JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2023

December 11, 2023 at 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 called the budget amendment hearing to order. No comments were noted.

***Motion to approve the Budget Amendment for the Road & Bridge fund*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to adjourn budget hearing and call regular session to order*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 12/11/2023 warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 11/30/2023 minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 (Solid Waste Management)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change Orders 2023-21 & 22*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign the “Stepping up” Proclamation*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign 3 addendums to the Employee Handbook*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Addendums were approved at the November 30th meeting.

***Motion to allocate remaining ARPA funds in the amount of $244,386.31 for the 2024 ambulance purchase*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve the 2024 calendar of commissioner meetings and holidays*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Crosswinds board members Sheriff Jacob Welsh and Crosswinds representative Tina Kahn met with Commissioners to thank them for the $14,000 county budget allocation to Crosswinds. Kahn relayed a personal message from the agricultural community that live and serve all of us by saying mental health is not an illness it is mental well-being. Welsh told the BOC that Crosswinds will soon have an office in Strong City.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk gave a brief report on road conditions and where the crew was currently working. Kirk also informed the Board that he had contacted both local banks for the 2024 financing of the dump truck purchases.

***Motion at 9:35 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Thom Kirk and Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:50 with no action taken.

***Motion at 9:50 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Kirk and Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:00 with no action taken.

Commissioner Miller reported on attending the Kansas Association of Counties conference. Miller gave information on the bi-partisan infrastructure bill with over 400 different grants available. Miller will pursue this grant writing opportunity.

Commissioners directed Clerk to provide wages & wage surveys at the December 30th meeting for informational purposes to the January 8th reorganizational meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 on a motion from Hazelton, 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, December 29th at 9:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 29th day of December, 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