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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 2021

February 22, 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. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tiffany Harshman.

***Motion to approve 02/22/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of January 29, 2021*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk reported finding an error in the 2017 Road Vacation file. Road 120 was viewed and vacated by the Commissioners, but a motion was not made to vacate. Attorney Halvorsen said this could be accomplished by simply making the motion now. ***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington to vacate the following: Commencing at a point 1500 feet east of the intersection of County Road Record Numbered 30 and 206 (commonly known as 120th Road), thence east on said Road Number 232 to its terminus.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change orders 2020-63 and 2020-64*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to appoint Dorothy Yeager to the Board of Directors to the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

District Court Clerk Barbara Davis met with the Board to report that the two computers in her office will be upgraded by Advantage Computers at a cost of $2,310. Davis will pay for the computers from her Technology fund.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2021-03*** (declaring a state of disaster emergency resulting from prolonged subfreezing temperatures and wind chills occurring in February 2021) by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk presented the BOC with bids for 2 years financing for 3 graders in the amount of $263,185. Bidding were Caterpillar at 2.25%, Cottonwood Valley Bank at 1.98% and Citizens State Bank at 1.98%. Discussion was held regarding the 2 local bank bids and it was decided to award Citizens State Bank due to Cottonwood Valley receiving the last bid. ***Motion by Miller; 2nd by Hazelton.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Kirk received two quotes to replace the sand/salt structure that was destroyed in a 2019 storm.

The $29k structure is bigger and more durable but won’t fit the current block foundation. The 2nd quote, $21,116.83 from ClearSpan will come closer to fitting the existing foundation. Commissioners opted for the 2nd choice.

Kirk then asked the BOC for guidance on County Roads. Commissioner Miller stated that he is not in favor of grinding up any more of the County’s hard surfaced roads. Kirk estimated the cost to level then chip and seal a mile of road several years ago was $18,000 Kirk will get prices on current oil and fuel costs and report at the next meeting. Miller handed out information on a KDOT policy for quarry roads reimbursement. Kirk will work with the County Attorney to get something in place.

Kirk then presented the 2020 annual report to the Board for their signatures. ***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington to sign the 2020 annual report to Kansas Department of Agriculture.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on whether or not to continue COVID pay for County Employees. ***Motion by Hazelton; 2nd by Talkington to continue COVID pay through March 24, 2021.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Harshman provided the Commissioners with spreadsheets and printouts of wage reports and budget folders for wage study. Commissioners asked questions and studied the reports. No decisions were made and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

***Motion to adjourn at 1:25 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Friday, February 26, 2021 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 26th day of February 26, 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