

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

October 25, 2021

Commission met for a work session at 10:30 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Randy Dallke, Comm. Dave Crofoot, Comm. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press. Several topics were discussed, including:

- American Rescue Plan funds – potential projects/priorities;
- Courthouse attic clean out – plan of action and timeline;
- Tax sale – official policy discussed for facilitation of future sales;
- Neighborhood Revitalization program – continue or not;
- Severed Mineral taxation – continue or not.

Work session adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Commission met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. Randy Dallke, Comm. Dave Crofoot, Comm. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present. Also present were Co. Clerk Tina Spencer and Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Present for portions of the meeting were County staff, members of the public, and members of the press.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dianne Novak asked about the taxpayer money allotted for the Catholic Fr. Kapaun event held in Pilsen. What form of accountability was put in place for this event? How much of the allotted up to \$5,000.00 was spent? What was the money spent on? Which budget will this money come out of, Planning and Zoning or General? And finally, will other religious denominations enjoy the same financial assistance from Marion County for their various special events?

- Comm. Mueller noted that no taxpayer money was actually spent on the event, and that if another similar event were to arise within in any denomination (individual up for sainthood, medal of honor winner, decorated war hero, etc.) that ticked all the same boxes that the County would likely do the same for that group.
- The Board was in favor of issuing a directive that if a future event and/or development planning that falls under the approved allotment actually occurs, the Board should be informed prior to any of the allotted funds being spent.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of October 21st. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE: Dir. Travis Parmley reported that there will be a four-week delay in getting insulation for the building project. Other types of insulation could be utilized, but there would likely be an increased cost of \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The consensus of the Board was to stay with the original materials and wait for delivery.

- Parmley reported that the department passed State inspection.
- Parmley reported that the approximate cost of a new, COVID compatible ambulance is about \$250,000.00 to \$280,000.00 with a 360-day delivery.

CO. TREASURER: Co. Treasurer Susan Berg discussed plans to reconfigure the Treasurer's Office and purchase a new copier. Review of job descriptions is currently underway. Other upcoming and ongoing department activities were discussed with no action.

- Property tax due dates will be December 20, 2021 and May 10, 2022.
- Tax sales were discussed. Berg suggested that the County hold a sale every year and utilize an attorney who specializes in them.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett reported that the heated dock is moving forward with the building portion expected to be completed soon.

- Hett asked for guidance from Co. Counselor Jantz in regard to trees located on private property with lower hanging branches that can potentially damage large campers and equipment traveling on the roads at the Lake.
- Other ongoing and upcoming department projects and events were discussed with no action.
- Hett requested that standard agreements related to dock ownership and storage rentals be developed.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. A meeting between the Commissioners and Road & Bridge personnel to discuss the pay plan was tentatively scheduled for November 10th at 1:00 p.m. Ongoing and upcoming projects were discussed with no action.

- Gehring moved to transfer the title (for a wrecked 2005 Mack dump truck) to KCAMP. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Dallke requested that a bad area on the east side of Nighthawk south of 190th be fixed immediately.

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RAMONA – RAILROAD CROSSING ISSUE: Mueller noted that the situation with the railroad blocking the tracks in Ramona has gotten even worse. Jantz said he would call today and prepare a list of previous interactions with the railroad on this matter.

CO. COUNSELOR: Several outstanding policies / legal matters were discussed. A work session was scheduled immediately following the 9:00 a.m. payday meeting on Friday, October 29th, until noon. Four items to finalize at that meeting were noted:

1. Land bank bylaws
2. Public forum policy
3. Tax sale policy / resolution
4. Parking designation for the courthouse.

SHARED LEAVE REQUEST: Dallke moved to recess into executive session to discuss a shared leave request pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes (from 2:31 p.m. until 2:36 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Dallke to approve a shared leave request for a qualified employee. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Randy Dallke - Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk