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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2022

May 16, 2022 at 10:00 am, Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington Vice-chairman, Matthew Miller-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve Warrant Payables 05/16/2022*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of April 29, 2022*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion

carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Minutes of May 12, 2022*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved 2 wage adjustments for Road & Bridge employees that received their CDL’s.

***Motion to approve an ARPA application from Sheriff’s department to purchase a drone for $19,006.25*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Clerk Tiffany Harshman gave an update on the Nancy Keller Legacy fund. In order to access this money an application is required from the Emporia Community Foundation. A committee was formed consisting of Tiffany Harshman, Matt Miller and John Haglund who will complete the required application when Courthouse projects are needed.

Melissa Landis with Powerhouse Ministries spoke to the Commissioners about the services provided to Lyon and surrounding counties. The ministry offers a safe and stable place for women to live while seeking therapy from drug or alcohol addiction. The operation began February 1st with a 4 bedroom 2 bath house and can house 8 women. Landis provided statics on the women being served. Landis is requesting support from the County’s special drug & alcohol fund. The Commissioners will review the request at the 2023 budget work session.

Mike Holder, Marvin Adcock, Ron Scott and Tom Bell approached the Board regarding lighting on the Community Connection Trail between Cottonwood Falls and Strong City. A bid has been received for 22 LED lights, poles, wiring and installation for $166,000. The Kaltenbacher Trust has pledged $80,000, City of Cottonwood Falls--$30,000 and City of Strong City--$23,600 leaving $32,400. ***Motion to approve placement of lighting on county property*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to approve $32,400 in funding for lighting the Community Connection Trail between Cottonwood Falls and Strong City*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Funding sources: Crime Prevention--$12,000; Special Parks--$8,000; Jail Excess Revenue--$12,400. The City of Cottonwood Falls will have fiduciary responsibility. Chase County will assume maintenance responsibility.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thom Kirk gave a brief report on his department. Kirk also spoke about several near misses to his employees by speeding vehicles. “The public just needs to slow down when they approach us while we’re grading and doing maintenance on roads”. Commissioners gave Kirk permission to post ‘work zone’ signs which would implement a 30 mph speed limit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25. Next scheduled meeting is May 31, 2022 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of May, 2022, 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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Matthew Miller, Member

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

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk