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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 12, 2021

July 12, 2021 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-Vice chairman, Matt Miller-member, Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Also present was patron Mark Gibbons and Emporia Gazette Reporter Megan Sando. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 07/12/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

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

EMS Director Scott Harris approached the Board for support on appointing a Deputy in the event that he was unable to perform the necessary regulatory duties of his role as EMS Director. Commissioners were agreeable to the appointment. Andrew Durbin will be appointed as Deputy Service Director. Compensation will be in the form of Run Pay of $10.50.

Commissioner Miller reported that he had met with BG Consultants, County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore, Strong City Fire Chief Greg Davis, Deputy Clerk Tiffany Harshman at the Fire Station in Strong City to discuss the building’s condition and location. Safety concerns with the current location are an issue due to the proximity of the Strong City Park and future splash pad. Miller will meet with the Strong City Council on July 13th to discuss building concerns and possible locations.

Health Department nurse Candra Good discussed several topics with the Board. Covid cases are becoming more prevalent in surrounding counties. Investigation of Covid cases have been turned over to KDHE in order to free up more time for normal procedures. Covid vaccine is being shared between Chase and Morris counties as well at Dr. offices to reduce wastage. The Chase County Health Department secretary will be retiring at the 1st of the year. Good would like to hire an LPN or RN for the position. Miller commented that he would like the hire to be a Chase County resident. After the 1st of the year, the hours of the health department will be Monday through Thursday 8-5.

County Treasurer Dow Wilson appeared at Commission request. Commissioners questioned Wilson on a change in the budget for his department. Wilson explained that he had previously budgeted for a full time and a part time person. At this point, both would like to be part time; therefor the change to the budget.

County Appraiser Andy Durbin presented the annual McCully contract for Commission approval. The $13,800 contract has not changed for several years. The company provides analysis by pooling information from multiple counties. McCully also provides software to appraisers for use in valuing properties. ***Motion to approve the McCully Contract*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners entered into budget discussion and study. Changes will be forwarded to CPA Cindy Jensen for review and a new budget printout which will be studied by the Commission at the next meeting. Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk met with the BOC to discuss the August 1st effective date for the enforcement of weight limits on bridges. Miller had been contacted by Ben Retter of US Stone who stated that he was fully prepared to work with the County. The designated truck route was discussed and Kirk pointed out one of the 5 bridges on the route had a weight limit of 37 tons. 40 tons can be allowed safely but the life of the bridge will be reduced. Miller commented that we are protecting 2 much longer spanned bridges by going with the designated truck route.

***Motion to adjourn at 12:15 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

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

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 30th day of July, 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