

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

April 14, 2022

Commission met in special session at 1:00 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. Also present was County Clerk Tina Spencer. Present via telephone for portions of the meeting was Co. Counselor Brad Jantz. Also present for portions of the meeting were County staff and members of the press.

CO. COUNSELOR: Co. Counselor Brad Jantz was present via teleconference. Also present was Planning / Zoning / Environmental Health Dir. Sharon Omstead. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 754319b (2) for consultation with our attorney in matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege with the Board, Jantz, Spencer and Omstead present for 30 minutes (until 1:35 p.m.). Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Phyllis Zorn of the Marion County record objected to the closed session including official from Orsted (which was stated on the agenda). Mueller clarified the motion and confirmed that no one from Orsted would attend, only the Board, Jantz, Spencer and Omstead. Open session resumed with no action.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve an early check (#51017) to Security 1st Title in the amount of \$49,985.38 (for the purchase of 203 S. Third St.). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing). The previous check issued directly to the seller in the amount of \$50,000.00 which was approved at the last meeting was voided.

- Gehring moved to authorize Chr. Mueller to sign the closing documents for the purchase of 203 S. Third at 2:00 p.m. on April 15th. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- **Audit Engagement:** Spencer noted that no audit agreement had been presented/approved for the 2021 audit. Varney & Associates provided an audit engagement for \$27,500.00 for three years for approval. Becker moved to engage Varney & Associates for one year (2021 audit) at \$27,500.00. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Gehring moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the engagement letter. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- **Storage Rental:** Dallke noted that the Fair Board is requesting rent for the storage space on the fair grounds in the amount of \$300.00/month. Gehring moved to authorize payment of \$300.00/month for rental of the Commercial Building at the Marion County Fairgrounds beginning May 1, 2022, with the Co. Counselor to draw an agreement. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- Spencer noted that the County Clerk's Office will be closed on May 4-6 to allow staff to attend and assist with the statewide Kansas County Clerks & Elections Officials (KCCEOA) conference in Salina. The closure will be advertised in advance.
- The May 2nd Commission meeting will be kept to administrative business and a work session for department head evaluations (or other matters requested by the Board).
- The need for exterior repairs/maintenance on the upper stone surfaces of the courthouse was discussed with no action.

Dallke moved to adjourn. Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk