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OF THE CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2019

On July 15, 2019 at 10:00 am, Anthony Hazelton-Chairman, William Fillmore Vice-chairman, Randy Talkington-member and Connie Pretzer-County Clerk assembled in the Chase County Commission Chambers. Hazelton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Linzi Garcia—Leader News and patron Mark Gibbons.

***Motion to approve Minutes of June 28, 2019 with correction by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to approve Warrants Payable 7/15/2019 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to accept recommendation of Lauren Jones as Falls Township Treasurer by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to publish notice of 2019 budget amendment hearing for July 31, 2019 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

***Motion to publish notice of 2020 budget hearing for August 12, 2019 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0.

CPA Cindy Jensen presented the 2020 County Budget to the Board. Jensen pointed out that the County valuation had increased therefore the levy has decreased. Jensen reminded the Board that the State had imposed a “tax cap” several years ago so there is no way to increase the levy without an election. Discussion was held on each individual department and fund.

***Motion for 10 minutes of executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs at 11:28 with Jensen and Pretzer by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed with no action taken at 11:38.

***Motion for 10 minutes of executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs at 11:40 with Jensen, Pretzer and County Attorney Bill Halvorsen by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed with no action taken at 11:50.

Rick Griffin and Bill Haw met with the Board to ask for a possible solution to the County’s high taxes on commercial property. Mr. Haw offered the idea of a tax break to potential buyers. Commissioner Fillmore asked County Appraiser Andrew Durbin how the taxes are set on commercial properties. Durbin said the assessment rates for residential and commercial properties are written in the Kansas Constitution. Assessed values are also set by State Statute and are required to be valued as “fair market value”. Griffin asked if the County might look into incentives or a plan to help new business owners. Commissioner Fillmore encouraged the gentlemen to contact the Chamber of Commerce and see what other communities are doing.

Jail Administrator Larry Sigler showed a bid to the Board from Muckenthaler’s a for walk-in cooler/freezer and is checking on local contractors for installation. Sigler also reported that the most recent inspection produced no major issues. The 13 recommendations have been corrected. The mumps quarantine will end July 16th. Commissioner Fillmore commended Sigler on the way the situation was handled.

***Motion to adjourn at 12:20 by Hazelton was 2nd by Talkington.*** Motion carried

3-0.

Next scheduled meeting is July 31st, 2019 at 10:00 am.

ADOPTION OF ABOVE MINUTES

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF CHASE

NOW ON This 31st day of June, 2019, 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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William Fillmore, Vice Chairman

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Randy Talkington, Member

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

Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk