

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

March 28, 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, Comm. Jonah Gehring, and Comm. Randy Dallke present. Present for portions of the meeting were County Clerk Tina Spencer, Deputy County Clerk Ashley Herpich, County Counselor Brad Jantz, County staff, members of the public and members of the press.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Severed mineral tax information was reviewed, and the topic of whether or not to continue to tax severed minerals will be placed on a future agenda.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b(1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Spencer and Jantz present for five minutes, until 12:45 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with a motion by Mueller to approve interim pay for Undersheriff Larry Starkey for the time period of February 16, 2022 through March 7, 2022. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

WEED/HHW/TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING: Dir. Josh Housman presented quotes for new sprayer units from Fairbank Equipment in Wichita, KS: John Bean Sprayer - \$26,582.49; 300 Poly Sprayer - \$18,385.14. The previous bid from Fairbank Equipment to replumb / refurbish the current sprayer was \$5,774.69. Housman recommended refurbishing the current sprayer. Gehring moved to approve the recommendation and update the unit we have for \$5,774.69. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE, CONTINUED: Gehring moved to approve the minutes of March 21st. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Change orders affecting 2021 and prior years' tax rolls were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Notice was received that Laura Viar will be covering for Co. Attorney Joel Ensey from March 25th until April 4th.
- The Board Order for the tax sale was presented for approval. Becker moved to approve Board Order 2022-01 directing Kelly Law Office, LLP to initiate tax foreclosure procedures upon properties subject to delinquent property tax liens and authorize the Chairman to sign. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer noted that a 24" x 48" extension of the same furniture that is currently in the Board room could be ordered for the "presenter" seat at a cost of about \$405.00. Dallke moved to proceed with ordering. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- **American Rescue Plan (ARPA):** Gehring moved to opt in early to the Treasury's Final Rule for American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - Gehring moved to elect the standard allowance for revenue loss for ARPA/SLFRF. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
 - Premium pay was discussed. The Board preference was to provide a single payment and use the year 2021 to figure the amount. Spencer was directed to involve department heads when finalizing calculations.
- **Employee Health Insurance:** Mueller moved to increase the County contribution for single health insurance to 95% for Option 2. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Department 2023 budget presentations were tentatively scheduled for May 31st / June 1st.

PARK & LAKE: Supt. Isaac Hett presented the final plans for the dam repairs for Board review. After discussion, Gehring moved to accept the plans provided by Sustainable Environmental Consultants. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. The plans will now be submitted to the Kansas Division of Water Resources for approval.

- Counselor Jantz was directed by the Board to begin the forfeiture process for personal property (motor homes) located in the storage area at the Park & Lake that have remained unpaid.
- Hett updated the Board on current projects and activities.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING: Dir. Gayla Ratzlaff provided a department update. Delivery of commodities from the State has been inconsistent. The department has been busy with trips.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Co. Engineer Brice Goebel presented Area Fuel Bids for review:

	<u>Area 1 – 1,400 gals.</u>	<u>Area 2 – 1,950 gals.</u>	<u>Area 3 – 1,950 gals.</u>
Epp's Service, Inc., Elbing	4.1990 = \$5,878.60	4.2690 = \$8,324.55	4.1890 = \$8,168.55
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	4.4600 = \$6,244.00	4.4500 = \$8,677.50	4.4600 = \$8,697.00

Gehring moved to accept the bid from Epp's for all three areas for a total of \$22,371.70. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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Goebel reported that the cost-share application has been submitted for Kanza. Gehring and Becker will go with Goebel to visit with the City of Hillsboro regarding their potential portion of cost-share.

- A work session was scheduled for April 11th after the regular Commission meeting.
- Goebel said the department needs new handheld radios. Quotes were presented from two vendors:
 - TBS – Motorola radios (four) \$2,044.00
 - KA-Comm – NX-1300 (four) \$1,483.84
 - KA-Comm – TP8110 (four) \$2,736.10

Dallke moved to approve to purchase four Motorola hand-held radios from TBS in the amount of \$2,044.00. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. (Goebel said he will request to purchase four more next year.)

- Micro-surfacing was discussed as a possible solution for sealing a road and filling in ruts and cracks at a cost of \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per mile for a single pass. Longevity estimate was five to six years.
- 330th and Highway 15 near Tampa was discussed due to a large number of accidents. The intersection may need more study.
- Magnets for motor grader blades were discussed with no action.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dir. Krista Schneider presented revised grant applications to include fiscal year carryover for approval and signature. Gehring moved to approve and authorized the Chairman to sign the revised grant application signature page. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Board, Schneider, and Deputy Clerk Ashley Herpich for 10 minutes from 2:05 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz was invited into the session in progress.
- Open session resumed with a motion to create a position of WIC Registered Nurse - International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant/WIC Coordinator. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Gehring moved to combine WIC Clerk and Office Assistance roles. Crofoot seconded and motion carried 5-0.

SAFE HOPE – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS: Heather Boswell from Safe Hope requested approval of a proclamation declaring April, 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Marion County, Kansas. Mueller moved to adopt a proclamation naming April Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

COUNTY COUNSELOR: Jantz provided a resolution and deed for review for the upcoming land bank meeting on April 4th.

- A draft culvert policy is in the works.
- Letter to citizens regarding roadwork is ready.
- Securities for the wind project are confirmed and a letter has been sent by Jantz. He is waiting for a response from the company.
- Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney/attorney-client privilege with the Board, Jantz, and Herpich present for 15 minutes from 2:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Dallke noted that the Commission is working hard to try to take care of the County, including roads and noted that they are frustrated regarding individual citizens undoing work done by the County. The Board is not just going to let that go.

Gehring moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk

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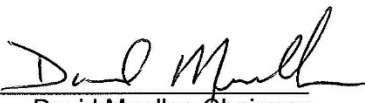
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BOARD ORDER 2022 - 01

An order of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Kansas approved during the regular course of business on the 28th day of March, 2022, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2801(a), directing Kelly Law Office, L.L.P. to initiate tax foreclosure procedures upon the properties subject to delinquent property tax liens.

It is so ordered this 28 day of March, 2022.




David Mueller, Chairman
Marion County Board of
County Commissioners

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**PROCLAMATION
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2022**

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, SAAM - an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individual on how to prevent sexual violence. In the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in 67 men have been raped at some time in their lives (Smith et al., 2017), and that one in six boys and one in four girls is sexually abused before the age of 18 (Dube et al., 2005).

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread problems in all communities. With the increase in virtual connection comes an increase in online abuse and harassment.

WHEREAS, each of us has the power to make positive changes in our communities and online spaces.

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the twenty-first anniversary of SAAM, and the theme of this year's campaign is "Building Safe Online Spaces" and focuses on creating online communities centered on respect, inclusion, and safety.

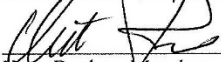
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Marion County Commissioners in the State of Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2022 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Marion County KS.

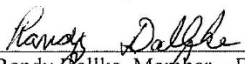
So, proclaimed this 28th day of March, 2022.

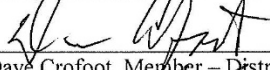


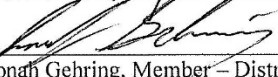
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David Mueller, Chairman – District 2


Kent Becker, Member – District 1


Randy Dallke, Member – District 3


Dave Crofoot, Member – District 4


Jonah Gehring, Member – District 5

ATTEST:


Fina D. Spencer, County Clerk