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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2022

June 30, 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. Also present were Ryann Brooks-Chase County Leader News and Monty Neff, patron.

***Motion to approve 06/30/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 05/25/2022 through 06/24/2022 Payroll*** by Hazleton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 06/13/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of 06/22/2022 WORK SESSION*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Monty Neff requested road repairs to be budgeted for a permanent fix on 270 Road. Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk was also in attendance. Kirk explained the problems with the road and nearby creek washing the road rock away during heavy rain. Kirk will solicit the help of an engineer from CF&S to hopefully resolve the problem.

County Sheriff Richard Dorneker requested the purchase of a pick-up from Midway Motors for his department. ***Motion to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado for $45,920 from Midway Motors with $15,000 from the Crime Prevention Fund, $500 from the Sheriff’s budget and the balance from County Equipment Reserve*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds Kathy Swift asked the Board to consider her budget request for an increase to her wage. Swift also asked the Commissioners to consider her duties when looking at her salary. Hazelton informed Swift that her budget will be considered when all the numbers are combined into the county budget.

County Attorney Bill Halvorsen spoke to the Commissioners about his secretary’s hourly wage. It was brought to his attention by another elected official that the Deputy Clerk had a salary increase that put her above his secretary’s wage, and assumed that this raise was given in the last several weeks. Halvorsen later discovered that the raise was given in January along with all employees. Halvorsen admitted he was not present during the time the Commissioners were looking at employee evaluations and determining wage adjustments to advocate for his employee. ***Motion by Miller to grant the County Attorney’s request for a pay increase for his secretary was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 2-1 with Hazelton opposing. Hazelton commented that the Board reviews and grants wage increases in January. Halvorsen also stated to the Commission that under law, and elected official who has budget can spend the budget as they see fit and does not require Commission action.

Detention facility administrator Larry Sigler informed the BOC that he had purchased a Chrysler Pacifica to transport inmates one or two at a time to save on fuel. Sigler also reported that the jail is at capacity; anticipating payment from ICE for April & May in the next two weeks.

Commissioners discussed the Sesquicentennial celebration that will be held in 2023 with Historical Society director Dawn Sisson, members Sharon & Delwin Burton and Toni Schneider, Chamber of Commerce. Sisson provided handouts and information of the Centennial celebration held over a three-day period in October of 1972. The event could possibly take place in September 2023 to coincide with the annual River Suite event. Commissioner Miller stressed the importance of having a planning committee. Schneider will take the role of president of the committee. Interested parties should contact Toni Schneider at the Chamber office.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk and Sharon Dawson, treasurer of Cedar Point met with the Board to discuss street work in Cedar Point. Dawson explained that the city has some money budgeted for street work on Main Street and would like help from the County for materials and labor. Kirk commented that he thought it would be a good use of county resources to help them out. There are 1.6 miles of county road black top from the tracks to the “T” south of town. The plan is to grind, stabilize and chip/seal at a cost of around $68,000. The city’s portion of the cost would be around $13,000.

Kirk has 1.6 miles of YY road from Hwy 50 past the cemetery scheduled for chip/seal on July 11th. Cost of the project will be around $50,000. Leveling and patching has been done. Talkington commented that he wished we had enough in the budget to go a mile further to help with the dust control. Discussion ensued noting the cost of materials with the decision to continue another mile north with chip/seal. The road will have to be closed for the treatment process. Talkington suggested the proposed dust control measures are a waste of money and would like to move forward with this project. Kirk would like to go on record stating his crew is doing the best they can but running short. A project like this will take the entire crew and blades will not run and ditches will not be cleaned.

Kirk solicited 4 bids from John Deere, Bob Cat, White Star and Caterpillar for a mini-excavator with $139,000 from Caterpillar being the better value for the money. Kirk will check on financing with the local banks.

***Motion for 5 minutes of executive session*** by Hazelton for non-elected personnel was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:30 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 11th at 10am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 11th day of July, 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