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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 11, 2021

October 11, 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. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 10/11/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0

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

***Motion to approve a request for $500 from the Crime Prevention Fund for Parents & Friends Booster Club*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve a request from CCJSHS for $350 from the Crime Prevention Fund for a presentation on posting to social media*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Patron Mark Gibbons offered an apology for comments that he had made at a previous Commission meeting. Gibbons explained that he did not have all the facts when he made the comments/suggestions.

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse informed the Board he had moved his office to the 911 room at the detention facility. Wiltse also told the Commissioners he was waiting on information from Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to see if the State Lake can be used as a water pull site for fire emergencies. Wiltse will submit the County’s Emergency Plan to KDEM for review with Commissioner Hazelton’s signature.

Cottonwood Falls representatives Buddy Sisson, Mike Hastings and Pat Larkin met with the Board to discuss the County’s possible involvement in the Cottonwood River dam project. Mayor Sisson introduced Bruce Boettcher of BG Consultants who explained the deterioration of the low water dam would cause major problems with water tables and wells that are used by the Public Wholesale Water Supply District. Boettcher presented a report with information on recommended improvements and repairs to the dam and pedestrian bridge. Boettcher gave several options for repairs ranging from one to eight million dollars. Councilman Pat Larkin said the City of Cottonwood Falls had secured $600,000 in funding from the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism for dam repairs but the grant came with a stipulation that the dam will provide a fish passage channel. Commissioner Miller asked Mayor Sisson to seek more grant and funding opportunities and keep the BOC informed.

Mike Springs of 360 Documents was present to explain a lease for a new copier. The 63 month lease would be $105 per month. Commissioners ask for references and will consider when the current lease is closer to ending in March of 2022.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore ask the Board to consider the purchase of a used 2014 6X6 Polaris with 762 hours from the National Park Service for $4,000. The park service will be replacing UTV’s in March 2022 and will no longer need the 2014 model. The UTV would be available for all emergency service departments to use. Commissioners approved the purchase for the 2022 budget year. Fillmore also requested the purchase of a $6,700 generator for the Matfield Green fire station with $3,000 of that amount being donated by the City of Matfield Green. Commissioners approved the purchase.

Bukaty agent Stephen Euston met with the Commissioners to answer questions regarding the County’s current health insurance policy with Aetna. Euston said that Aetna will release the renewal rates on or around October 25th and he will be at the next BOC meeting with the rates. Euston received a competitive quote from United Health Care.

Gary Davis of Cornerstone Company also discussed employee health insurance with the Board. Davis had also received a quote from United Health Care. Davis would like to have a health questionnaire filled out by employees to enable shopping the county group to the non-traditional market. Davis discussed HRA (health reimbursement arrangement) plans, level funded plans, 3rd party administrators--etc.

***Motion to adjourn at 12:00 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Friday, October 29, 2021 at 10:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 29th day of October, 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