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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2021

May 17, 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. Also present was Zach DeLoach—Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 05/17/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of April 30, 2021*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to renew contract with ADT for Roniger Museum*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change Order 2020-70*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***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.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore reported that the new tanker truck was in operation. Chief Fillmore reported the burn season was difficult but the volunteers did a great job. Fillmore also reported that he had given one of his model 800 radios to the Dunlap fire department.

Patron Sue Smith confirmed with the Commissioners that Folk Life Festival would be held on the Southeast Courthouse lawn on June 11th – 13th.

Commissioner Miller reported that he had attended a Strong City Council meeting along with Strong City fire chief Greg Davis in regards to the Strong City fire house lease with the County. The fire house is being reviewed for possible upgrades or replacement. City attorney Seth Meyers indicated the City could be agreeable to deeding the building and land to the County. Miller also spoke with BG Consultants about possible grants or funding for this project. A special meeting will be set in the near future to review preliminary architectural plans. Commissioner Talkington raised concerns about the fire station being in such close proximity to the city park.

Representatives Connie Cahoone and Ashley Davis of SOS, a non-profit that serves anyone who has experienced sexual or domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, child abuse or neglect in Chase County reported to the BOC. The annual appropriation being sought is the same amount as last year. Commissioners thanked Cahoone and Davis for their presentation.

Emergency Preparedness Manager Scott Wiltse met with the Board to discuss the monies the County can expect from the American Rescue Recovery plan. The County will receive $514,343 if the BOC chooses to pursue. Commissioners will review the information.

Tom Thompson and Sharon Burton representing the Chase County Historical Society presented the BOC with a request for the County’s annual appropriation of funding in the amount of $28,215. The increase in the appropriation request is due mainly to increase of price in utilities and wages for 2 part time people. Commissioners will review the request during budget planning.

Chase County Sheriff Richard Dorneker entered the meeting. ***Motion for at 11:27 for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Dorneker*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:43 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk reported that his department will be receiving reimbursement in the amount of $19,327.12 from KDOT for the flooding that occurred in 2019. The funding is for federal roads that were not covered by FEMA which include A Road (East county line), G Road (Clements) and V Road (South of Hwy 50) . ***Motion at 12:10 for 15 minutes of executive session with Kirk and Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:25 with no action taken. Road discussion was held with some problem areas identified. Commissioner Miller expressed concerns regarding ditch and culvert maintenance. Kirk invited the commissioners to give suggestions on how to prioritize problem areas. Commissioner Miller suggested Kirk to have the blade operators help identify problem areas.

***Motion at 12:52 for 15 minutes of executive session with Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Meeting resumed at 1:07 with no action taken.

Mower quotes were discussed and considered. ***Motion to purchase Grasshopper mower for $9,412.50 from Clarks Farm & Home*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to adjourn at 1:27 pm by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 27th day of May, 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