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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 30, 2021

November 30, 2021 at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-Vice chairman, Matt Miller-member, Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Deputy Clerk Tiffany Harshman and CCLN reporter Ryann Brooks.

***Motion to approve 11/30/2021 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 10/25/2021 through 11/24/2021 Payroll*** by Hazleton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 11/15/2021 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 2021-03 Transfer of Funds*** from Fire District #1 (030) to Equipment Fund (031) for $20,000by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 2021-04 Transfer of Funds*** from Fire District #1 (030) to Building Fund (034) for $20,000 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 2021-05 Transfer of Funds*** from Road and Bridge (060) to Road Machinery and Bridge Building fund (063) for $361,000 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change Orders 2021-07 through 2021-09*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve CMB license for Cottonwood Falls Country Club*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

County appraiser Andrew Durbin presented the annual Kimball Mapping contract and noted no changes from previous years. ***Motion to approve the $3,700 contract*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Durbin also reported that he would be filing for a tax exemption for the county owned Cedar Point Fire Station through the Board of Tax Appeals.

Steve Prasko of Advantage Computer reviewed the concept of making the Board meetings available through live streaming and zoom capable. After discussion, ***Motion to approve the $15,757 purchase with Advantage Computer using ARPA funds*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Prasko also discussed the need for back-up of the County's files to protect from ransom wear. Prasko will research the files and come back with a proposal.

One final presentation for County employee health insurance was held with the three insurance agents currently working with the County. ***Motion by Hazelton 2nd by Miller*** to go with Steven Euston with Bukaty providing United Healthcare. Motion carried 3-0. The plan is comparable to the Aetna plan the County has had for the past three years with a savings of around $44,000. Commissioners will further research the Freedom Claims plan with Julie Yarmer.

County Fire Chief Steve Fillmore reported the completion of the Cedar Point fire station except for the water lines which will be installed next spring. Fillmore then discussed the need for new air packs for the fire department and asked if ARPA funds could be used. Six Scott air packs would be approximately $55,000. Commissioners agreed to move forward with the purchase using ARPA funds.

Discussion was held on road conditions and focused on Diamond Creek Road. Commissioner Miller suggested the Board take the initiative to travel the road together at the end of the December 13th meeting. The Board was agreeable to this. It was also suggested to get pricing on additional ripping on several problematic areas.

***Motion at 12:30 for 10 minutes of executive session with Harshman and Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:40 with no action taken.

***Motion to adjourn at 1:20 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 13, 2021 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 13th day of December, 2021 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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Randy Talkington, Vice Chairman

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Matt Miller, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk