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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 18, 2022

***Special Meeting***

January 18th, 2022 at 8:30 am; Randy Talkington-Vice chairman, Matt Miller-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Anthony Hazelton-Chairman attended the meeting via phone. Talkington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***The Special Meeting for January 18th 2022 was called for the purpose of discussing salaries and wages of hourly employees and appointed/elected officials.***

Larry Sigler reported to the Board to discuss detention facility wages. Newly hired employees in security will be paid $18.50 per hour while the tenured staff will move to $19 per hour. Sigler also asked Commissioners for additional compensation for salaried employees that are on guard duty. Two salaried employees are assigned to guard duty when inmates are hospitalized. Under the Marshall contract, compensation will be made at $20 per hour per guard so there would be no additional expense to detention facility wages. After discussion, Commissioners agreed to the additional compensation. Miller then addressed transport personnel. Transport is considered security and will be paid $19 per hour. Sigler also commented that Chase County prisoners remain in Chase County until sentencing. Miller said as long as Sigler maintains that, he doesn’t have a problem. Sigler also stated there was an understanding with Morris County that Chase County would be available if needed to house inmates.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk spoke to the Board about wage scales, current wages of his department and recommendations . Commissioners will review evaluations and let Kirk know.

County Sheriff appeared and submitted wage recommendations for the Sheriff department employees. Dorneker increased his 2022 budget to accommodate for an increase in wages. Dorneker plans to hire another deputy and place a “waterfall’ schedule into place. Commissioners thanked him for his recommendations and will take under consideration.

***Motion at 9:30 by Talkington for 30 minutes of executive session to discuss wages for non-elected personnel*** was 2nd by Miller. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:00 with no action taken.

***Motion at 10:00 for 30 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel wages discussion*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:30 with no action taken.

Commissioners then reviewed the wage survey conducted by Austin Peters Group and reviewed each employee along with evaluations on a one by one basis.

***Commissioners agreed to accept all wage recommendations as recommended by department heads.***

***Motion by Talkington to increase salaries of elected and appointed personnel by 5%*** was 2nd by Miller***.***  Motion carried 2-1 with Hazelton opposing. Hazelton was opposed to the Commissioners receiving a raise.

Miller confirmed with Clerk that the jail excess revenue fund could be used to fund some wage increases through an order of transfer if necessary.

***Motion to adjourn at 1:30 by Miller was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday January 31st, 2021 at 10:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of January, 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

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 Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk