

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

February 7, 2022

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

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of January 31st. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Becker moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$22,617.99 (#50558-#50565). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Pay Application #7 to NF Construction for the EMS Station in the amount of \$38,965.53 was presented for approval. Dallke moved to approve. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were signed: Kelli Olson – new Paramedic at \$16.13/hour effective 1/31/2022; Jessica Gilbert – remove interim status and paid holidays – no pay change effective 2/22/2021; Kim Ross – from \$2,300.00/mo. to \$2,347.00/mo. effective 3/7/2022.

TAX SALE ATTORNEY BID AWARD: Co. Treasurer Susan Berg joined the session. The two firms previously interviewed were discussed. Gehring moved to accept the proposal from Kelly Law Office for tax sale services. Dallke seconded and motion carried with Becker abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman was present for department business. Housman requested permission to purchase an item up to \$150.00 to provide to the Kansas Noxious Weed Directors Association to raise money for their scholarship fund. Gehring moved to approve Housman's request. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- The transfer station hours and fees were discussed. It was noted that during the winter weather closure last week a trash collection service was delayed. No action was taken; however, the Board indicated that special accommodations should be made for commercial haulers if at all possible. The Board favored the development of official policies/procedures for such closures in the future.
- A work session will be held in the spring to evaluate commercial rates and the overall transfer station fee structure.

TECHNOLOGY: Lloyd Davies of Great Plains Computers and Networking was present to discuss technology needs.

- Quotes to replace three computers in the Appraiser's Office were reviewed. All options were governmental pricing through CDWG.

CDWG	Lenovo Mini W10 Pro, i7 Quote MPPT459	\$1,172.72
CDWG	Lenovo Mini W10 Pro, i7 Quote MPPT545	\$1,337.63
CDWG	Lenovo Mini W10 Pro, i5 Quote MPPT505	\$ 998.13
CDWG	Dell Mini W10 Pro, 87 Quote MPBD479	\$1,293.01
CDWG	Lenovo Mini W10 Pro, i9 Quote MNPV304	\$1,560.73
CDWG	Lenovo Laptop W10 Pro, i7 Quote MNCW602	\$ 930.23

Davies' recommendation was to purchase one Lenovo Mini (Quote MNPV304) in the amount of \$1,560.73 and two Dell Mini's (Quote MPBD479) at \$1,293.01 each. Dallke moved to purchase one Lenovo at \$1,560.73 for the Co. Appraiser and two Dell computers at \$1,293.01 each for staff members. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Changing from in-house email hosting to subscription-based Microsoft 365 was discussed. Pricing for G3 (government) subscriptions was reviewed based on 135 licenses.

Blue Valley Communications	\$26.00 = \$42,120.00 / year
CDWG	\$29.37 = \$47,574.00 / year
Microsoft Direct online	\$32.00 = \$51,840.00 / year

Gehring moved to approve the pricing from Blue Valley Communications. Crofoot seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MARION COUNTY LAKE RESIDENTS – VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DISCUSSION: Byron Lange spoke on behalf of about a dozen residents in attendance regarding a site at the Marion County Park & Lake that the County recently had surveyed for the potential development of a veteran's memorial. Questions primarily were centered about the process for choosing the site, why the public was not informed, the potential design of a memorial, and whether a memorial meets the overall description of being for "recreational use" as related to the Park & Lake's purpose. They expressed concern regarding a potential precedent and what might happen if other groups request additional memorials in the future. John Roy also asked some questions.

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MARION COUNTY LAKE RESIDENTS – VETERAN’S MEMORIAL DISCUSSION, CONTINUED: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz did not have concerns about precedent, and also explained that no official action has been taken. Any memorial planned for the site would still potentially need to go through the Planning Commission and the County Commission for approval. It is not the County’s intent to deed the property away, and therefore the County may develop the site and would continue to maintain the area.

- Warrant Kreitziger, proponent of the memorial noted that it is for all Marion County veterans, and that it should have a prominent location. It was noted that an informational meeting to discuss the memorial and work on a potential plan has been scheduled for February 8th.

PRAIRIE VIEW – 2022 FUNDING AND SERVICE LEVELS: Marcy Johnson and Patrick Flaming were present on behalf of Prairie View to discuss current service levels in Marion County and the 2022 budget allocation request. The Board asked several questions regarding the level of after-hours assistance available for individuals with mental health issues, and also what options are available to law enforcement to receive assistance after hours when dealing with individuals with special mental health related needs. Jon Waltner and Linda Ogden were also present in person. Additional Prairie View representatives attended via teleconference. Flaming answered questions regarding the typical process for law enforcement to receive assistance with patients in need of mental health services outside regular business hours.

- After discussion, Gehring moved to approve the 2022 budget allocation for Prairie View in the amount of \$93,000.00. Mueller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE REQUEST – Ambulance Dept. Dir. Travis Parmley provided a proposal from American Response Vehicles for a Ford F550 Diesel ambulance with COVID package. ARV Representative Tim Leitnaker was present via teleconference to answer questions. After discussion, Dallke moved to proceed with the purchase in the amount of \$312,468.05 (to be paid from ARPA funds). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to update the ARPA budget spreadsheet to reflect \$312,500.00 toward the ambulance purchase. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Parmley provided an update on the building project. Expected move-in date is March 1, 2022.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented a salary change sheet for Perry Klassen – from \$2,586.00/mo. to \$2,662.00 / mo. effective 1/21/2022 - change from Equipment Operator I to Equipment Operator II.

- Upcoming and ongoing department projects were discussed.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Goebel, Jantz and Spencer present for 10 minutes from 2:56 p.m. until 3:06 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client business with the Board, Goebel, Jantz, and Spencer present for five minutes (from 3:10 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client business with the Board, Goebel, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes (from 3:16 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action. Dallke left the session.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mike Beneke expressed concerns regarding a rumored culvert / bridge project south of 280th on Bluestem. The Board was not aware of any planned projects in the area.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Chr. Mueller outlined upcoming meeting schedules.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Becker seconded and motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk