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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2022

March 14, 2022 at 10:00 am, Randy Talkington Vice-chairman, Matthew Miller-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Commissioner Hazelton was absent. Talkington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was patron Tom McBeth and Chase County Leader News reporter Ryann Brooks.

***Motion to approve Warrant Payables 03/14/2022***  by Talkington was 2nd by Miller.Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of February 28, 2022*** by Talkington was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 2-0.

***Motion to approve Change Orders 2021-25 and 2021-26*** by Talkington was 2nd by Miller.Motion carried 2-0.

Patron Tom McBeth commented to the Board that he was not in favor of bridge bonds because so many in the County are living on fixed incomes and higher taxes would be detrimental. He encouraged the Commission to look into every possible resource before considering. Miller assured McBeth that the BOC would consider all options.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk introduced Lonnie Martin and Kenny Blair of CFS Engineers who helped in identifying bridges for possible replacement within the County. The BSN bridges are usually not selected for help with state funding and counties are starting to turn to bond financing because state and federal dollars are not as available as they used to be. Nine bridges have been identified along with a suggested priority list. The ultimate decision for bridge replacement will be up to the Commission. Bridge Bonds will be discussed at the work session scheduled for March 23rd.

Miller reported that he had met with 1st Choice plumbing and a quote will be forthcoming for repairs to the Courthouse sewer line. Miller also has contacted Modern Air to discuss the Courthouse heating and cooling system. They will be meeting on location in the near future.

Crosswinds CEO Amanda Cunningham met with the Board to discuss 2021 year end and thank the County for appropriations. Crosswinds has been awarded a 2.4 million Sansa grant which is a substance abuse/mental health organization. The grant is focused on how to proceed after COVID and the mental health impact involved. Cunningham also stated that Crosswinds continues to have a work force shortage and needs a case manager for Chase County.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore expressed concerns with the Board regarding the County’s burn policy. It is imperative that people call the Sheriff’s office before burning. Discussion was held about burning, not being adequately prepared and possibly increasing the fine for an unreported burn. Fuel costs alone are at taxpayer expense and a concern when the fire department is called out for an unreported burn. Violations qualify as a Class B misdemeanor.

***Motion at 11:40 by Miller for 5 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss EMS personnel*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 11:45 with no action taken. ***Motion to approve EMS director’s recommendation of raising weekend rate to $8 per hour*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50. Next scheduled meeting is March 31, 2022 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of March, 2022, 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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Matthew Miller, Member

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Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk