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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 13, 2023

February 13, 2023, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Alan Phipps-member, and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Vice chairman Matt Miller attended via zoom. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was patron Mark Gibbons.

***Motion to approve 02/13/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 01/31/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 Chase County Homes*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change order 2022-18*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0 with Miller abstaining.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request in the amount of $160 for criminal & traffic statute books for Sheriff’s department*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Jesse Pfannenst representing the County’s work comp provider, KWORC, was present to explain the premium increase for the work comp policy. The premium increase of approximately $11,000 is due to the increase in payroll and a rise in the experience modification rate. Pfannenst told the Board that the county is doing very well and also presented an award for 2nd place in premium size.

EMS Director Scott Harris presented the results of the annual inspections of ambulance service and continuing education for his department. No deficiencies were noted. Commissioners thanked Harris for his good work.

A report from the Emergency Services committee revealed progress in setting up the Chase County Emergency Services fund which with the Emporia Community Foundation. This would give the County’s fund the advantage of a 501 c3 enabling tax deductions for donors. This would also assist the committee in applying for grants within ECF. The committee or advisors to the fund are Greg Davis, Scott Wiltse, Jacob Welsh and Tiffany Harshman.

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse also asked the Commissioners to consider upgrading the Health Department meeting room with new tables, chairs, paint and maps at a cost of approximately $6000. Hazelton would like the Board to tour the whole complex at the end of the February 28th meeting.

Chase County Sheriff Jacob Welsh told the BOC that the new pickup is now in service. The Durango that was purchased last September should be delivered soon. The old pickup sold and holds a $15,000 credit. A quote for a 2023 Dodge Ram of $64,771.57 which would be fully equipped was presented. Welsh will continue to negotiate the price. Welsh is also on the waiting list for a used Highway Patrol Dodge Durango with 50,000 miles for $29,600. The 2017 Dodge Ram is in need of a new motor and a quote of under $10,000 has been given by Dusty’s Repair. The motor will come with a 3-year 100,000 mile warranty. Commissioners were agreeable to the repair and will approve the bill to be paid from the County Equipment Fund (084).

***Motion to recess at 9:55 for 10 minutes to view the new patrol pickup*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:05 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk spoke to the Board about the bids received for the replacement of Bridge No. 15-N-7 (Road 170) Cook, Flat & Strobel (CFS) engineers reviewed all bids which were opened on January 25, 2023 and recommended the contract be awarded to WCI, Inc. CFS will prepare the contracts and request processing by SCI upon approval from the Commissioners. ***Motion to proceed with Bridge No. 15-N-7 replacement by WCI, Inc. in the amount of $297,915.10*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Michael Clancy with RenoDry met with the Board to discuss the process his company offers to dry out moisture from foundations and walls. Clancy reported that a previous inspection in November of 2020 revealed that the foundation of the Courthouse is saturated with moisture and salt. RenoDry would provide a permanent solution to completely eliminate ground moisture and salts that are destroying the foundation. An estimate of $15,870 was presented for the system with a 25 year warranty. Commissioners tabled a decision until the February 28th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm on a ***motion from Hazelton 2nd by Phipps***. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 16th at 7pm at the Strong City Depot.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 28th day of February, 2023 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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Matt Miller, Vice Chairman

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Alan Phipps, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk