JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2025

March 17, 2025, at 9:00 am; Tony 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 approve 03/17/2025 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 02/28/2025 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller.Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve the SOS proclamation to declare April as child abuse and neglection prevention month*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change Order 2024-21*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign addendum to the County Handbook (retiree policy)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign annual noxious weed eradication progress report*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed a request from Morris County Health Department director Jamie Johnson to give Chase County health department nurse Rachel Jones a $2000 bonus from an incentive program from the state. Commissioners agreed.

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse presented the Board with the state approved emergency operation plan for Chase County with the promulgation for signature. ***Motion to sign the Promulgation*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Wiltse also reminded the Board of the scheduled storm spotter training to be held at the Swope Park community building on March 27th at 6:30.

***Motion to appoint Charles Swift as Chase County Weed Director*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Swift discussed bids from vendors on chemical purchases. The annual report will be completed with Thom Kirk’s guidance. Various other job duties were discussed. Swift received 3 bids for new spray equipment for the noxious weed department. ***Motion to purchase a sprayer from Ag Spray in the amount of $13,605.24 to be paid from county equipment fund (084)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion about the recycle trailer and future replacement as opposed to proper maintenance was held. Also discussed was the misuse of the recycling program. Further decisions on camera monitoring will made.

Maintenance supervisor Tony Dekat reported maintenance personnel Joe Sol at the Detention Center is learning and the transition was coming along smoothly. Dekat expressed the need for tools. Commissioner Miller suggested making a list and submitting it to the Board for approval. Commissioner Phipps proposed giving Dekat the authority to purchase small tools as needed not to exceed $200, all Commissioners agreed. Commissioners & Dekat discussed the work order form and how it is to be used.

Donnie Swift inquired of the Board about what he could do to access landlocked property. Commissioners will have to refer to County Attorney.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore told the BOC that it had been a rough start to burning season. A few people are just not following the rules. Brush piles are a big problem with the wind speed we have been experiencing. Fillmore will be meeting with the County Attorney and citations will be issued for non-approved burning. Commissioner Hazelton stated “we will be following Resolution 2013-20 in Chase County and everyone needs to report an open burn to the Chase County dispatch”.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk reported as follows: 1) Dirt work for the Cedar Point bridge replacement has begun. 2) The $300,000 Camp Wood stream bank project is almost complete with FEMA contributing 75%, KDEM 15% and Chase County 10%. 3) Working on gravel permits. Will be screening gravel—10 to 15 thousand to rent the screener. 4) Provided a solid surface road report—Miller needed more information. 5) Drift at Clements Bridge may have some FEMA money available. Kirk will get a plan together. 6) Kirk & BOC will set up a workday in early April.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am on motion from Hazelton 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 31st at 9am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of March, 2025 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