

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, KS**

September 15, 2021

Commission met in special session at 1:00 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Vice Chr. Dave Crofoot, Comm. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Chr. Randy Dallke joined the session at 1:21 p.m. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Health Dept. Administrator/Public Health Officer Diedre Serene. Harvey Co. Health Department Director Lynnette Redington was present by phone for a portion of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session about the Health Department Administrator / Health Officer position that will be vacated by Serene after September 20, 2021. Upcoming priorities include:

- appointment of an Interim Public Health Officer on or before September 21, 2021;
- appointment of an Interim Department Director (possibly splitting medical/administrative tasks) on or before September 21, 2021;
- determine the path forward for upcoming grant reporting;
- schedule interviews with qualified applicants;
- determine resources for potential consultation for Health Department duties, policies, procedures, etc.;
- research the feasibility of joining forces with a neighboring County's health department;

Redington said that the Harvey County Health Department would be willing to offer support by answering questions, etc. More in-depth assistance would require approval by Harvey County leadership as well as an agreement outlining roles, responsibilities, and payment structure for those services. A proposal for specific services as well as a possible merger of the Marion/Harvey County Health Departments will be developed for future review.

Becker and Crofoot will meet with current Health Department staff (along with Spencer) to determine the level of comfort and willingness to perform certain duties related to Interim Health Department Administrator for a defined time frame during the hiring process. Chr. Dallke will contact Dr. Hodson (Health Department Medical Director) to determine the level of comfort and willingness to serve as Interim Health Officer.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Randy Dallke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk