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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 14, 2020

September 14, 2020 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, William Fillmore-Vice chairman, Randy Talkington-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers.

***Motion to approve 09/14/2020 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of August 31, 2020*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 2-0. Fillmore abstained due to being absent at the August 31st meeting.

Commissioners were advised of the Executive memorandum directing the Department of the Treasury to allow employers to defer the withholding of employee’s Social Security tax. ***Commission agrees not to participate with the payroll tax deferral.***

Kirk Engle of Scribner’s Insurance spoke to the Board about the Ambulance Malpractice Policy. The company the County had the insurance through has discontinued this service. EMC insurance company has come out with an endorsement that will cover this exposure for the ambulance service for a cost of $378 a year. The premium for last year’s policy was $3392. The new policy will become effective on the date the old policy expires.

Detention Facility Administrator Larry Sigler reported no active cases of COVID at the facility. After the testing is complete this week and if there are no new positive cases, KDHE will remove the “cluster” classification. Weekly testing of all Detention facility employees will continue on a bi-weekly basis.

Jennifer Laird and Scott Wiltse updated the Board on the grant application portion of SPARK funds. Laird has developed an online procedure for business to apply for grants. Deadline to apply for the grants is October 15th and will be submitted for Commission approval on October 30th. The purchase requests will be checked by the committee for accuracy and submitted to the Commission for approval. After approval the requests will then be given to the entities for purchase. Claim vouchers will then be submitted to the clerk’s office for payment on the warrant register. One request for funds from the Health Department was submitted. ***Motion by Hazelton to approve the expense request form request from the Health Department for $17,115.90*** 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Expense form request is for Vaccine refrigerator (5378.00) Mastertent (5737.90) Portable refrigerator/freezer (6000.00).

Jenn Laird also submitted an Independent Contractor Agreement for the Board’s consideration. ***Motion to approve the agreement between Laird and Chase County*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Bill Halvorsen entered the meeting along with patron Howard Chapman, Ben Retter of US Stone and Road Superintendent Thom Kirk. Halvorsen opened discussion on Resolution 2020-11 (Restricting Vehicles licensed to a Declared Weight of Not More Than 54,000 pounds on a portion of Middle Creek Road). US Stone had concerns that the designated truck route has one bridge that would have the weight limit exceeded by 3 tons if the load was at legal weight. The options that have been discussed are loading the trucks light to accommodate the bridge weight limit or pay a fee of 25 cents per ton (for maintenance). Mr. Chapman has raised concern that the law be enforced to everyone, not just the stone trucks. Halvorsen explained that this would include cattle trucks and agriculture vehicles. Commissioner Fillmore asked why there is so much concern for this particular road when there are other roads being affected by the same type of action. Halvorsen answered that the issue has to be resolved uniformly, but the reason this particular road became a crisis was because of the severe damage that was being done to the pavement. The county road crew could simply not keep up with maintenance of the pavement. Halvorsen then explained that there have never been any limitations placed on any roads and we are now paying a price for it. Halvorsen went on to explain that the County needed to place limitations on all paved roads. Commissioner Fillmore inquired about all roads and the weight limits on bridges. Halvorsen explained that all bridges that have a posted weight limit could have drivers sited by the sheriff for being overweight. Kirk will research and come up with a plan for charging overweight vehicles and bring it to the Board for review.

Keven Leeper, CEO of Morris County Hospital Met with the Board to discuss the level of communication between the Public Health Officer, the County Health Nurse and the County Sheriff. Sheriff Dorneker expressed concern over not being able to enforce an order when no information is given. Leeper will try to resolve the matter internally. In other business Dorneker informed the Board that the patrol car he ordered last November was now ready for pick-up.

Scott Wiltse presented the signed MOU from USD 284 for SPARK funds budgeted amount of $150,000. After Commission approves and signs the MOU the money can be transferred. ***Motion to sign and approve the MOU between Chase County and USD 284*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion by Hazelton at 11:45 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Wiltse, Halvorsen, Pretzer and Matt Miller was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:05 with no action taken.

***Motion by Hazelton to compensate Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse at $20 per hour with an itemized time sheet for time spent on COVID related duties from the commencement of the SPARK program*** ***was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner/Attorney discussion continued for the next 35 minutes on County roads and bridges. Attorney and Road & Bridge Supervisor will continue to work on Resolutions and signage to enable weight restrictions.

***Motion to adjourn at 12:45 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 30th 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

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 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk