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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 31, 2020

August 31, 2020 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Courtroom. Commissioner Bill Fillmore was absent. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 08/31/2020 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve 07/25/20 to 08/24/20 Payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of August 17, 2020*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.***  Motion carried 2-0.

Clerk presented a quote of $13,920 from Advantage Computer for equipment to be installed in the Commission Chambers to allow ZOOM meetings and recording to the County website. The quote has been submitted to Scott Wiltse for SPARK funding.

EMS Director Scott Harris reported to the Board of the on-site State inspection that was held on August 18th. No deficiencies were noted. Harris also asked if he could get approval from the Commissioners to go ahead with the chest compression devices if approved by SPARK funding. Both Hazelton and Talkington gave their approval.

County Attorney Bill Halvorsen attended the meeting to explain the three resolutions being presented. Resolution 2020-12 is required to allow the County Attorney to initiate the tax foreclosure actions. There are currently 12 tracts involved. ***Motion by Hazelton to approve Resolution 2020-12*** directing the County Attorney to commence a judicial foreclosure action against tax delinquent real estatewas 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0.

Resolution 2020-13 relates to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. The last resolution; 2020-09 has expired. A new resolution is required in order to qualify for some of the Kansas Department of Emergency Management funding. ***Motion by Hazelton to approve Resolution 2020-13*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0.

Resolution 2020-11 will restrict traffic on a portion of Middle Creek Road to vehicles with a registered weight of over 54,000 lbs. Halvorsen explained that this would consist of all semi traffic and some farm implements. The exception to this law would be if Middle Creek Road was your only access. This portion of Middle Creek Road is identified as US 50 at Elmdale to the South intersection of GP road. An alternate route for heavy traffic was discussed with R&B supervisor Thom Kirk. The designated truck route is from GP road (west); to the T at Elk then C Road (south) to Hwy 150. Cook, Flatt & Strobel were contacted to do a study on the 5 bridges on the alternate route. One bridge needs a 37 Ton weight limit. Patron Howard Chapman entered into the discussion with concerns on weight limit signs on bridges. Kirk assured that all bridges would be posted with weight limit signs. Chapman also stated that the proposed truck route used 5 bridges where the Highway 50 to GP Road route only uses 2 bridges. Halvorsen explained that the paved portion of Middle Creek Road was being destroyed by heavy truck traffic; the reason for the resolution. Chapman went on to explain the reason for his involvement with the issue is only that he is a land owner. ***Motion by Hazelton to approve Resolution 2020-11*** (placing a weight limit on a portion of Middle Creek Road) was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0. Negotiations will continue on the proposed truck route.

***Motion by Hazelton at 10:40 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with John Haglund, Larry Sigler and Attorney Halvorsen was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 10:50 with no action taken.

District Court Clerk Barb Davis requested permission to replace the District Court copier by leasing from Century Business for $116.58 per month. Commissioners gave their approval.

Scott Wiltse informed the Board that he should have preliminary findings from the State this week regarding the submitted proposal for SPARK funds. Final approval for the reimbursement portion of funds should be September 15th. Hazelton clarified with Wiltse that if EMS’s request for chest compression devices was approved the purchase could be made. Wiltse reported the State had hired several firms to help administer the SPARK funds. Someone would be assigned to this region to be able to contact if there are questions. Hazelton inquired of a copier purchase made by the health department with SPARK money. Deputy Clerk Harshman explained that the purchase was vouchered then paid though the Clerk’s office as normal. Harshman asked Wiltse to send an email to all department heads explaining to them that ALL COVID purchases had to go through the proper chain of command beginning with him.

Wiltse submitted time sheets for himself for 2019-2020 and made the comment that he would not continue to work 40 hours a week for 20 hour a week pay stating that he would not be around much longer than September. Commissioners will review at the next meeting.

***Motion at 11:20 by Hazelton for 20 minutes of executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs with Halvorsen, Harshman and Pretzer was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 11:40 with no action taken.

Commissioners and Clerk discussed a possible location of the ballot drop box being supplied by the Secretary of State’s office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 on a motion from Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0.

Next scheduled meeting is September 14th at 10:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 14th day of September, 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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk