JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 9, 2023

January 9, 2023 at 9:00 am, a swearing in ceremony took place in the Courtroom of the Chase County Courthouse. District Judge Laura Miser swore in District 1 Commissioner Alan Phipps. Commissioners Anthony Hazelton, Matt Miller and outgoing Commissioner Randy Talkington were present along with County Clerk Connie Pretzer and Chase County Leader News reporter Shayla Gaulding.

After the ceremony, the Commissioners and County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers for the **reorganizational meeting** of 2023. Acting Chairman Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Hazelton asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. ***Motion by Phipps to nominate Anthony Hazelton as Chairman*** 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion by Phipps to nominate Matt Miller as Vice Chairman*** 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 honoring the service of Randy Talkington*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Resolution 2023-02 was then presented to Talkington as Commissioners thanked Talkington for his service.

The following designations passed unanimously.

Cottonwood Valley Bank(Chase County), Citizens State Bank of Cottonwood Falls and Municipal Investment Pool administered by the State of KS as depositories of County Funds.

Chase County Leader News as the official County Newspaper.

GeoTech Inc as Chase County Land Surveyors.

Reimbursable mileage rate at .58 per mile.

Meal allowance of $25 per day.

Remove Randy Talkington from CSB operating and 911 fund accounts.

Add Matt Miller to CSB operating and 911 fund accounts.

***Motion for appointments of the following passed unanimously.***

Scott Harris as EMS Director

Scott Wiltse as Emergency Preparedness Director

Scott Wiltse as Sanitation Supervisor

Steve Fillmore as County Fire Chief

Thom Kirk as Noxious Weed Director

Thom Kirk as Road & Bridge Supervisor

Thom Kirk as Board’s representative on the Lyon/Chase County Solid Waste Committee

Larry Sigler as Detention Facility Administrator

Deb Haglund as Senior Center Director

County Treasurer L. Dow Wilson as County Financial Officer

Commissioner Miller as Board representative to the Drug Free Action Team

Commissioner Hazelton as Board representative to the Scenic Byway Steering Committee

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as Freedom of Information Officer

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as County Election Officer

County Clerk Connie Pretzer as Public Information Officer

Matt Miller as representative to Chase County Chamber of Commerce

Matt Miller as representative to Emergency Services Advisory Committee

Matt Miller and Connie Pretzer as representatives to Chase County Housing Committee

Matt Miller and Tiffany Harshman as representatives to the Sesquicentennial Committee

It was noted that the 2023 calendar has been previously approved by the Board for Holidays and Commissioner meetings.

***Motion to approve 01/09/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 12/30/2022 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Phipps abstained.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 GAAP waiver*** by Hazelton was 2nd Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Crime Prevention request of $2000 from Chase County Elementary School for Watchdog program*** by Miller was 2nd Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to sign a letter of support for the 312th Army Band to perform at Pioneer Bluffs*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:35 for 5 minutes of executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property with Clerk*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:40 with no action taken.

Detention Facility Administrator Larry Sigler addressed the Board with updates about the Detention Facility. New cameras will be required as the old system is incapable of capturing images directly below the camera. Cost will be around $10,000. Sigler also reported the possibility of needing a new transport vehicle. ***Motion for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Sigler & Clerk at 10:05*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:20 with no action taken.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk reviewed the motor grader purchase plan with the Commissioners. Kirk will have financing details worked out for the next meeting. Kirk then presented a list of projects and goals that he has developed for this year. ***Motion at 10:55 for 5 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Kirk & Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:00 with no action taken.

***Motion to approve the Road & Bridge training policy*** by Phipps was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion for 30 minutes of executive session with Pretzer at 11:05 for matters relating to financial affairs*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting resumed at 11: 35 with no action taken.

***Motion for 30 minutes of executive session at 11:40 with Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:10 with no action taken.

***Motion for 20 minutes of executive session at 12:10 with Pretzer for non-elected personnel*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:30 with no action taken.

***Motion to accept all wage recommendations as recommended by department heads*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve salaries of appointed and elected officials as reflected in the official minutes*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Detention Center Administrator Larry Sigler $66,413

Road & Bridge Director Thom Kirk $54,600

Ambulance Director Scott Harris $51,297

County Attorney William Halvorsen $48,883

County Sheriff Jacob Welsh $54,000

County Appraiser, Andrew Durbin $48,841

Maintenance Supervisor, John Haglund $41,600

County Register of Deeds Kathy Jo Swift $44,000

County Clerk Connie M Pretzer $49,500

County Treasurer L. Dow Wilson $44,000

Senior Center Director, Deb Haglund $38,480

Commissioners $16,148

County Fire Chief, Steve Fillmore $18,193

Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse $18,185

Election Officer Connie M Pretzer $5,513

Financial Officer L. Dow Wilson $3,282

Freedom of Information Officer Connie M Pretzer $3,308

Meeting adjourned on a motion at 1:15 from Hazelton and 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st 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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Anthony Hazelton, Chairman

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Matt Miller, Vice Chairman

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Alan Phipps, Member

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

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk