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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2023

March 31, 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 02/31/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 02/25/2023—3/24/2023 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0

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

***Motion to approve Crime prevention request for lifetime fishing license for the fishing derby submitted by the rec commission in the amount of $500*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve the discount club contract renewal in the amount of $1,870.00 to Modern Air*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue Smith requested use of the Courthouse lawn for the Folk Life Festival on June 9-11. Smith reports that this could be the last Festival since she is retiring. Commissioners gave their permission.

Amanda Cunningham of Crosswinds Counseling Services gave an annual report to the Commissioners. Cunningham reported seeing an increase in services for Chase County. 51% of Chase County clients are underinsured. Chase County now has two board members, Jacob Welsh and Tina Kahn.

County Sheriff Jacob Welsh presented contracts for enforcement of violations that state statute does not cover within the cities of Strong City and Cottonwood Falls. Both cities have signed the contracts which will enable the Sheriff’s office to enforce code violations such as dangerous structures and animals at large. The service would not increase the tax burden on the entire county. ***Motion to sign law enforcement contract with the City of Cottonwood Falls*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to sign law enforcement contract with the City of Strong City*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to deposit funds for law enforcement contracts into Fund 100*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Welsh reported that the Chase County Sheriff’s office has received a grant in the amount of $50,000 from BNSF. The check was deposited into the County Equipment fund. ***Motion to purchase a Dodge Ram 1055 in the amount of $50,000*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Clint Hibbs of BG Consultants recapped the design of the proposed fire station in Strong City in anticipation of the upcoming public meeting on April 5th at the community building in Swope Park, Cottonwood Falls. Rose Mary Saunders of Ransom Financial is also meeting with Emporia Community Foundation to seek additional funding for the fire station. Saunders also reported that in the event that GO Bonds were to be used, an election is not necessary since it is an existing facility that is being replaced. The Commission will sign a resolution to be provided after the public meeting if the Commission decides to move forward with the project.

SEMA representatives gave an update on progress on County roads affected by the BNSF construction. SEMA and Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk will go back through all roads and begin repairs.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk presented the KDA annual noxious weed report to the BOC for signatures. ***Motion to sign the annual report to KDA*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Kirk reported hiring Doyle Conley for contract work to clean ditches. FEMA funds for the 2019 flood for Camp Wood bank stabilization project are forthcoming. Kirk purchased an asphalt distributor truck on Purple Wave for $25,000. The purchase had been prior approved earlier by Commission. Kirk requested the purchase of a used tractor mower for $45,000. ***Motion to purchase a Case IH MXM 130 tractor with Westendorf Loader*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am on a ***motion from Phipps 2nd by Miller***. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 10th @ 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 10th day of April, 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