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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 8, 2021

November 8, 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. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Ryan Brooks—Emporia Gazette, Mark Gibbons and Sherry Wells.

***Motion to recess the regular meeting*** ***at 10:01 to call the Board of County Canvassers into session*** with Commissioners Randy Talkington and Matt Miller by Commissioner Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion by Hazelton to conduct canvass in Commission Chambers*** (pursuant to KSA 25-3105) in order to accommodate space was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

County Election Officer Connie Pretzer presented 3 provisional ballots. The Board considered each ballot along with the provided State Statutes. Provisional Ballots #1was not a validly cast ballot and was rejected. Ballots #2 and #3 were valid and counted.

***Motion by Hazelton (2nd by Talkington) to recess the Board of County Canvassers*** at 10:10 in order to allow the County Election Officer to take the valid ballots to a Counting Board convened in her office for the purpose of counting Provisional Ballots.

At 10:20 the Board reconvened and received the results of the Provisional Counting Board. Upon ***Motion by Chairman Hazelton, 2nd by Commissioner Talkington*** and by unanimous vote, the Board of Canvassers signed the Abstract of the City/School Election of November 8, 2021 for Chase County, Kansas, as reported by the County Election Officer. ***Motion to adjourn the Board of County Canvassers*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to convene regular session of the Board of County Commissioners at 10:25*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Chase County Health Department representative Candra Good visited with the Board about the recent vaccination clinics the Health Department has held. The overall County vaccination rate remains around 40%. Commissioner Miller inquired about recent school board meetings where the public had asked why the health department had not been in attendance to answer questions. Good replied that she had not been asked to attend.

Chase County Chamber representative Toni Schneider met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse in the event of inclement weather during the Chase County Country Christmas event to be held on November 26th & 27th.

Detention Facility Supervisor Larry Sigler reported the contract with US Marshalls to retain inmates had been received. Sigler will begin transporting in the near future.

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

***Motion to approve Change orders 2021-01 to 2021-06*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on the Courthouse signs located on Hwy 50 currently owned by the Historical Society resulted in a decision by the Board to take over ownership and maintenance of the signage.

***Motion to adjourn at 11:15 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2021 at 10:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 15th day of November, 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

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

 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk