JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 28, 2023

February 28, 2023, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice chair, Alan Phipps-member, Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 02/28/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 01/25/2023—2/24/2023 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0

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

***Motion to approve 2/16/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign grant application for Health Department*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime prevention request for Project Graduation in the amount of $500*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the previous presentation and brochures on the RenoDry theory of drying out the stone walls of the Courthouse. No action was taken and more references will be contacted. Commissioner Hazelton will contact Don Brown or Michael Clancy with further questions.

Detention Facility administrator Larry Sigler briefly spoke to the BOC about the facility. A recent Civil Rights Civil Liberties (CRCL) inspection was cancelled due to no complaints. Sigler is anticipating the purchase of a transport vehicle. Inmate population remains at capacity. Commissioners thanked Sigler for checking in.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk discussed the budget and possible purchase of a dump truck next year. Kirk also discussed mowers and other equipment. No action was taken.

Chamber of Commerce representative Toni Schneider requested disbursement of the transient guest tax. Schneider gave a short briefing on where the monies were planning to be used including the County’s presence in the Belle Plain Travel Plaza. ***Motion to appropriate $35,000 from the transient guest tax fund to the Chamber*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Chase County Sheriff Jacob Welsh read an excerpt from an email that the auditor performing a recent NCIC audit with Kansas Highway Patrol provided. The auditor stated that huge improvements had been made since the 2020 audit. Welsh commended his staff on the successful audit which is performed every 3 years. Welsh also told the Board that Emporia Community Foundation has approved the 911 emergency services fund. Welsh is also negotiating with the cities of Strong City and Cottonwood Falls on reestablishing the law enforcement contract.

***Motion at 10:50 for 10 minutes of executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:00 with no action taken.

***Motion to recess the meeting at 11:00 to move to the detention facility*** by Hazelton was 2nd by . Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting resumed at the detention facility at 11:10. Commissioners and Clerk toured the ambulance barn, health department, detention facility, county shop, noxious weed, CWF fire station, and Sheriff’s department. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm on a ***motion from Hazelton 2nd by Miller***. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 13th @ 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 13th day of March, 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