JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 14, 2023

August 14, 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. Also present was Shayla Gaulding—Chase County Leader News.

***Motion to approve 08/14/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/01/2023 Minutes*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 2-0.

Hazelton abstained due to being absent at the August 1st meeting.

***Motion to approve 08/10/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 12:20 with no action taken.

***Motion to create Fund #151 (asset forfeiture proceeds)*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:15 for 10 minutes of executive session, non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:25 with no action taken.

EMS Director Scott Harris reported to the BOC of a Matfield Green fireman that is willing to become a 1st responder in that area. Harris has enrolled Brad Talkington in the $1600 1st responder class and will equip with about $2500 of equipment including an AED and other supplies. Harris would like to expand these 1st responders into other areas of the county.

Tony Dekat requested a new weed eater for County grounds maintenance. ***Motion to purchase a weed eater for $237.08*** by Phipps was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the final draft of the 2024 County Budget. Miller proposed using funds from the Jail Excess Revenue Fund to reduce the tax burden for taxpayers. A final adjustment from Jail Excess Revenue to the General Fund was made resulting in a reduction of 2 mills. ***Motion to transfer $129,827 from Jail Excess Revenue to the General Fund for the 2024 Budget*** by Miller was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk will publish the Notice to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate/Combined Budget Hearing. Hearing will be on September 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Cindy Jensen, CPA presented the 2022 Chase County Audit. Jensen expressed the importance of small counties using a strong check and balance between departments since many people cover more than one position. Jensen found no issues during the audit and answered questions the Commissioners had.

Hazelton recessed the meeting at 10:25 to tour the 200 Walnut facility. Meeting reconvened at 10:38 at 200 Walnut. Commissioners, Clerk, Fire Chief Fillmore, Tony Dekat, Morris County health nurse Jamie Johnson and Chase County health nurse Rachel Jones viewed the facility that will house the CWF fire department and possibly the County Health Department. Layout was discussed and the feasibility of the move. No decisions were made.

Commissioners, Clerk and Dekat then toured the Detention Facility with Administrator Larry Sigler. Discussion and concerns at the Facility were mostly regarding space and storage issues. Sigler will check on the cost of two containers.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 31st at 9:00 am.

 ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

 STATE OF KANSAS

 COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of August, 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