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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 11, 2023

September 11, 2023, 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 and patrons Jeanne & William Hatcher.

Commissioner Hazelton called the **hearing to exceed the revenue neutral rate and budget hearing to order** and asked for public comment. Mrs. Hatcher asked why their taxes had gone up. Discussion by the Commission included the Revenue Neutral Rate, increase in valuations, general commodities and salaries going. County appraiser Andy Durbin escorted the Hatchers to his office to explain values and appraisals.

With no other public comment, ***Motion to exceed the Chase County revenue neutral rate of 53.114*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-08 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. ***Motion to exceed the Fire District #1 revenue neutral rate of 2.367*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. ***Motion to adopt the 2024 Chase County budget*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. ***Motion to conclude the 2024 RNR/Budget hearing and resume regular session*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 09/11/2023 Warrants*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller***.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve 08/31/2023 Minutes*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller reported on a meeting with architect Ben Moore regarding touch-up painting on the Courthouse roof and the tax credit process. Riley Construction has submitted a bid of $1,050 per day with no lift provided for touch-up. It was determined that Orton Construction could provide this service along with the Courthouse maintenance personnel, Tony Dekat.

Clerk provided the completed application for Kansas rehabilitation tax credits for the Courthouse chiller replacement. ***Motion to sign the application for tax credits*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk asked Commissioners if they wanted to reschedule the Monday, November 13th meeting to Tuesday, November 14th due to state regulations in receiving ballots through Monday the 13th. ***Motion to move the regularly scheduled Monday, November 13th meeting to Tuesday, November 14th to accommodate the November 2023 canvass*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion at 9:26 for 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Clerk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Phipps. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 9:36 with no action taken.

Commissioners discussed ideas and plans with the old CWF fire station since their move to the new location. Possible suggestions for maintenance, bays for storage of light towers and highway signs, noxious weed. Relocation of the Health Department to the 200 Walnut location is pending costs and plans of remodeling.

Road & Bridge supervisor Thom Kirk requested the purchase of $87,900 from his budget for a used 2020 Kenworth T880 day cab 6x4 Tractor. The semi will mainly be used to pull the belly dump trailer. Commissioners were agreeable to the purchase.

***Motion at 10:00 for 30 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel with Charlie Swift and Thom Kirk*** by Hazelton was 2nd by Miller. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 10:30 with no action taken.

Commissioners and Kirk discussed road conditions for the remainder of the meeting.

No action was taken

Meeting adjourned at 10:50. Next scheduled meeting is Friday, September 29th at 9:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 29th day of September, 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