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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 30, 2022

September 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 was patron John Barnes.

***Motion to approve 09/30/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/25/2022—09/24/2022 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0

***Motion to approve 09/12/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 (declaring a state of local disaster)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Patron John Barnes expressed concern that he was not immediately notified the water boil order due to the water main break. Commissioners noted that the Clerk’s office, Sheriff’s office and Chase County Happenings had posted notification on Facebook as well as KVOE and the portable emergency notification signs in both towns. Barnes was concerned about the people that weren’t on Facebook. Commissioners will check with Emergency Preparedness and see what else can be done.

A letter of support for a grant to cover expenses for carpeting at Burnley Memorial Library and repairs to the exterior front of the Chamber of Commerce building was presented. The amount being requested is $26,500 which will include a 15% match in the amount of $3,975 from the Chamber budget. ***Motion to sign the letter of support for the Chamber of Commerce*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners approved flu vaccinations for all county employees through the health department. Full time employees must present their health insurance cards.

Clerk reported that the 2020 election primary and general ballots were destroyed on

09/20/2022 by Commission appointed individuals via the shredder service.

Miller reported that he had been changing out the flag at the top of the Courthouse monthly. The cost to replace the flags is $75 and Miller would like to donate the used flags to the Chamber as a fundraiser for the Sesquicentennial celebration. There is already a waiting list to purchase the used flags according to Miller. Hazelton and Talkington agreed to the idea.

Miller also reported on suggestions from the 911 Advisory Committee. Among the many topics discussed was a portable speed limit sign/traffic counter. The Sheriff and Road & Bridge has also expressed interest in the unit. After discussion of where the unit could be used and viewing the product brochure of the system; ***Motion to purchase a SP-701V speed trailer w/data logger opt from Roadsafe Traffic systems for $10,850 with 50% coming from fund 200 and 50% from fund 084*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed the Chase County General Public Transportation Title VI Transit Public Participation Plan Outline dated September 2022 as submitted by Senior Center Director Deb Haglund. ***Motion to approve the Title VI Outline*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk provided information to the BOC on the 11/08/2022 General election. The scheduled date of for the Canvass of 11/14/2022 will need to be moved due to the Veteran’s Day holiday on November 11th. The Post Office will be closed 11/11 resulting in ballots postmarked on or before 11/08/2022 being received through Monday, November 14th. Commissioners agreed the scheduled Board of Commissioner meeting will continue on 11/14/2022 and the Canvass of the 2022 General election will take place at 8am Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

A discussion was held regarding complaints heard by the Commissioners on the inaccessibility of the Treasurer’s office. County Treasurer Dow Wilson was called to the meeting. Miller asked what Wilson’s plan was due to the most recent vacancy of his full-time employee. “We just need to know what tell the people that call us.” Wilson explained that he has no plans to hire someone at this time and is still trying to figure out how to proceed. Wilson said he will be more accessible now. The only time the office will be closed will be for the lunch hour if only one person is working that day. Miller concluded the conversation to let the Board know if they could help.

Miller reported that he and Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk had met with BNSF about the RR crossing at Sharps Creek. The current plan is to only have the crossing closed for 8 hours and probably not happen until after the 1st of November. A firm date will be announced before the crossing is closed.

Commissioners reviewed the health survey questionnaires. Health questions requested by one insurance broker didn’t have a very good turn-in. Some employees considered this a HIPPA violation.

Miller shared phone pictures of some problem areas on the roof of the Courthouse. Riley Construction has shown interest in working for the County but hasn’t made contact in several months. Money is available in the Courthouse Preservation fund for maintenance. The Courthouse maintenance committee will be contacted.

***Motion to recess the meeting at 11:02 to move to the detention facility*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting resumed at the detention facility at 11:15. Commissioners and Clerk toured the ambulance barn, health department, detention facility and Sheriff’s department.

No action was taken. Meeting adjourned at 12:45. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 10th at 10am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 10th day of October, 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