JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 31, 2022

May 31, 2022 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. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 05/31/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 04/25/2022 through 05/24/2022 Payroll*** by Hazleton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 05/31/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change order 2021-27*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

The tower site lease agreement and access easement submitted by Nextlink was reviewed. Discussion on the one free mbps internet connection for rent resulted in the agreement being tabled.

***Motion to approve $1200 to the City of Cottonwood Falls for annual fireworks display with funding to be determined*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 2-0 with Miller abstaining.

Ethan Clouse of SEMA Construction updated the Commissioners on BNSF crossings and current work being done. SEMA will clean up crossings when the railroad has completed their work. Blasting is going well in the Matfield Green area and should be completed soon. Railroad lines are being laid near the Cassoday area and will be entering Chase County in maybe 2 weeks. After tying in the lines at Matfield it will all become double track. SEMA will be in contact with the county road supervisor to work on clean up plan for the July/August time frame.

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse presented a document for Commissioner signature for participation in the regional hazard mitigation plan. ***Motion to sign hazard mitigation plan*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Wiltse also updated the board on the upcoming Symphony on the Prairie event.

County Appraiser Andrew Durbin presented the Board with the annual McCully contract renewal. The fee did increase somewhat from $13,800 to $15,300. ***Motion to renew contract with McCully and Associates*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Amanda Cunningham of Crosswinds met with the BOC to give highlights of the services that Crosswinds offers to Chase County and an appropriation request of $8000. Commissioners thanked her for the information and will take the request under consideration while preparing the 2023 budget.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore requested purchase of an 800 radio booster for the High School. Discussion was held as to whether the funding could come from the 911 account or ARPA. ***Motion to purchase a booster for $14,685 from Guardian*** with the funding source to be determined by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Julie Yarmer president of Freedom Claims Management Inc. along with Daily Jensen of Theel Insurance offered information on a health insurance plan for county employees. A folder was given to the Commissioners to refer to when making a decision on the upcoming renewal. Commissioners thanked Yarmer and will look into the plan further at renewal time.

Judge Wheeler and District Court Clerk Jenna Gibb appeared before the Board to offer information regarding the budget for Chase County District Court. Judge Wheeler explained that the increase in the requested budget was mainly due to inflation and factors such as the purchase of liability insurance for judges and the cost of court appointed attorneys.

Discussion regarding the noxious weed roof resulted in the Commission deciding to get bids for a new roof with asphalt shingles.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 13th at 10am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 13th day of June, 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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Matt Miller, Member

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 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk