JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 13, 2023

March 13, 2023, at 9:00 am; Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, Matt Miller-Vice chairman, Alan Phipps-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 03/13/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 02/28/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Change orders 2022-19 through 2022-22*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Road & Bridge superintendent Thom Kirk presented the previously approved equipment lease/purchase agreement with Cottonwood Valley Bank. ***Motion to sign the agreement by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Kirk and Commissioners had a preliminary discussion on a new dump truck. Kirk also gave updates on grading of the county roads and that some overtime is to be expected. A brief discussion was held about the progress of legal documents pertaining to U Road. Attorney Halvorsen will be contacted. A work session with Road & Bridge was scheduled for April 19th at 8:30 am for 2024 budgeting purposes. The meeting is open to the public, however no action will be taken.

Rose Mary Saunders of Ranson Financial attended the meeting via ZOOM. Saunders updated the BOC about meeting with the 911 committee and with Commission approval would like to pursue funding prospects for the new $1,996,579 fire station including but not limited to community service tax credits, community development block grant, ARPA funding and others. Commissioners would need to authorize a resolution to issue general obligation bonds until matching funds are reached. Clint Hibbs with BG Consultants will have updated costs for the building on March 17th and will be present at the BOC meeting on March 31st. A public hearing was set for April 5th at 7pm at the Community Building in Swope Park. The proper resolutions will be signed at the April 10th BOC meeting providing everything is still in the positive mode after the public hearing. Commissioners reviewed the grant writing proposal submitted by Saunders. ***Motion to accept the grant writing proposal with Ranson Financial at $90 per hour not to exceed $5000*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Hazelton reported that he had received additional information from RenoDry and continue to check references.

***Motion for 10 minutes of executive session at 10:50 with clerk for the purpose of confidential data relating to financial affairs*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:00 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm on a ***motion from Miller 2nd by Hazelton***. Motion carried 3-0. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, March 31st at 9 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of March, 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