JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 31, 2025

January 31, 2025, at 9:00 am; Tony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice-chairman, Alan Phipps-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 01/31/2025 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Motion to approve 01/13/2025 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change order 2024-17*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request for $600 to Project Graduation*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to distribute $38,700 of the transient guest tax fund to Chamber of Commerce*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request of $5,000 for annual flock license plate reader fees for 2 cameras*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant writer Christie Reinhardt reported on an opportunity from the Department of Commerce for Rural & Tribal Assistance to pay for upfront money to assist in applying for grants. The grant will fund the planning and design phase activities of a single project. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk was present to explain why Middle Creek Road and C Roads have been chosen for the opportunity. Kirk explained that these roads were a major route for local commerce and have deteriorated along with the 5 bridges on Middle Creek Road and 2 bridges on C Road. There might be a portion of time that the hard surfaced road will become gravel during the improvement. Cook, Flatt & Strobel will be contacted for the design phase with Miller suggesting the Multi Capital Improvement fund could be accessed for funding immediate costs. The Board of Commissioners gave Reinhardt permission to proceed.

Reinhardt is also applying with Sheriff Jacob Welsh for another flock camera and possible expansion of the Sheriff’s office.

Reinhardt asked to attend summer courses by WSU for $200 and also 2 workshops for $65 and $100. Commissioners agreed. Reinhardt is also applying for a grant with Matfield Green Works to finish the new park with landscaping and signage. Clerk will also provide a letter of support for the project from the Commissioners.

***Motion at 9:35 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk and Charles Swift*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:50 with no action taken.

Chase County Chamber director Toni Schneider requested distribution from the Transient Guest Tax fund in the amount of $38,700. Motion was approved. Schneider informed the BOC of projects and opportunities regarding tourism for the County.

Sheriff Welsh attended the meeting to request a distribution from the Crime prevention fund for $5000 for the annual fee for the 2 flock cameras in Chase County. Motion was approved.

***Motion at 10:19 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk and Welsh*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:39 with no action taken.

County Chief Steve Fillmore met with the Commissioners to request permission to bid on a 2002 E-1 pumper truck on Purple Wave. Commissioners approved a bid of up to $35,000 with $30,000 from the Fire Department equipment budget and $5,000 from fund 084, County Equipment. Fillmore also recommended returning to the Strong City fire station issues. The 911 committee will be contacted.

In other business:

Commissioners agreed that all grant requests from department heads need to come through the Commissioner’s office before contacting the grant writer.

Looked over quotes from Johnson Controls for upgrades to the Courthouse heating/cooling system.

Discussed law enforcement with Sheriff pertaining to overweight vehicles on County roads.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am on motion from Miller 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 10th at 9am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 10th day of February, 2025 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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Matt Miller, Vice Chairman

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Alan Phipps, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk