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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 29, 2023

December 29, 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 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, present was Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 12/29/2023 warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 11/25/23 to 12/24/23 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Motion to approve Change Orders 2023-23 through 29*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign LSSE monthly report*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign law enforcement agreements for the cities of Strong City and Cottonwood Falls*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on what fund to pay the Bob Kerns electric bill of $2,280.12 for installation of the generator at the tower was decided to be paid from the general fund.

Sheriff Jacob Welsh introduced Cynthia Biggs as a new dispatcher. Welsh reports that sheriff dispatch is now fully staffed. Welsh also gave the monthly detention facility report. Welsh asked for permission to act on a quote from Advantage Computer for a server for the detention facility. The server is necessary to back up files that are currently stored on computers and flash drives. ***Motion to contract with Advantage Computer in the amount of $25,290 for a server to be paid from the detention facility 2023 budget*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Welsh also discussed quotes for cameras at the detention facility and federal grant that could be available. The grant is a 80/20 match. Welsh will continue to pursue the grant.

Access control quotes for doors at the detention facility from Kansas Security ($22,791) and INA Alert ($14,495.64) were presented by Sheriff Welsh. ***Motion to approve the quote from INA Alert*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

As jail administrator, Welsh reported promotions within the detention facility of 2 Lieutenants (operations and training), 3 Sergeants (operations and shift sergeants). All promotions were achieved with current personnel.

Patron Jack Edie appeared before the Board to discuss drainage on his property and the Chase and Lyon County line road. Commissioner Phipps and R&B supervisor Thom Kirk will review the problem with all affected Chase County landowners.

Commissioner Phipps left the meeting at 9:50.

Kirk presented financing bids from the two local banks for the new dump trucks. ***Motion to finance the two dump trucks with Citizens State Bank*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 2-0.

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

***Motion at 10:55 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 11:05 with no action taken.

County appraiser Andrew Durbin presented the annual contract from Kimble Mapping. No changes have been made from previous years. ***Motion to sign the contract with Kimble Mapping for $3,900*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk talked to the Commissioners about the Cedar Point Iron Truss Bridge. Because the county cannot tear down Cedar Point Bridge according to the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), Kirk said the county’s portion of the project cost would nearly triple from approximately $106,500 to around $295,000. Kirk will continue to work with CFS engineering to find funding sources. Commissioner Miller pointed out “no matter how you look at it, it is taxpayer money that would have to fund the extra expense of leaving the old bridge. The overall cost of the project will increase by 1 million dollars. Whether it is local, state or federal money, it’s still taxpayer money being spent on an obsolete bridge”.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 on a motion from Hazelton, 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 8th at 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 8th day of January, 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