JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 12, 2022

September 12, 2022 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 Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News, Mark Gibbons and Larry Sigler.

Commissioner Hazelton called the 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate/Budget Hearing to order. Hazelton asked for public discussion or comments. No comments were made. ***Motion by Hazelton to adopt Resolution 2022-07 (County exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate) was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion by roll call vote was 3-0. ***Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-12 (Chase County Fire District #1 exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate)*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion by roll call vote was 3-0. ***Motion by Hazelton to adopt the 2023 Budget*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion by Hazelton to end Revenue Neutral Rate/budget hearing and resume regular session*** was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Detention Facility Administrator Larry Sigler requested the purchase and installation of a walk-in freezer from AAA Restaurant Supply. Sigler brought quotes of around $20,000 to repair the existing freezer. ***Motion to purchase a one-piece walk-in freezer for $28,605 from AAA Restaurant Supply*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 09/12/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/31/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 (establishing the Chase County Housing fund #375)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 (extending the Special Road fund)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to appoint Kayla Kampff and James Whitaker to destroy by shredding the 2020 primary and general election ballots*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Patron Mark Gibbons asked what the cost was to resurface the last mile of YY Road. Road supervisor Thom Kirk provided the cost at $58,395. Miller noted that the price of road oil and fuel had increased by three fold.

***Motion for the Transfer of Funds from the Multiyear Capital Improvement Fund #85 to Road & Bridge collections in the amount of $58,395 for the YY Road special project*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill Yeager of Cottonwood Falls requested permission to film the old jail in the Courthouse. Commissioners granted permission pending District Court scheduling.

Chase County Sheriff Jacob Welsh informed the Board that he had been approached by KDOT to be involved in the step program which is an enforcement program for seat belts and DUIs on certain holidays throughout the year. In return for the County’s involvement, KDOT offered $1000 of equipment which includes stop sticks and flashlights for the deputies. Welsh is also seeking additional equipment from the United States Deputy Sheriff’s Association. The Sheriff’s office will also be seeking training for deputies and dispatchers.

Welsh has contacted Advantage Computers for assistance in networking his office to a more cohesive plan. An approximate cost is $14,000-15,000. More information on costs will be available in the future.

The Chase County job application will be used to fill deputy positions and well as an additional dispatcher. Welsh has been approached by several individuals that would work on a part time basis. Equipment is in short supply and a potential amount of $2400 is needed to equip five people. Body armor is also outdated and needs to be replaced. Vests would cost $5000. ***Motion to purchase $7500 of equipment and body armor from Crime Prevention fund #079*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

The current Sheriff’s department vehicle fleet includes a 2022 Chevy Silverado but has no equipment. The cost to facilitate the vehicle with lights/siren etc. will be $8,000 to $12,000. The 2021 Ford explorer has 16,000 miles on it, and is in good shape. The 2018 Chevy Silverado has 118,000 miles and had the transmission replaced several months ago. The pickup is currently in the shop with several issues. The 2017 Dodge Ram with 103,00 miles is also in the shop with engine problems. A 2017 Dodge Durango is being used by part time staff and is not in the best shape. The 2016 Ford Explorer is also at the end of service. Of the 3 dealerships Welsh has quotes from, the police pursuit vehicle from S.V.S. in Junction City would be the best fit at around $40,000 plus outfitting/ less trade in. ***Motion to purchase a police pursuit vehicle with outfitting PLUS outfitting the 2022 Silverado with 50% coming from County Equipment fund #084 and 50% from ARPA fund #350 not to exceed $62,000*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Sheriff Welsh and Clerk Pretzer at 11:35*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting resumed at 11:55 with no action taken.

The County email server was discussed. The current server, Pair, is difficult for some to navigate and has some security issues with the Sheriff’s department. Sheriff Welsh suggested Office 365 which will use Advantage Computer as the domain. An issue with the County Attorney’s office not being able to readily access certain websites due to security features was resolved by allowing the secretary to have training to whitelist those websites.

***Motion to switch the County email server from Pair to Office 365*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, September 30th

at 10am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 30th day of September, 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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Matt Miller, Member

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Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk