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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2022

July 11, 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 Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News and Mark Gibbons, patron.

***Motion to approve 07/11/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Motion to finance the 2022 Caterpillar mini-excavator with Cottonwood Valley Bank*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS Director Scott Harris met with the Board to discuss equipment concerns. The ambulance cot motors are failing on both ambulances. The cots are 14 years old; and repairs are cost prohibitive. Quotes from Stryker and Ferno reveal Stryker’s bid of $84,875.92 for 2 cots to be the best value and fit for Harris. ***Motion to purchase the cots with $45,000 of the cost coming from ARPA fund #350 and the remainder out of the ambulance equipment fund #016*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Cindy Jensen, CPA presented the 2023 budget showing a slight increase in revenue over last year and discussed the Revenue Neutral Rate(RNR). The County Clerk sets the RNR by valuations which assumes the valuations will not change with the November certification, which is problematic since this will likely not be the case. Jensen explained the risk involved by staying at the set RNR rate and not taking steps to exceed the RNR. To fund the presented budget would assume 57.231 mills of tax. Last year’s rate was 59.6 so a decrease is mills, but valuations have increased.

Jensen went on to explain the levied funds that are capped by state statute. Special Road and Special Bridge are capped at 2 mills. Service for the Elderly is capped at 1.5 mills. Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk joined the meeting to discuss the Special Road and Special Bridge funds. His budget request reflected an increase over the 2 mills required. Kirk assumes he as estimated the cost of fuel, oil, etc. well enough to be absorbed in the Road & Bridge fund and can live with the 2 mills in these two funds.

Employee benefits were also discussed particularly the health insurance line item. Pretzer explained the reason for the decrease was due to the County changing insurance companies. Pretzer also stated she had entered all departments requests exactly as submitted. Jensen also made no changes other than the above noted funds that are capped by statute.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore appeared at Commissioners’ request to report on the water service at the Cedar Point Fire Station. Fillmore explained that he was still waiting on a guy to get with him on digging a well for the fire station. Fillmore gave a quote of $43 per foot with a minimum of $3500 for the well. Commissioners agree the well would be a cheaper solution as opposed to running a water line and told Fillmore to proceed with digging a well if water could be located on the county property.

Steve Prasko with Advantage Computer spoke to the BOC about adding another level of security at the Courthouse. A domain controller would allow security to screen who is accessing and viewing what other computers are doing. The domain controller would also back up all important documents daily. Commissioners thanked Prasko for the information.

Detention facility administrator Larry Sigler requested executive session. ***Motion for 5 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel at 12:00*** by Hazelton with Sigler and Pretzer was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:05 with no action taken.

Budget discussion resumed after which Commissioners directed clerk to proceed with the budget as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, July 29 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