JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 2023

November 14, 2023, 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice chairman, Alan Phipps-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to recess the regular meeting to call the Board of County Canvassers into session*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to conduct canvass in Commission Chambers*** (pursuant to KSA 25-3105) in order to accommodate space by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

County Election Officer Connie Pretzer presented 4 provisional ballots. The Board considered each ballot along with the provided State Statutes. Provisional ballots 1, 2, & 3 were determined to be validly cast and were counted. 1 ballot was not validly cast (unregistered voter) and was rejected. ***Motion by Hazelton 2nd by Miller; 3-0.***

***Motion to sign the Abstract of the 2023 General City/School election*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to adjourn the Board of County Canvassers*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.***Motion to convene regular session*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 11/14/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 10/31/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve change orders 2023-01*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve change orders 2023-02*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners gave approval to publish a 2023 Budget Amendment. Budget Hearing is scheduled for November 30th.

***Motion to submit payment of $450 to NACo for 2024 dues*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Darren Booth of Freedom Claims/Theel Insurance presented the Board with the 2024 County health insurance renewal. United HealthCare showed a 14% increase over the previous year. Booth supplied a spreadsheet with options that included a quote from Blue Cross/Blue Sheild. Commissioners thanked Booth and told him they would have an answer at the November 30th meeting. Clerk was instructed to get a general consensus of employee preference through department heads.

***Motion at 10:15 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:25 with no action taken.

Matt Lindamood introduced Tyler Holoman of Frontier Development Group who will be remodeling the old CCES school building into moderate income apartments. FDG was awarded the housing investor tax credits and the moderate income housing grant from KHRC. Holloman hopes to complete the project in late 2024. Commissioners thanked Holoman for the information.

Diana Sigel met with the Commissioners concerning the condition of the county’s gravel roads. Sigel listed concerns of large rocks in the roadways, washboards, infrequent blading and lack of knowledge by the blade operators. She suggested more training and better acknowledgement of the current blade operators.

***Motion at 11:07 for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk and Sheriff Welsh*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:27 with no action taken.

***Motion at 11:28 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk and Welsh*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:38 with no action taken.

***Motion at 11:48 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk, Welsh and Jo Schrader*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:58 with no action taken.

***Motion to appoint Jacob Welsh to the position of Jail Administrator*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 on a motion by Phipps and 2nd by Hazelton. 3-0.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 30th day of November, 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