

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

March 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. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Jonah Gehring present in person. Comm. Randy Dallke attended via teleconference. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public and members of the press.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Dir. Krista Schneider requested approval of grant paperwork. Becker moved to approve / accept an additional State Formula award for the current State fiscal year in the amount of \$7,000.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve grant application for the 2022-2023 State fiscal year and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0. Grants listed on the application were:
 

COVID-19 ELC Expanding Infrastructure	\$ 63,129.26
COVID-19 IAP Supplemental 3 – Vaccine Access	\$ 31,500.00
COVID-19 IAP Supplemental 4 – Vaccine Equity	\$ 38,643.36
ELC Care Resource Coord./Expanded Testing	\$ 4,208.00
Immunization Action Plan (IAP)	\$ 3,181.00
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 14,709.00
State Formula	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>
Total:	\$167,370.62
- A salary sheet was approved for Wanda Manickam – change from full-time to part-time RN effective 3/5/2022 at \$28.16/hour.

**CO. COUNSELOR:** Co. Counselor Brad Jantz requested and executive session to discuss potential litigation. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present for 10 minutes until 12:55 p.m. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 1:05 p.m. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (6) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board, Jantz, and Spencer present until 1:10 P.M. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.
- Gehring moved to approve the contract with Kelly Law (for services related to tax foreclosure sales). Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**APPRAISER:** Co. Appraiser Nicole Reid and Alexandra Stark with Eagleview/Pictometry were present to discuss a new contract / photo flight of the County. After discussion, the Board requested a proposal for increasing the photo quality in all areas in the County that currently have lower quality images and a separate proposal for a service that can recognize when structures have been added or changed.

- A salary sheet was approved for Mike Hurst from \$2,414.00/month to \$2,463.00/month effective 2/21/2022 for addition of sales-related duties.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. Utility (road crossing) permits #22-1 for Moundridge Telephone Company to bore across 90<sup>th</sup> east of Goldenrod in section 20-21-2 and #22-2 for Moundridge Company to bore across Diamond near 170<sup>th</sup> in sections 10&15-20-1 were reviewed and signed by the Chairman.

- Transport fuel bids were reviewed:
 

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unloaded	
	<u>3,500 gals.</u>	<u>2,000 gals.</u>	<u>2,500 gals.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Epp's Service, Elbing	4.1540	3.8990	3.5584	\$31,233.00
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	4.0869	3.8425	3.8190	\$31,536.65

Gehring moved to approve the bid from Epp's Service in the amount of \$31,233.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel reported that he has received FEMA reimbursement for the 2019 flooding.
- The possibility of developing a partnership with the City of Marion for training CDL drivers was discussed. Additional information is needed (for example, insurance coverage) before anything is approved. No action was taken.
- Department activities and upcoming grant applications were discussed with no action.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE, CONTINUED:** Purchasing additional motor graders was discussed. Prices for new units have increased dramatically over the past several months. After a lengthy discussion, Crofoot moved to purchase a 2017 (used with 4,000 hours) Caterpillar motor grader and a 2016 (used with 2,000 hours) Caterpillar motor grader for \$258,000.00 and \$265,000.00, respectively. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. The Board will seek local lease-purchase financing.

- Goebel requested permission to purchase a used pickup for the shop. Used models available at Midway Motors (McPherson) were:

2014 F250 – with 17,000 miles	\$40,900.00
2014 F250 with 61,000 miles	\$34,000.00.

After discussion, Mueller moved to purchase the 2014 F250 with 17,000 miles for \$40,898.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Goebel was instructed to re-spread rock on a road after a private citizen graded the rock to the edge and also into the ditch. Goebel is to track the labor cost and estimate the cost of any lost material for potential prosecution of the individual for criminal trespass.
- Dallke raised concerns about the amount of dirt/mud in the County's stockpile of hard rock.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Department revenue reports were reviewed.

- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve the minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Dallke abstaining due to absence (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Additional financial information was received from Families & Communities Together (FACT) in compliance with a request from the Board. Gehring moved to approve a 2022 budget allocation for FACT in the amount of \$6,000.00. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Becker abstaining due to family conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Gehring moved to adopt a proclamation declaring March 7-11, 2022 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Marion County, Kansas. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Salary sheets were approved:
  - Mischelle Mitre – from \$15.98/hour to \$2,300.00/mo.-change from 911 Dispatcher to Administrative Specialist 1/Treasurer's Office effective 2/28/2022;
  - Lawrence Lanning – rehired as R&B Equipment Operator II at \$2,770.00/mo. effective 2/28/2022;
  - Alberto Elizondo – new R&B Equipment Operator I at \$2,536.00/mo. effective 2/28/2022.
- Gehring moved to approve early checks in the amount of \$528.30. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to approve a proposal from McGrath Human Resources Group for a limited scope of work at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Work includes job description review/revision and development of department career paths.)
- Spencer reported that the District Court will observe a new federal holiday (Juneteenth) in 2022. The Board noted that the County has enough holidays and therefore did not take any action to add this holiday to the County holiday closure schedule.
- **Active 911 Subscriptions:** After discussion, Mueller moved to continue to pay the Active 911 subscription costs for the rural (volunteer) departments as approved February 20, 2018, and reversing the most recent action taken on the subject. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Becker said that the topic should be reviewed annually, as each of the districts have individual budget authority.
- Gehring moved to authorize Chairman Mueller to cast the ballot for the Board of Directors of Tri-County Telephone Company. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** There were no Commission comments.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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PROCLAMATION  
Severe Weather Awareness Week  
March 7-11, 2022

**WHEREAS**, severe storms can cause damaging winds, hail, tornadoes, wildfires, flash flooding, hazardous material releases and power outages and have the potential to cause serious property damage, injury and death; and

**WHEREAS**, experience has demonstrated that a well-informed and prepared public can better cope with and survive life-threatening severe storms; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, families, schools and businesses in Marion County are encouraged to develop a disaster plan identifying protective actions to follow when severe weather strikes; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service and Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Marion County Emergency Management Department are collaborating with local emergency responders, state, local officials, volunteer agencies and businesses to inform and educate the public on preparation for potential severe weather hazards and disaster this summer may bring; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County residents are encouraged to become informed of available community programs and warning systems, including outdoor siren warnings, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration all-hazard radios, the emergency alert system, and other radio and television warning broadcasts, for their communities.

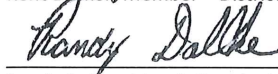
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas does hereby proclaim March 7-11, 2022, SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK in Marion County, Kansas.


So, proclaimed this 7th day of March, 2022

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**

  
David Mueller, Chairman – District 2


  
Kent Becker, Member – District 1

  
Randy Dalke, Member – District 3

  
Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4

  
Jonah Gehring, Member – District 5



ATTEST:   
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk