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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 30, 2019

August 30, 2019 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, William Fillmore Vice-chairman, Randy Talkington-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Also attending was Linzi Garcia—Leader News. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve Warrant Register 8/30/19*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 7/25/19 to 8/24/19 Payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of August 12, 2019*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.***  Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign 2019 Budget Summary for District Court*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign 2019 Budget Certificate for Soil Conservation District*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Moore of Ben Moore Studios was present for the Courthouse roof bid opening. One bid was received from Riley Construction Company for $130,450. Moore’s engineer’s estimate for the roof was $160,000. Moore is familiar with the company and has noted other historical projects they have completed. ***Motion by Hazelton to accept the roof maintenance bid from Riley Construction Company for $130,450 was 2nd by Talkington.*** The company has 60 days to complete the project after the notice to proceed is received. Motion carried 3-0.

Detention Facility administrator Larry Sigler entered the meeting with the most recent inspection report. Several violations are from previous years and will not be corrected as facility regulations will not allow. Current inmate population is 141. An estimate of $3500 to construct a lean-to over the proposed coolers for the facility was received. Commissioners instructed Sigler to get bids for the coolers and structure. Commissioner Fillmore referenced the last Treasurer’s report when commending Sigler on reaching the 1 million dollar mark in the detention facility account. “Considering the amount of money that has been spent on repairs since Sigler took over, achieving this goal shows great leadership.”

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore gave a brief report on the recent storm damage. Chief Fillmore then asked for guidance on bidding the Cedar Point Fire Station. Clerk will put a Notice to Bid in the county paper.

Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk reported storm damage to one of the county’s tarp buildings used to store sand and salt. An adjuster will be here Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. Wes/Rochelle & Marcia/Wayne Bailey entered the meeting to get clarification on the proposed road that might be constructed by BNSF. The Bailey’s were concerned that as land owners, they had not been contacted by the railroad or the County Commission. Kirk explained that the proposed road was in the preliminary planning stages and was not a county proposal. Commissioner Fillmore clarified that he has spoken to landowners affected by the railroad crossings being blocked for hours at a time.

Pat Larkin and Jennifer Laird from the Chase County Chamber spoke to the Board about the Chamber’s efforts to bring adequate internet broadband to Chase County. The Chamber applied for and received a grant from the Trusler Foundation to fund an engineering study. The firm worked up the numbers for construction and engineering for a three phase approach to Chase County broadband. Phase 1) Business districts of Cottonwood Falls and Strong City. 2) Residential of Cottonwood Falls and Strong City. 3) County wide. Larkin & Laird have met with suppliers to discuss county needs and feasibility of doing business in the County. The next step would be a financial feasibility study based on survey information that is now being gathered.

***Motion to adjourn at 11:35 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is September 16th, 2019 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 16th day of September, 2019, 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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William Fillmore, Vice Chairman

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Randy Talkington, Member

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Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk