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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2021

April 12, 2021 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-Vice chairman, Matt Miller-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 04/12/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of March 31, 2021*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Mowing and mowing equipment were discussed and tabled until a future meeting.

Sue Smith asked the Board for permission to hold the annual Folk Life Festival on June 12th & 13th on the Courthouse lawn. Smith is looking for volunteers to help set up the event on Friday evening of the 11th. Commissioners had no problem with the festival continuing but urged social distancing. Smith will check back with Commissioners at the May 17th meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse reported the final touches to the Sparks funding were being completed. Wiltse is also continuing to work on the County Emergency Operating Plan. ***Motion at 10:30 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Wiltse*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:40 with no action taken.

EMS Director Scott Harris reported that the EMS on-site inspection conducted on March 31st resulted in no problems being found. The audit of continuing education program also received a passing report. Commissioners commended Harris on a job well done. Commissioners also encouraged Harris to continue to budget for ambulance replacement over the next several years.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk provided a traffic count report on the State Lake Road. Kirk also told the Board that an asphalt ripper would be demoed on April 20th if they wanted to attend. Kirk and the Board discussed the Road & Bridge crew working 10 hour days/4 days a week again. General consensus was to stay with an 8 hour/5 day work week and giving Kirk the flexibility of working 10 hour days as needed. ***Motion at 11:00 for 10 minutes of executive session with Kirk for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:10 with no action taken.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 2021-05 (opposing the Federal government’s land preservation goal). The resolution was tabled until more information from other counties could be obtained.

County Appraiser Andy Durbin was contacted by phone to clarify one change order regarding a not for profit entity. The land involved is now valued at a 12% assessment rate rather than the previous 25% assessment rate. ***Motion by Hazelton to approve change orders 2020-00066; 2020-00067; 2020-00068*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed paved roads and the need for some kind of annual rotation for maintenance. Commissioner Miller introduced the idea of having an additional evening meeting every 3 months or so in outlying areas of the County to discuss community concerns.

R&B supervisor Kirk re-entered the meeting to discuss a road that had been damaged by SEMA and BNSF. Kirk worked up an estimate for road rock and repairs to the 1.07 miles on old Hwy 50. BNSF provided Kirk with an agreement in which they would pay Kirk to make repairs to the road. Commissioners were okay with the agreement pending County Attorney approval.

***Motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 30th day of April, 2021 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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Randy Talkington, Vice Chairman

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Matt Miller, Member

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Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk