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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 29, 2021

January 29, 2021 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-Vice Chairman, Matthew 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 01/29/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 12/25/20 to 01/24/21 Payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of January 11, 2021*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.***  Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of January 20, 2021*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change orders 2020-57*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change order 2020-61*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign letter of engagement to Cindy Jensen, CPA for the 2020 county audit at a cost of $14,200*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

It was determined that the petition to vacate the county right-of way known as roads 137 and 175 had a legal description error. The vacation was approved at the January 20th meeting. ***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington to reform the error by stating the correct legal description, to wit: “Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 29, Township 19, Range 7e, and proceeding west to the terminus, the County Right of Way known as Roads 137 and 175, all in Chase County, Kansas”.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to transfer $818.19 from 300 SPARKS to 10015071 Emergency Preparedness Personal Services*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Kirk Engle of Scribner’s Insurance met with the Board to explain the County’s liability insurance. The current premium of $162,116.00 is more than last year’s premium of $139,782.00. There are several factors that increased the premium. The ambulance malpractice policy is now combined into the current policy and no longer requires a separate policy. The Courthouse coverage was increased by 4 million dollars due to an appraisal which resulted in around $10,000 more in premium. The Courthouse is now insured at $8,430,560. $16,730,939 for building and contents. Miller inquired about earthquake insurance. Engle explained that the County is currently not covered and the premium would be an additional $503 per year with a 10% deductible. Engle also explained the linebacker or errors and omissions part of the policy as well as the cyber security protection. Commissioners thanked Engle for the updates and information.

EMS Director Scott Harris gave his 2020 year-end report. Harris will not be raising the ambulance fees at this time as he feels he is in line with other counties and what Medicare pays. Harris reported 227 documented calls in 2020. This was down by 28 calls from 2019. Reported income is $78,295 which included a $4492 Medicare grant to help cover loss of revenue do to Covid. Harris is recommending an ambulance replacement in the next several years. Harris shared concerns over staffing issues. Hopefully new recruits will be located in the near future. Commissioner Hazelton asked about the recently purchased chest compression device. Harris reported the device had been used and performed up to expectations. The device provides the appropriate amount of compression 100% of the time which is a benefit to the patient and a benefit to the EMS staff. Harris invited the Commissioners to visit him at the Ambulance facility at any time. Commissioners thanked Harris for his report.

Fire Chief Steve Fillmore updated the Board on the Cedar Point fire station. Bob Kearns Electrical will begin the electrical work this week. The spray foam insulation cannot begin until the temperature remains above 50 degrees. Fillmore then spoke about the fire station in Strong City. He stated that the county has outgrown the building and now has a leak in the roof. He requested the Commissioners tour the building. Fillmore has contacted contractor Key Dryer to look at one door to expand and make a 11’ door. This will enable a pumper truck to be parked in the building. Fillmore has located such a truck in Texas for $130,000 and asked permission to travel to the location and inspect the truck. Permission was granted by the Commission. If the pumper is purchased, Fillmore would like to donate the old water truck to the Road & Bridge department.

***Motion by Hazelton at 11:40 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Attorney Halvorsen was 2nd by Miller.*** Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:50 with no action taken.

***Motion at 12:35 by Hazelton for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Pretzer was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:45 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 on a motion from Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is February 16th at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 16th day of February, 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