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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2023

May 15, 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. Also present was Shayla Gaulding—Chase County Leader News. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Motion to approve 05/10/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 05/15/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

Jill Burton representing Hetlinger met with the BOC to request an appropriation of $2500; same as last year. Commissioners will consider the request at the upcoming budget work session.

Ty Wheeler of Kansas Legal Services requested an appropriation of $4,500. Last year’s appropriation was $4000. Commissioners will consider the request at the upcoming budget work session.

Senior Center Director Deb Haglund gave her 2024 budget request to the BOC. Commissioners will consider the request at the upcoming budget work session.

County Appraiser Andrew Durbin presented the Board with the annual McCully contract. The company does analysis and depreciation for the Appraiser’s office. ***Motion to sign the McCully Contract*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Supervisor Thom Kirk and Dave Williams of Master Tec entered into discussion and reviewed a quote of $278,871.00 for a new county dump truck. A seven year warranty would cost an additional $14,986. ***Motion to sign intent to purchase 2 dump trucks with 7 year warranty*** by Phipps was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. This purchase will take place in the 2024 budget year. Kirk will seek financing with local banks and report to Commissioners.

Michael Clancy of RenoDry reviewed previously submitted information about his company’s device costing $15,870.00 that will remove moisture from the Courthouse walls. Device locations were identified and Commissioners agreed on a May 31st installation date. The units come with a 25 year warranty and an 80% refund if results are not met.

Emergency Preparedness director Scott Wiltse gave a brief report on storm damage from the April 19th tornadic event. Storm sirens were discussed and along with possible replacement of the old 1950’s models.

***Motion at 10:56 for 10 minutes of executive session*** ***for preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property with attorney Halvorsen, Sheriff Welsh, Wiltse and Fillmore*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:06 with no action taken.

Sheriff Welsh requested a fund be set up for asset forfeiture which by statute requires an interest bearing account. ***Motion to establish fund 150 for asset forfeiture*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Judge Jeff Larson, court administrator Ruth Wheeler and District Court Clerk Jenna Gibb presented the District Court budget. The budget reflects a $6,000 increase. Commissioners will consider the request at the upcoming budget work session.

***Motion at 11:20 for 15 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Welsh and Wiltse*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 11:35 with no action taken.

Detention Facility administrator Larry Sigler provided a quote from Bolton for a 15 passenger van to be purchased next year which will need to be ordered this year.

Randy Peterson, Bruce Brock, and Kyle Hannigan of the Flint Hills Extension Dist. #13/Chase County briefly met with the Board to ask consideration of dissolving the Extension’s partnership with Morris County. Peterson expressed concerns over the Morris County office and the way the partnership between the two districts was being managed. Peterson told the Board that the Chase County agent, Chelsea Bartels is doing an outstanding job and it would be a suitable time to separate the two agencies. Morris County and Chase County extension districts will have a meeting soon and will begin the disbanding process. Commissioners gave their support to the group.

Register of Deeds Kathy Swift presented her budget. Commissioners will consider the request at the upcoming budget work session.

***Motion at 12:25 for 10 minutes of executive session for discussion relating to the acquisition of real property*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:35 with no action taken.

***Motion to negotiate purchase of 200 N. Walnut at a price not to exceed $195,000 from Fund 200 (jail excess revenue)*** by Miller was 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm on motion from Miller 2nd by Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0 Next scheduled meeting is Friday, May 31st at 9am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of May, 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