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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 30, 2024

September 30, 2024, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller, Alan Phipps-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was patron Mark Gibbons

***Motion to approve 09/30/2024 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/25/2024—09/24/2024 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 09/16/2024 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request from Bulldog Voices for $1000*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to transfer funds in the amount of $37,407.16 from General health collections to County Health*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion caried 3-0.

***Motion to sign the Health Department contract with Morris County Hospital*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. The new contract was necessary to simplify the billing process.

***Motion at 9:12 for 5 minutes of executive for non-elected personnel with Clerk* by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:17 with no action taken.**

Christie Reinhardt met with the BOC to further discuss the grant writer position. After a brief discussion Reinhardt was hired on a part-time basis with a start date of November 1st. Reinhardt will report to the Commission at the end of each month either in person or via email.

EMS director Scott Harris requested a letter of support for a grant for $85,260.40 to replace the 2 heart monitors in the County’s 2 ambulances. ***Motion to sign the letter of support*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Harris also reported of a successful inspection by Kansas Board of EMS. No deficiencies were noted. ***Motion at 9:30 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Harris and Clerk*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion for an additional 10 minutes to continue discussion*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:55 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk presented 3 bids for the Camp Wood streambank stabilization project. Commissioners elected to move forward with the low bid of $172,405 from Jay Scott Construction. 75% of the cost will be paid by FEMA, 10% by KDEM, and 15% by Chase County. The County is responsible for upfront costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA & KDEM. Kirk also informed the BOC that October 16th would be bid opening for the Cedar Point Bridge.

Sheriff Jacob Welsh introduced members of the Drug Free Action Team (DFAT). Carter Mann, Austin Anderson, Bella Murphy along with staff member Jerri Blaisdell reported on activities and fundraisers the team has accomplished. The group was requesting a donation from the crime prevention fund. ***Motion to approve $2000 from the crime prevention fund*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 10:48 for 30 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh & Clerk*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:18 with no action taken. Welsh provided statute on drug tax warrants and requested a fund be set up to deposit these funds into. ***Motion to create fund #160 (Sheriff Drug Tax)*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0

***Motion at 11:25 for 30 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Kirk & Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:55 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm on a motion from Hazelton 2nd by Phipps. Next scheduled meeting is October 8th 7pm at the Cedar Point firehouse.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 14th day of October, 2024 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