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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 30, 2022

December 30, 2022, at 10:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Randy Talkington-Vice chair, 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 was Shayla Gaulding-Chase County Leader News.

Commissioner Hazelton called the Budget Amendment hearing to order. No comments were noted. ***Motion to approve the Budget Amendment*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion passed 3-0. Hazelton adjourned the Budget hearing and called regular session to order.

***Motion to approve 12/30/2022 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 11/25/2022—12/24/2022 payroll*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0

***Motion to approve 12/12/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 2-0. Talking abstained due to being absent that meeting.

***Motions to approve Change Orders 2022-08; 2022-09; 2022-10; 2022-11*** by Hazelton were 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign Freedom Claims contract for County health insurance*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

County appraiser Andrew Durbin presented the annual Kimball Mapping contract. Durbin noted that there was a $200 increase which is the 1st increase in 5 years. Durbin explained that the mapping company maintains GIS maps and has been used by his office for over 10 years. ***Motion to approve Kimball contract for $3,900*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to approve Kimball contract for $3,900*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed inventories submitted by department heads.

Sheriff Welsh introduced newly hired dispatcher Kaylee Simpson and deputy Colton Carpenter. Carpenter will be attending the academy in Hutchinson for 14 weeks in January. ***Motion at 10:20 by Miller for 20 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh and Pretzer*** was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried. Meeting resumed at 10:40 with no action taken. ***Motion at 10:45 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh and Pretzer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried. Meeting resumed at 11:00 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk asked the Board for consideration of a land manager to place cattle guards on Coyne Creek Road at a minimal cost to the County. This would essentially make the road “open range”. Commissioners advised Kirk to get with the County Attorney and have an agreement in place.

Kirk and the BOC then entered into motor grader discussion. Kirk presented 3 options showing trade-in values and financing. Blade 201, having the lowest hours, will be kept by the County instead of being replaced. ***Motion to purchase (2) 140-15J Caterpillar motor graders (trading in 2 blades) for $421,334*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. Kirk will seek financing bids for the next meeting on January 9th.

Kirk then discussed a local road safety engineering study that would identify safety concerns on 180 miles of the most traveled County roads. Once the plan is completed and in place the County will then become eligible to solicit projects to KDOT to meet plans within the study. Of the total cost of $57,000 for the study, the County will share 10% or $5,700. Miller suggested using the Multi-year Capital Improvement fund to pay for the fee. ***Motion to enter into agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for the Local Road Safety Plan*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 12:05 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Kirk and Pretzer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington. Motion carried 3-0. It was noted that Kirk left the executive session from 12:12 to 12:15. Meeting resumed at 12:20 with no action taken.

***Motion at 12:30 for 25 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Pretzer*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:55 with no action taken.

Commissioners Hazelton and Miller thanked Talkington for his service for the last four years as District 1 Commissioner. Commissioner Talkington thanked his district for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 9th @ 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 9th day of January, 2023 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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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

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

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk