

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

March 14, 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 Deputy Co. Clerk Ashley Herpich. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of March 7th. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Gehring moved to approve early checks (#50786-50788) in the amount of \$40,962.04. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- A salary sheet was signed for Catie Zurcher, new R&B Administrative Specialist at \$2,300.00/mo. effective 3/8/2022.
- Herpich presented the lease-purchase agreement with Community National Bank & Trust for approval and signature. Gehring moved to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

RESCUE EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION: Matt Voth was present to demonstrate some of the rescue equipment purchased with County rescue funds for Fire District #2. Meeting recessed to the Courthouse lawn where Voth demonstrated the equipment to those in attendance, and the session resumed back in Commission chambers afterward.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Annex Building Discussion - Planning/Zoning/Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead and EMS Director Travis Parmley presented a list of proposed renovations to the annex building. After discussion, Gehring moved to get pricing for all needs and requests presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. It was noted that bookshelves being removed should be sold through a sealed bid process.

Wind Project Securities (Expedition/Sunflower): Co. Counselor Brad Jantz indicated that he had reviewed the proposed securities that were discussed on February 22nd, and that he is comfortable with the amounts presented and the way they are secured. Mueller moved to approve Orsted's proposed securities as presented. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0. Jantz was directed to provide a written response to Orsted officials and to copy Omstead.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel was present for department business. Upcoming and ongoing activities and projects were discussed. The Board was in favor of offering used equipment for sale to local municipalities before listing for public auction.

- 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 through attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Goebel, and Herpich present for 10 minutes (from 1:35 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Mueller moved to recess into executive session for potential purchase of real estate pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate with the Board and Jantz present for 10 minutes (from 1:48 p.m. until 1:58 p.m.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

- Draft 2021 financial statements were reviewed.
- Health insurance rates and County contribution levels were discussed with no action.
- Mueller moved to increase the County-paid life insurance benefit from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Gehring asked for the Commission room audio/video upgrade to be placed on next week's agenda.

- Mueller noted that the Co. Clerk met with the consultant last week regarding the American Rescue Plan funds.

Mueller moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk