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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 31, 2022

October 31, 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.

Commissioner Hazelton called the Budget Amendment hearing to order. No comments or questions were noted. ***Motion to approve the 2022 budget amendment*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 09/25/2022—10/24/2022 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0

***Motion to approve 10/10/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve a $500 crime prevention request for Parents & Friends Bulldog Booster Club*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign letter of commitment for local matching funds for General Public Transportation in the amount of $23,221.50*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to establish a checking account with $5000 from fund 200 at CSB for the sesquicentennial celebration committee*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to have Tiffany Harshman and Jenna Gibb as co-signers on the sesquicentennial checking account*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to pay $1,300 for banner brackets from fund 080 (special parks) for the new light poles between towns*** by Miller was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to offer CPR classes to county employees at the cost of $45 per person*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS director Scott Harris reported receiving a grant from MFA oil corporation in the amount of $2100 to help pay for new cots for the ambulances. Harris and Tim Leitnaker met for discussion with the Commissioners for an ambulance purchase. The cost has increased around 35% in the last 2 years. Leitnaker explained that there is a 2-year build time on a new ambulance and his company was “net on delivery”. HGAC is a purchasing cooperative which will save time in acquiring bids and satisfies bidding requirements. There is a $1000 fee for this service. Commissioners gave the go ahead for Harris to begin the process of acquiring a new ambulance for the County.

Harris also requested permission to write off outstanding debts for service. Commissioners would like to see a report before making a motion to write off the accounts.

Stephen Euston with Bukaty Insurance met with the BOC and presented the United HealthCare renewal quote for County employee health insurance. The County is currently paying $528.04 for employee only insurance. The renewal quote is 7% higher, or $565.00. Several other plans were reviewed. Euston will attend the November 14th meeting with quotes from other carriers.

Strong City mayor Lydia Simmons along with Matt Markley requested help from the County with matching funds for the Safe Routes to School grant that was awarded to the City. The awarded contractor’s price had increased substantially due to material costs leaving a shortfall of around $27,000 in the City’s matching funds.

Howard Chapman met with the Board to see about dust control and to inquire if US Stone had been contacted by the County. Hazelton commented that with the shortage of help in the Road & Bridge department that dust control was not a priority. Commissioners also stated that a county policy needs to be in place before tackling this type of project.

***Motion to approve 10/31/2022 Warrants and voiding check #0502842*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Jacob Welsh and Fire Chief Steve Fillmore had several topics to discuss with the Board. 1) Radio upgrades—15 total; 3 EMS, 1 R&B, 1 Em.Prep., 6 Sheriff Dept, 4 Fire Dept. There would also be a complete reprograming of all radios. 5 mobile radios are also being considered. Total amount of the upgrade is approximately $80,000. ***Motion to purchase radios with $40,000 coming from County Equipment (084) and an amount not to exceed $40,000 from ARPA (350)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Going forward, radio upgrades will be budgeted for through County departments.

2) 911 training is being accomplished, most recently was an active shooter class at CCHS.

3) Computer aided dispatch (CAD) is being used, however, an available add on is records management. Some of the upgrades can be paid for from 911 funds. Commissioners gave approval to Welsh to proceed with his plan.

4) The 911 recorder is obsolete. $25,759 is quoted for the replacement with a 5-year warranty and can be paid for from 911 funds. Headsets for dispatch will also be paid for from 911 funds. Total cost from 911 funds for all upgrades should be around $51,000.

5) Advantage Computer will be upgrading all computers, server, firewall, backup, monitoring, dispatch console….some of the upgrades can be paid for from 911 funds. Commissioners gave approval for Welsh to move forward with the project.

6) Welsh asked to purchase firearms and holsters for the department. Approximate cost would be $20,000. Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

7) Welsh would like a stipend for personal cell phones if a county phone were required but not used. The County is currently paying a stipend to two department heads for personal cell phones. Commissioners agreed the Sheriff’s department needs cell phones to operate. Welsh will develop policy for his department and budget for the stipend.

***Motion at 1:00 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh, Fillmore and Pretzer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 1:10 with no action taken.

Discussion continued on the Safe Routes to Schools grant received by the City of Strong City. The Board realizes the County’s only grade school is in Strong City and the project would benefit the County as well as Strong City. ***Motion to award $15,000 to the City of Strong City in 2022 from the Capital Improvement fund (085) and $15,000 in 2023*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Next scheduled meeting is November 3rd at 7pm at the Matfield Green fire station.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 14th day of November, 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