and offers assistance to people that can’t access the justice system any other way due to income or disability. Commissioners will consider the request on budget work day.

Discussion and clarification of Resolution 2020-05 by Halvorsen once again was held. The resolution will be in effect until June 8th 11:59 pm at which time all restrictions will be lifted. A special meeting will be called if needed at that time.

***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington to adopt Resolution 2020-05 “Temporary restrictions”*** Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Clerk Tiffany Harshman asked the Board to consider the prepaid contract with Advantage Computer today in order to have IT in place for the Ideatek phone line change in June. ***Motion to enter into the prepaid contract #35779 with Advantage Computers for $5000 by Fillmore was 2nd by Hazelton.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 on a motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is June 15th at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 15th day of June, 2020 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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William Fillmore, Vice Chairman

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Randy Talkington, Member

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Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk